



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

9:30 am Friday 2nd September 2022 Maclean CVC Council Chambers

50 River Street Maclean

Present : Cr Greg Clancy (Chair), Judith McNeill, Leonie Blain, Stephen Fletcher, Phillip Hocking, Clare Purvis, Robert Mylchreest, Lynette Eggins, Nicholas Reeve, Geoff Little, Helen Granleese, Richard Roper (CVC Staff), Ken Wilson (CVC Staff)

Apologies : Janet Cavanagh, Ian Gaillard

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<p>Welcome</p> <p>Cr Greg Clancy as Chair welcomed the committee members and gave a acknowledgement to Country.</p> <p>Individual committee members gave a brief introduction of themselves.</p>		



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1. Adoption of previous minutes from 17 th June 2022	<p>Motion: Moved by Leoni Blain "to accept minutes"</p> <p>Motion Seconded: Clair Purvis</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p>	
<p>2. Business arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Sustainably Awards 	<p>Ken W gave an update. Applications are open till 26th Sept. There is media going out at regular intervals. Committee members welcome to nominate people.</p> <p>Ask for volunteers from the committee for judging.</p> <p>Helen G asked if it was a conflict if she nominates and judges.</p> <p>Cr Clancy indicated it may be a conflict and members are bound by the CVC Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Lynette advised she can assist. The U3A may be interested in nominating if approached.</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Solar & Battery project 	<p>Ken W gave update. Project nearly complete. Additional solar 110 kW + 200kWh battery system + standby generator so depot can be functional when power down. Just communications system to be connected in coming weeks to complete the project. Also 4 EV multi use, 3 phase vehicle charging stations. General discussion on use of EV's.</p> <p>Clair P – is Council considering e-bikes – can Council use these? General Discussion.</p> <p>Cr Clancy- can hydrogen be used? General discussion on hydrogen and alternative fuels.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVC solar farm 	<p>Ken W gave overview that Council has now received the final feasibility study for solar and gas energy generation at the Grafton Regional Landfill. This report has not yet been to Council. Report is positive but many governance issue to deal with. Likely 3rd</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to former members 	<p>party to operate as it is not Council core business. This project should be able to offset all CVC energy use.</p> <p>Nick R – is battery storage included? – Ken W, not part of the project at this stage, consultants advise batteries are not yet cost effective and to look at this option in the future. If CVC can access grant funding this may make batteries viable. The landfill gas generation can in effect act as a battery.</p> <p>Ken W advised letters have been completed & sent.</p>	



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<p>Morning Tea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste to Energy update 	<p>directly as he was having difficulty dealing with the architects regarding heat pumps.</p> <p>Ken W advised he will endeavour to obtain and pass on a contact.</p> <p>Janet C asked for this update. Ken W gave an overview. This process was started by Richmond Valley Council as the lead organisation several years ago. Looking for alternate waste disposal options. Initially looking at waste to energy with the project partially State Government funded. Now RVC are looking at other waste technologies and recently an expression of interest was put out by RVC seeking submissions on alternative waste technologies. CVC has not received any information on this expression of interest at this stage.</p>	<p>Ken W to keep the committee up to date on any new developments.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dark Skies Park (Presentation) 	<p>Leonie B– when will more information be available?</p> <p>Ken W- Unsure when, it is in the hands of RVC</p> <p>Cr Clancy – When further information is available the committee may wish to put a motion to Council.</p> <p>Presentation Suellen Hinde – CVC Coordinator Communications & Industry Engagement</p> <p>Suellen gave an overview of the Dark Skies project and advised the preferred location was Shannon Creek Dam. General discussion and Q and A with the committee. The project is at concept stage, and will evolve further as further investigations are carried out.</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Strategy (Presentation) 	<p>Stephen Timms and Jasmine Oakes (CVC Planning Staff) Steve and Jasmine gave an overview of the Draft Strategy. They will be looking for consultation on the draft strategy possibly in Oct-Nov or early next year. Stephen advised they are happy to come back to this committee once the strategy is out for consultation. General discussion by the committee.</p> <p>Cr Clancy - Need requirements in LEP not just DCP. Claire P- Issues with Grafton Waterfront land should have been revegetated as per old DA. Rob M – We need to put a value on green infrastructure.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Stephen and Jasmine for the presentation.</p>	



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<p>4. General Business</p> <p>1. Yamba Flood Plain Development</p>	<p>Cr Clancy gave an overview of filling on the floodplain especially around Yamba. Park Av is another site in Yamba with large fill requirements if approved by the Planning Panel. Council staff prepared a document on West Yamba, "West Yamba Urban Release Area Planning and Development Information Document" which went to the last (Aug 2022) Council meeting (Available as Council meeting attachments). This is a complex issue. Flooding may potentially occur elsewhere if these areas are filled as well as the hazards of bringing people into a flood zone when Yamba can be isolated for many days during a flood. Council needs to consider if it is sustainable development to continue to approve development / subdivisions on the floodplain.</p> <p>Leonie Blain – Recently been on a tour of Yamba and was shocked at the amount of filling occurring in and around Yamba.</p>	



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	<p>Motion – <i>The ongoing threat of serious flooding in Yamba because of the immense amounts of fill being put in former wetlands in conjunction with climate generated extreme weather events is a major concern to many Yamba residents. As the agents instrumental in creating the fill problems, Council, along with the State Government have a responsibility to resolve the issue. The community Climate Change Advisory Committee urges Clarence Valley Councillors to advocate for re-zoning of vacant undeveloped land on the Yamba floodplain to RU1 and investigate the possibility of stopping any more fill coming into Yamba and lobby the Premier and State Government on floodplain development issues.</i></p> <p>Moved Leonie B, Seconded: Helen G</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p>	



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2. Electric Vehicles – Bi-directional Charging	<p>Phil Hocking raised the benefits of EV bi-directional charging as an important energy storage method and moved the following:</p> <p>Motion That CVC purchase plan for EV's consider bi-directional charging.</p> <p>Seconded: Rob Mylechrest</p> <p>Carried</p>	
5. Action List	Action list to be updated	
6. Date and venue of next meeting	<p>Friday 21 October at Grafton Civic Centre or ELF.</p> <p>Please note that the above agreed date is not suitable for Council staff. Thursday 27 October is the suggested replacement date.</p>	
7. Close	Meeting closed at 12.40pm	

