



MINUTES

KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**6PM THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021
OPERATIONS CENTRE BOARDROOM
10 Raymond Rd Walliston**

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING – Presiding Member

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6:02pm and welcomed Committee Member and Staff. The Presiding Member also acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Noongar people.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES – Presiding Member

Committee Members

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| Victoria Laurie | Presiding Member |
| Mark Schilling | Deputy Chairperson |
| Peter Forrest | Community Representative |
| Cr Kathy Ritchie | Councillor Delegate |
| Cara Sheppard | Community Representative |
| Mark Schilling | Community Representative |
| Mick Davis (Via Teams) | Community Representative |
| Holly Bradley | Community Representative |
| Rupert Duckworth | Community Representative |
| Cr Janelle Sewell | Councillor Delegate |

Staff

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| Brett Jackson | Director Asset Services |
| Rod Strang | Manager Parks & Environmental Services |
| Brett Byfield | KEAC Support Officer |
| David Broadhurst | Environmental Strategies & Projects Officer |

Observer

Sandy Thelander



Apologies

Dallas Lynch

Coordinator Natural Areas

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Special Committee Meeting 7 December 2020

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of KEAC held on the 7 December 2020 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mick Davis
 Seconded: Mark Schilling
 Voted: Carried Unanimously

4.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4.1 Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests:

- a) Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)
- b) Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Section 5.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)

Nil

4.2 Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality

- a) Members and staff must disclose their interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member



6.1 **City of Kalamunda Climate Change Report**

Background

At the March 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, council considered Item 10.2.1 "City of Kalamunda Climate Change Report".

Council made the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED OCM 33/2020 That Council ENDORSE the Brief provided as Attachment 3 to this report for the Kalamunda Environmental Advisory Committee to undertake investigations, make recommendations (including the signing of the Western Australian Local Government Association Climate Change Policy) and report back to Council."

Discussion

It is noted that the Brief included a deadline of reporting back to Council by June 2020. As the COVID-19 Pandemic significantly impacted the capability of KEAC to meet, this deadline is moot.

Meeting Comments

Discussion related to the urgency of providing comment to Council. It was noted that there is a significant amount of advice to be provided to Council.

The meeting noted that if Council declares a climate change emergency, it opens up opportunities for external funds to become available for environmental work.

There was some discussion on whether the WALGA recommendation goes far enough. Comment was made that the WALGA document is relatively incidental, while the statement relating to a Climate Emergency is the significant issue.

What is underway now in Council's climate response:

- Sponsoring a PV Farm at Pioneer Park
- Pilot Electric Vehicle charging station
- City's Environmental Strategy – become a carbon neutral City

KEAC resolved to create a Sub Committee to address the three areas requested for review by Council;

1. An impact statement, in terms of impact on the community. Figures on rainfall, heat island statistics, other statistics that show evidence of climate change within the City's borders.
2. Description of positive things that the City of Kalamunda is doing to manage the impacts



3. Identify what more the City can do under existing strategies with resourcing implications.

The membership comprises of:

Rupert Duckworth
 Janelle Sewell
 Vicki Laurie
 Peter Forrest

The Sub Committee will report back to the April KEAC meeting.

Resolution

In recognition of public sentiment, KEAC recommends that Council:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency
2. Endorse the WALGA Climate Change Policy
3. Sign the WALGA Local Government Declaration on Climate Change

Moved: Rupert Duckworth
 Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell
 Voted: Carried Unanimously

6.2 Future of Zig Zag Scenic Drive
Background

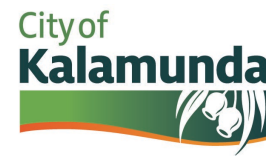
The Zig Zag Scenic Drive has been the subject of concerns by Council due to the unacceptable and unsafe level of antisocial behaviour, littering and dumping and damage to the natural environment caused primarily by people who access the Drive by car & 4WDs.

A Trial Closure of the Drive from end May 2020 has been extended to end May 2021 with access limited to pedestrians and cyclists.

Council has undertaken community consultation on the future of the Zig Zag Scenic Drive but has yet to receive a report on the matter.

The City now invites the Advisory Committee to consider a fundamental question – Should Zig Zag Scenic Drive remain closed to public vehicles?

Discussion



The Committee is asked to consider if they wish to form a position on this matter and if so, resolve to recommend that Zig Zag Scenic Drive remains closed to public vehicles or Zig Zag Scenic Drive is re-opened to public vehicles. Commentary in support of this recommendation would also be welcomed.

The Director Asset Services provided a presentation on the current status of the Zig Zag, and the effects of the closure. The community consultation did not provide a clear majority either for closure, or for re-opening. A large number of ideas what to do with the Zig Zag were received. The process will not stop with a recommendation to Council, there will still be consultation with Advisory Committees and the general public on potential plans and resources for the area.

The Chairperson provided a presentation created with Johannes Pannekoek, on potential activation of the area surrounding the Zig Zag. This had been a presentation provided to the Zig Zag Working Group, which has a broad range of community members, departments and staff. The ideas related to a walk trail and viewing platform, and a statue.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for KEAC provide for the Committee to comment where an issue has an environmental effect.

Resolution

In considering its own terms of reference and the objectives of the Local Environment Strategy, KEAC recommends to Council that due to significant improvement in regrowth and substantial reduction of rubbish since the closure of the Zig Zag, that it remains closed to motor vehicles.

Moved: Victoria Laurie
 Seconder: Peter Forrest
 Voted: Carried Unanimously

6.3 Kalamunda Clean and Green Local Environment Strategy – Progress Report

The Director of Asset Services presented a status update on actions contained within the Local Environment Strategy



KEAC notes the report by the Director of Asset Services and requests that the status report be provided as a standing part of the Agenda, for review and comment by exception on Actions.

6.4 Other Strategies Subject to Council Adoption

City Officers will present a status update on Strategies endorsed by KEAC that have yet to be adopted by Council

1. Non-Potable Water – Endorsed for comment June 2020

Current status: Is going out for community engagement in June 2021

2. Urban Forest

Will be presented to Council in April 2021

3. Local Biodiversity Strategy

The Local Biodiversity Strategy is an extremely complex document, and therefore the careful development of the Community Engagement Plan is important. The Strategy will be provided to Council in June 2021. The meeting noted that it is important that enforcement for environmental issues takes place throughout, especially in consideration of Wattle Grove South.

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 April 2021

11.0 CLOSURE: 8:39pm