

MINUTES
KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
KALAMUNDA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE
4 MAY 2016

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair opened the Special Meeting at 6.03pm and welcomed all in attendance.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Committee Members

Kevin Goss - Chair

Mark Schilling - Deputy Chair

Joy McGilvray - Community Representative

Mike Burbridge - Community Representative

Cr Noreen Townsend (left at 6.50pm)

Sam Assaad – Manager Infrastructure Operations

Deputy Community Representative

Peter Forrest

Rupert Duckworth

Apologies

Cr Sara Lohmeyer

Cr Brooke O'Donnell

Cameron Blackburn – Deputy Community Representative

Mark Simpson - Deputy Community Representative

Tamara Wilkes-Jones – Acting Coordinator Parks and Environment Services

Observers

Cr Andrew Waddell – Shire President (arrived at 6.25pm)

Rhonda Hardy - CEO

Andrew Fowler-Tutt – Manager Development Services

Dawn Saunders - Secretary

The Chair proposed that Peter Forrest be a **voting member** for the Special Meeting.

Moved: Cr Townsend
Seconded: Mike Burbridge
All Agreed 9/0

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

3.1 Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests:

Nil

3.2 Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality

Nil

4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Review of the *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million* suite of documents and provide comments about the unique biodiversity values of Shire to be incorporated into the Shire's endorsed submission.

Council has approved a draft Submission to appeal the *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million* subject to review of wording from the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC).

Andrew Fowler-Tutt gave a background brief of the *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million* and the *Local Planning Strategy 2010*, and pointed out the anomalies in both documents and the Shire's concern with the Local Planning Scheme and Biodiversity in the Foothills.

Chair proposed the following recommendation

That the committee Suspend Standing Orders.

Moved: Kevin Goss
Seconded: Mike Burbridge
All Agreed 9/0

After discussion the Chair proposed the following recommendation

That the committee resume Standing Orders.

Moved: Mark Schilling
Seconded: Joy McGilvray
All Agreed: 9/0

Recommendation:

1. KEAC recommend to Council to include the following comments for inclusion into the Shire's submission into the *Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million*.

Our community has a very strong dedication to preserving the high Darling Scarpland around Kalamunda, Bickley and Pickering Brook- and the existing natural character extending into the foothills around Forrestfield, High Wycombe, Maida Vale and Wattle Grove.

Our communities do aspire to have a far more central recognition of the long-term value of our natural biodiversity that could offer a great deal in terms of varied outdoor natural recreational areas, easily accessible from central Perth, where increasing density in the urban areas impact on the

availability of natural parkland available to the wider community and tourists.

With the unique biodiversity in the shire and the new Forrestfield Airport railway station in High Wycombe, tourism potential of this natural asset is easily accessible with its proximity to Perth International Airport and rapid transit to the city centre.

The Perth Peel 3.5 Plan, The Green Growth Plan, Shire of Kalamunda adopted Local Planning Strategy, when read together do not align and therefore do not provide certainty with respect to population growth and the protection of biodiversity values within the Shire of Kalamunda Before the conservation program is finalised, natural areas must be assessed and prioritised on scientific principles and local knowledge according to their biodiversity and broader environmental values.

In the process existing management arrangements should be investigated and acknowledged with a view to secure better resourced future management.

That Local Government be given time to analyse and identify gaps in the Green Growth Plan's area maps to clarify and modify the information prior to resolution of the document. The process also needs the flexibility to change in light of new evidence and the development of best practice (for example, rehabilitation of an offset site in the future, may not reflect the same species under climate change pressure).

Moved: Peter Forrest
Seconded: Mark Schilling
All Agreed: 9/0

5.0 NEXT MEETING

Workshop 12 May 2016 – 6pm. Administration Function Room

6.0 CLOSURE

Meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.05pm.

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accuracy record of the proceedings of this meeting.

Signed: Presiding Member

Dated this Day of2016