



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASTE COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council (Chair)
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Stacey Randell	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Michella Burges	Community Member
Silke Stuckenbrock	Community Member
Dave Thomas	Community Member
Keelah Lam	Community Member

Council Staff

Sarah O'Brien	Senior Waste Officer
Natasha Shultz	Manager Environmental Operations

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Waste Committee met on 14 May 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 8:35 am.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Cllr Jean Hay AM Mayor; Angelika Treichler Community Member	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Committee meeting held 9 April 2014 is confirmed. Moved: Cllr Barbara Aird Seconded: Cllr Candy Bingham	

	ACTION
ITEM 4 Report: Review of Council's Waste Event Management Plan - updated REPORT:	

The Committee are keen to move on this and implement the Waste Event Management Plan as soon as possible.

ITEM 5 Reusable Nappies	
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Council's Manager of Environmental Operations provided an update on reusable nappies to the Committee on behalf of Council's Childcare Services Manager:

"Council is seeking cost neutrality in its child care service provision. At this stage staff are not considering introducing a reusable nappy service due to the additional cost this would impose, but would be interested in looking at ways of sustainably managing this waste stream"

The Committee is concerned that the issue of reusable nappies has been on the agenda for a number of years without any progress in Council's operations. Manly Council has made no progress on this issue, while other Councils have. The Committee believes this is a pressing issue with Belrose landfill set to close later this year.

The Committee is of the opinion that there is a business case for reusable nappies in our child care centres.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. Council's Child Care Services Manager provide a report to the Committee outlining their position with respect to the use of reusable nappies in Childcare Centres.
2. The Committee request Council staff further investigate the use of Sutherland Shire Council's reusable nappies in childcare centres program and present a report on these findings to the Committee.

Key areas to be addressed include:

- Cost comparisons
- Convenience
- Enabling strategies
- Health and Environmental considerations

General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

Sustainable Business workshops update

Stacey updated the Committee on the recent Sustainable Workshops series. Two out of three workshops are complete; 20 participants attended for the previous workshop. Some disappointment expressed as those business which generate most waste were not in attendance.

ITEM6 Business Waste and Recycling

Initiatives to encourage

Wharf Management to engage in sustainable waste practices and the barriers were discussed by the Committee.

The success of Melbourne's laneway project "Degraves St" formed part of this discussion. The Committee believed that the Chamber of Commerce and Council would benefit from the experience of Melbourne City Council and would like to engage with Rebecca Hughes, Project Manager, Degraves Street Recycling Facility

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. The Committee hold a Skype conference with Rebecca Hughes, Melbourne City Council to discuss the Degraves St project. The committee would like to extend an invitation to Wharf Management to attend this meeting.

Chemical Collection Events

The Committee stated that State Governments Chemical Clean Out events are a problem because they are always oversubscribed and infrequent.

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. Council lobby the EPA for more chemical clean up collections.
2. Council write to the EPA, Bunning's, Coles, Wesfarmers, Woolworths, Masters, Mitre 10, Local Government Shires Association and Local Government New South Wales regarding the problem of chemical collections and disposal issues the importance of product stewardship and seek support from commercial retailers for drop off centres.

Boomerang Alliance Support

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. Council continue to support the Boomerang Alliance and their support for Container Deposit Legislation at World Environment Day to be held on 5 June 2014.

Beach Cleansing

The Committee would like to pass on their appreciation to all staff members who manually litter pick Shelley Beach.

The Committee also noted the amount of litter left daily, including the high volume of cigarette butts in and around the BBQ areas, and more importantly the impact of this on the environment and the cost of its daily removal.

The Committee requests that Council consider the removal of the BBQs for a trial period and assess the impact that this has on the behaviour of visitors to Shelley Beach.

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Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. The amount/volume of rubbish collected through our beach raking activities be included in reports to Council.
2. The removal of BBQs at Shelley Beach for a trial period and the assessment of visitor behaviours to be placed on the Landscaping Committee agenda at the next meeting.

Ecobag

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that:

1. Council support the Eco bag for the period of 12 months

Waste Conference

The Committee would like the Waste Aid Charity and stencilling initiatives for cigarette butts to be placed on the next Committee agenda.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:
Date: 25 June 2014
Time: 8.30am
Venue: Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 10:50 am