



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

9:30 am Friday 17th June 2022 Grafton Regional Landfill Environmental Learning Facility (ELF)

704 Armidale Road Elland

Present : Cr Greg Clancy (Chair), Cr Geoff Smith (*alt Chair*), Judith McNeill, Leonie Blain, Ian Gaillard, Stephen Fletcher, Phillip Hocking, Clare Purvis, Robert Mylchreest, Adam Cameron (CVC Staff), Scott Lenton (CVC Staff), Suzanne Lynch (CVC Staff), Ben Ellis (CVC Staff), Richard Roper (CVC Staff), Ken Wilson (CVC Staff)

Apologies : Lynette Eggins, Helen Granleese, Janet Cavanaugh, Victor Ostrowsky, Nicholas Reeve, Geoff Little

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
<p>Welcome, Introduction and induction to the Site</p> <p>Ken Wilson gave the meeting an introduction to the committee and induction to the building and site. Outlined the Terms of Reference of the group, outlined Council's Code of Conduct, requirements of a quorum (50% + 1), voting rites (one vote per member (excluding CVC staff) and advised that members</p>		



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<p>were covered by Council’s insurances when undertaking Committee business.</p> <p>Cr Greg Clancy as Chair welcomed the new and ongoing committee members and paid respect to the local aboriginal people. Greg outlined past achievements of the Committee and discussed the idea of the committee expressing appreciation to past members of the committee for their efforts including the previous alternate Chair, Cr Jason Kingsley.</p> <p>Motion: Moved by Leoni Blain “to send letters of acknowledgement and appreciation of effort to previous members.”</p> <p>Motion Seconded: Steve Fletcher</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p>		<p>K Wilson to organise letters to Cr J Kingsley, R Woodward, L Halley, N Eggins</p>



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<p>1. Adoption of previous minutes from 29th October 2021 Motion: Moved by Leoni Blain "to accept previous minutes" Motion Seconded: Clair Purvis Resolved: Carried</p>		No action required
<p>2. Business arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVC Solar Farm • Rushforth Road CVC Depot Solar Project 	<p>K Wilson gave update on project which is up to a 5 MW solar farm possibly linked with the Landfill gas generation system. A consultant has been engaged to do a detailed feasibility study which should be finished in approx. 1 month.</p> <p>K Wilson gave an update on this project which includes additional solar, battery storage, EV charging stations & a backup generator so the site can be operational in an emergency event</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to Shopping World • Disaster Resilience Framework 	<p>even without the grid. This project should be finished at the end of August.</p> <p>K Wilson advised that Council staff approached Shopping World Management directly with the aim to enlist their support for better energy and waste management. There was no support for the proposal. The Committee acknowledged there possibly were some issues that would be difficult to manage (cost, management of a PV system, roof structure etc). It was recommended that another approach be made at a later date.</p> <p>K Wilson advised this was previously presented to the committee by Narelle Wilson and has since been formally adopted by Council. L Blain asked why the technical report was confidential. Cr Clancy advised that Council had signed a confidentiality agreement to protect intellectual property. There was general debate about the transparency of doing this and disappointment that this report was not made public.</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grafton CBD update • Outdoor lighting DCP 	<p>Motion: Moved by I Gaillard “Where Council signs a commercial in confidence document relating to a study with a high level of community interest it must be peer reviewed”</p> <p>Motion Seconded: Leoni Blain</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p> <p>K Wilson gave an update on this project. Council has since received a \$500K grant to undertake significant trials of some of the plan’s ideas. A Cameron advised that the project is working closely with Transport NSW to improve amenity of the area.</p> <p>K Wilson advised that this is now progressing after the State Government advised they would not be developing a new DCP template.</p>	



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3. Items of business Living Sustainably Awards	S Lynch provided an overview of the 2021 awards and presented a time line for the 2022 awards if the committee agreed to continue with the awards. The committee agreed that the LS awards should proceed this year. S Lynch asked for committee members to consider putting themselves forward to assist with judging.	
4. General Business 1. Use of Native Plants 2. Flood Plain Development	<p>Cr Clancy advised that he had put up a notice of motion to Council to only use native plants when undertaking Council works. The policy is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>C Purvis asked if the Committee could put some time aside to discuss development on the flood plain – mainly West Yamba. Cr Clancy</p>	



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	suggested that it may be better to wait till the Council report on West Yamba is released.	
5. Action List	Action list to be updated	
6. Date and venue of next meeting	2 September 2022 at the Maclean Office if available	
7. Close	Meeting closed at 12.30pm	