



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 10 May 2023

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Present: Mayor M Statham, Councillor E Mahony, Trish Kidd, Julie Favell, Susan Gregory

Officers: Michael McGrath, Ross Gurney, Brendan Livingstone, Trinity Newton and Fiona Dick (Minute Taker)

3. Apologies

An apology was received and leave of absence granted to Councillor A Bryce who is unable to attend due to work commitments / personal business.

Procedural Motion

That a leave of absence be granted to Councillor A Bryce.

MOVED: Susan Gregory

SECONDED: Julie Favell

Carried

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Trish Kidd and Julie Favell

The minutes are proposed to be presented to the Council on 22 May 2023.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting 8 February 2023 were endorsed with the amendments received.

MOVED: Trish Kidd

SECONDED: Julie Favell

5. Declaration of Interest

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

There were Nil declarations of interest.

Matters Arising

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes 8 February 2023 as per Item 7.7. Council to relay information to relevant Staff. This item was added to current business paper and discussed.

- Administration contacted the Department Planning and Environment, Ecosystem and Threatened Species Department on 22 February 2023 awaiting comprehensive reply.
- Sensitive Vault Event was lodged and was dealt with proper procedure followed.
- Administration will seek notification when the event will be finalised and closed.
- Lithgow Council Staff are working with LSS (Local Land Services) to help response the issue with assistance from LOLA (Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association) is working with Lithgow Council Staff to rectify the issue.

6. Reports

6.1. Threatened Species Habitat - Lithgow Solid Waste Facility

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The EAC note this report regarding Threatened Species Habitat at Lithgow Solid Waste Facility
2. A map be established and provided to the Committee on Threatened Species Habitat.
2. Council investigate the feasibility of establishing electronic pre-check systems for staff, as part of pre-work site checks for significant conservation assets.
- 3.
4. A report to be provided to the Committee on the standard operating procedure for managing Threatened Species on Council managed lands. Habitat in the Local LGA.
- 3.

MOVED: Susan Gregory

SECONDED: Julie Favell

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.2. March 2023 Ridgy Didge Running event

- Administration to provide the Committee with a report on the current fees and charges for Commercial Events.
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- Administration to provide a report to the Committee on the statusprogress of the Hassans Walls Plan of Management (PoM)
- ~~Administration to follow up on signage at Hassans Walls Reserve~~

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT Administration provide a report to the Committee in relation to:-

1. The progress of the Hassans Walls Plan of Management.
2. Setting aside new fees and charges to an internal reserve fund.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Susan Gregory

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

- A Committee member received a call from a community member advising several plants 26 non native species have been planted around the perimeter of the main carpark at Hassans Walls Lookout.
- ~~Temporary signage advising unauthorised plantings are not permitted in the Reserve, planned date for intended Council removal (draft wording to be provided with assistance from the Committee) to be installed~~
- ~~Feasibility of surveillance signage be assessed by Council~~
 - ~~Temporary sign stating planting of unauthorised plants is prohibited (draft wording to be provided by the Committee)~~
 - ~~Installation of surveillance cameras was requested.~~

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. ~~Temporary signage advising unauthorised plantings are not permitted in the Reserve, planned date for intended Council removal (draft wording to be provided with assistance from the Committee) to be installed~~
 2. ~~Feasibility of surveillance signage be assessed by Council~~
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 - ~~Installation of surveillance cameras was requested.~~

MOVED: Julie Favell	SECONDED: Trish Kidd
CARRIED: Unanimously	

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

- That the Committee hold meetings bi-monthly and the Terms of Reference be updated.

MOVED: Susan Gregory	SECONDED: Julie Favell
CARRIED: Unanimously	

8. Meeting Close

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.05pm.