



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2011

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin
Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Diana Deeley
Jacqueline French
Keelah Lam
Rosie Lempriere
Neil Ohlbach
Angelika Treichler

Community Member
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Community Member
Penguin Warden Representative

Council Staff

Judy Reizes
Eduard McPeake
Michael Galloway
Christina Femia

Manager, Manly Environment Centre
Manager, Natural Resources
Team Leader, Water Cycle Management
Project Catchment Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Environment Committee met on 8th June, 2011, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 6.40pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Eira Battaglia, Richard Hewitt, Julie Taylor Mills and Dave Thomas.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Eduard McPeake, Manager Natural Resources; Michael Galloway, Team Leader Water Cycle Manager & Christina Femia, Project Catchment Officer.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 11th May, 2011 are

confirmed.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning & Strategy Meeting held on 6th June, 2011 that the minutes of the Community Environment Committee be adopted.

ITEM 6 WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL GALLOWAY

This presentation covered 5 sub-programs:

1. Organisational Potable Water Saving
2. Alternate Water Sourcing
3. Manly Lagoon & Burnt Bridge Creek Rehabilitation
4. Catchment / Pollution Control / WSD
5. Flood Risk Management

This comprehensive and excellent presentation stimulated a lot of interest and questions from committee members.

Committee members expressed concern at the huge quantities of groundwater which are wasted when major new significant developments in Manly dewater their sites. This high volume dewatering often extends over a period of months and produces water quality which visually looks clean.

The Committee suggested that:

- The Watercycle Management Team investigates possible alternate uses for this valuable ground water be identified early and the possibility of this being included in the DA conditions at the outset. Consideration be given to including conditions to conserve/reuse groundwater from major development sites during the construction period.
- That Committee advise the team of sites which they think are ideal sites for natural storm water treatment.
- The Natural Resources Staff organise a tour of Burnt Bridge Creek for the committee to view the works underway and completed under the DECCW \$1.9million grant.

ITEM 7 LITTLE PENGUINS

a. Council's Resolution 82/11 overrides Item 8 in the Community Environment Committee Minutes of 13 April, 2011

Notation from Secretariat refers to the Committee recommendation: "the committee supports Wildlife Protection Area inclusion of the Federation Steps and Walkway in accordance with Companion Animals Legislation S.14 and Little Penguin Recovery Team Action Plan."

Council's Penguin Warden Representative, Angelika Treichler reported that the season is well underway and there are 25 new Penguin wardens and six co-ordinators to assist with rostering, etc. So far there have been sightings of two couples (ie 4 penguins) at Manly Wharf but none at Federation Point. The Committee expressed disappointment at

the Rescission Motion by Council to allow dogs on leash on the Federation steps.

Angelika Treichler advised that recently a penguin was entangled in fishing line at Fairlight with the continual problems with boat owners and fishermen discarding plastic waste and anchoring in the seagrass beds, it would be interesting to explore education opportunities for this sector with DECCW. The Sydney Catchment Authority is investigating a program to encourage boat owners and fishermen to assist environmental groups in conservation activities. This concept was documented in the newly released Recreational Fishers "Keep Australia Fishing" document.

Project Penguin 2011 – Judy Reizes, Manager, Manly Environment Committee, reported that the talks to the 750 Project Penguin students at Manly Cove generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm from teachers and students. Project Penguin is considered as an extraordinary case study by Manly West Primary School, as one of the best school programs with highly positive feedback. This was confirmed by Rosie Lempriere, a parent at the school.

Recommendation:

Council write to Garry Dunnert, Office of Environment and Heritage to explore ways of engaging boat owners and fishermen in activities to protect the environment.

ITEM 8 REMOVAL OF PIPES FROM THE BEACH AT NORTH STEYNE

Neil Ohlbach reported that there is evidence of that removal of storm water pipes at Terrigal Beach had a significant impact on the surf conditions. Committee members request that a copy of the Cardno Report on impacts of removal of the pipes from North Steyne and the review document be made available, prior to the decision being made.

Recommendation:

In the light of the obvious impacts of removal of storm water pipes on the beach and surf at Terrigal Beach, the Committee requests that before a decision is made to remove the pipes at North Steyne, a copy of the Cardno Report and the review document be made available to the committee.

ITEM 9 MANLY COUNCIL COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN "BEYOND 2021"

A number of committee members made individual submissions before the closing date.

Chapter 8 – Environment will be rewritten for the next meeting.

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Confirmation of Budget Bids

The Budget bids as discussed at the Community Environment Committee of 9th March 2011 have now been included in the budget.

- b. **KANGAROO STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN** – Angelika Treichler tabled the logo on a notice for a public meeting.
- c. **350 EVENT ON 24TH SEPTEMBER** – A bike event along the bike paths is planned.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Wednesday 13 July 2011

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly

Meeting closed at 9.05pm