



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 14 April 2021

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 405 pm.

1. Present

Present: Councillor Steve Ring, Councillor Coleman, Julie Favell, Trish Kidd, Sue Graves, Colin Hunter

Officers: Richard Holz, Andrew Powrie, Fiona Dick (Minute taker)

2. Apologies

Andrew Muir, Damian Roebuck

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Previous Meeting 11.11.2020

Summary

The minutes of the previous Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on 11th November 2020 were ratified by Council at its meeting of 22nd February 2021.

Commentary

The scheduled EA Committee meeting of 10th February 2021 did not go ahead due to a lack of quorum of Councillors.

Attachments

1. EAC Meeting Minutes 11.11.2020

Recommendation

THAT the Committee receive and note the minutes from the previous meeting of 11.11.2020.

4. Declaration of Interest

5. Presentations

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Hassans Walls Mountain Bike Strategy Draft Hassans Wall Mountain Bike Strategy 2021

Power Point Presentation by A Powrie - Draft Mountain bike proposal

- A comprehensive flora and fauna survey will need to be done.
- An archeological survey also needs to be done.
- This is a draft trail strategy at this stage.

- T Kidd, J Favell and S Graves expressed concerns and disappointment as to the draft strategy and process.
- The Committee needs more time to consider this as a committee. It was requested that a meeting be held on Wednesday 28th April to put together a submission.
- The Committee will be putting a recommendation for an extension of time for comments on the draft Mountain Bike Strategy.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee request an extension of 2 weeks to submit comments on the Draft Hassans Walls Mountain Bike Strategy 2021.

MOVED: Councillor Coleman

SECONDED: T Kidd

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

The following matters were raised and discussed.

- a) Councillor Ring advised the Terms of Reference need a major overhaul. The EAC are the only Committee required to have a Councillor present. All committees should be consistent.
 - The Terms of Reference need to be updated on Council's website, still has 2017 Terms of Reference when it was updated in 2019. Richard Holz advised that the version on the web page had not been updated and provided the committee with the 2019 version
 - In the Terms of reference, it says 50% plus one, consistent with other committees. However this committee requires one councillor to be present – this is not consistent with other committees,.
 - Does Damian Roebuck want to be on the Committee? He has not attended a meeting for some time.
 - Cllr Ring highlighted if there is was a spill at Council's STP, then this information should be coming to this committee to be reviewed. This would be consistent with terms of reference.
 - Council Reserve management should also be discussed at EAC meetings.
- b) T Kidd and J Favell advocated for a Bushland Management Officer. What bushland does Council manage? Trish will email through a list from 2009. Richard Holz to advise this information at the next meeting after talking to relevant staff.
- c) J Favell asked can the Committee get a letter of support in principle for Destination Pagoda from Council. Councillor Ring advised Council declined to do so.

- d) J Favell provided an update on Energy Australia program. Councillor Ring advised a briefing session was given on leaching into ground water and a problem with ash and high-brine content.
- e) J Favell provided an update on long wall mining under Marrangaroo Creek and concerns for impacts on Wolgan River and Swamps. She advised she wanted to make the Committee aware of this.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information raised in the General Business items be noted with no action taken at this stage.

8. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 5.35pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday July 14th 2021 in the Committee Room.