

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2020 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 93 TODD STREET

PRESENT

- Mayor Damien Ryan
- Councillor Marli Banks
- Councillor Eli Melky (Chairperson)
- Councillor Catherine Satour
- Mr Rod Cramer - Rural Area Association
- Mr John Gaynor - Dept. of Environment, Parks and Water Security
- Mr Martin O'Neill - PowerWater
- Mr Peter Somerville - Dept. Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- Dr Kate Stevens - Land for Wildlife (*arrived 4:34 pm*)
- Mr Alex Vaughan - Arid Lands Environment Centre

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services
- Mr Takudzwa Charlie - Manager Technical Services
- Ms Charlotte Klempin - Environment Officer
- Mr Oliver Eclipse - Manager Regional Waste Management Facility
- Ms Stephanie Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

13 th Alice Springs Town Council Environment Advisory Committee Attendance List 2020/2021						
	5 Oct 2020	30 Nov 2020	1 Feb 2021	5 Apr 2021	7 Jun 2021	TBC
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓				
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓				
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓				
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓	✓				
Rod Cramer	✓	✓				
John Gaynor	✓	✓				
Kate Stevens	A	✓				
Judith Lovell	✓	A				
Martin O'Neill	A	✓				
Tierneigh Parnell	✓	--				
Peter Somerville	A	✓				
Alex Vaughan	✓	✓				

✓ Attended

✓ proxy Proxy attended in place of committee member

A Apology received

-- No attendance and no apology recorded

Not a member of the Committee at this time

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm with a quorum.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Dr Judith Lovell - Community Member

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

4. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Previous Meeting held 5 October 2020

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held 5 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Moved: Councillor Satour

Seconded: John Gaynor

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Junk Mail Report - Environment Officer

The Committee received the *Unsolicited Advertising Material Waste* Report from the Environment Officer and discussion ensued in regard to the distribution of *Junk Mail* education and stickers.

Kate Stevens entered the room at 4:34 pm

Mayor Ryan left the room at 4:38 pm

The Committee resolved the following amendment to a recommendation in the report, for a change to the content of the report:

RESOLVED:

That the report reflects the following paragraph under the heading – No Junk Mail Stickers:

*Staff recommend supplying “no junk mail” stickers **through direct mail and** at events, market stalls and venues, accompanied by education material on the website **and via mail**. This would address the waste issue immediately and locally.*

Moved: John Gaynor

Seconded: Kate Stevens

CARRIED

Action:

Environment Officer to update the report and associated financials to reflect the decisions and discussion held by the Committee in regard to supplying the “no junk mail” stickers by both direct mail and through events.

6.2 DRAFT Terms of Reference - Director Technical Services

The Director Technical Services advised that the DRAFT *Terms of Reference* had been provided for the Committee's consideration and feedback. Once accepted by this Committee, the *Terms of Reference* would be tabled in a report to Council to be endorsed.

Mayor Ryan returned to the room at 4:57 pm

The Committee discussed the *responsibilities of the Committee* under the heading **Function** and whether certain points were within the authority of Council, or of this Committee.

The following amendments were suggested:

Function

The responsibilities of the Committee are to:

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- Provide ~~feedback~~ **input** on local building design guidelines to promote environmentally sustainable design including materials selection, minimisation of energy and water consumption and recycling.

The Committee discussed points within the **Membership** heading, and **Term of Office** suggesting the following amendment:

Terms of Office

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(d) Council may terminate the appointment of a member should the member be absent from at least three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee without ~~leave of the Committee~~ **apology**.

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Action:

Officers to review the Terms of Reference and present a revised version to the next Committee meeting to be endorsed.

7. **DEPUTATION**

Nil

8. LAND

**8.1. Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS) Report
Mr John Gaynor, Regional Director Southern Region**

The Committee received a verbal Department Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS) report from John Gaynor:

John noted that following an assessment of active erosion areas in the Todd River, an issue was raised about active erosion occurring at the confluence of Gosse Street drain and the Todd River. The LM Management Strategy Management Committee made a request to the Parks Advisory Committee for Council to consider installing more bollards to control vehicle traffic at that part of the river.

John also advised, there has been some work done on identifying the priority areas for mitigating active erosion, the location at Gosse Street and Sturt Terrace was one of them, the second is on the Southern side of the Stott Street Bridge, and the third is the Tunks Road causeway particularly on the Western side of the Tunks Road causeway. John advised DPIL and ASTC would work together to ascertain the nature and extent of work required to remediate existing, and mitigate future erosion in these locations.

John reported that Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) had declared the entire area of the Todd River between the Gap and 300m North of Schwartz Crescent as a registered sacred site. He advised that Lhere Mparntwe Management Committee hoped to obtain an over-arching AAPA Certificate to complete the mitigation work for the areas of active erosion highlighted in the LM Management Strategy.

John advised he would provide any information on the consultation process for the Northern Territory Government Waste Reduction Strategy, when it comes to hand.

John noted according to the Alice Springs Town Basin Water Availability Report, there had been no change in regard to the level of groundwater in the Town Basin. The Chair asked for John's report to be in writing for the next meeting.

Action:

All members reports to the Environment Advisory Committee to be made in writing for future meetings to allow questions to be prepared by the Committee.

8.2 Community Garden - Alex Vaughan, Policy Officer

The Committee received and noted the Community Garden report.

8.3 Feral Animals - Environment Officer

The Committee received and noted the *Feral Animals* report.

9. TRANSPORT

Nil

10. ENERGY

10.1 Solar

The Committee received and noted the *Solar* report.

11. WATER

Nil

12. WASTE AND RECYCLING

12.1 Regional Waste Management Facility (RWMF) - Manager RWMF

The Committee received and noted the *RWMF* report.

12.2 Recycling Initiatives - Environment Officer

The Committee received and noted the *Recycling Initiatives* report.

Mayor Ryan enquired about the significant increase of Printer Cartridges and if these recycling efforts could be continually encouraged. The Environment Officer advised that local business had made deposits of printer cartridges which attributed to the sudden influx.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

13.1 Climate Action Plan - Environment Officer

The Committee received and noted the *Climate Action Plan* report.

Alex Vaughn enquired about the delay in '*Establish a rolling fund for financing energy efficiency projects and renewable energy*' under item 5.1.8 of the *CAP - Action Table*. The Environment Officer reported that while the action had been a bit ambiguous, the purpose of the '*rolling fund*' was for any savings that had been made from renewable energy to be placed in a fund. A solution was being devised with the Finance department and the Environment Officer hoped this action would be completed soon.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

15. NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1 February 2021, 4:30pm

Council Chamber, Civic Centre 93 Todd Street

The meeting closed at 5:28 pm.