

**CVC Climate Change Advisory Committee
Minutes
29 October 2021 at 9.30am
Grafton Landfill ELF
Armidale Rd South Grafton**

Present	Cr G Clancy; A Cameron (Director CVC); S Fletcher; N Reeve; C Purvis; L Halley; N Eggins; L Blain; J Cavanaugh; B Ellis (CVC); K Wilson (CVC); R Roper (CVC); S Lynch (CVC)		
Item	Discussion	Action & deadline	
	Welcome	Cr G Clancy (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged and paid respects to past and present traditional owners. He also welcomed Adam Cameron (Director Environment and Planning) and Ben Ellis (new CVC Waste and Sustainability Officer) to the meeting.	
1	9.40am: Apologies	L Eggins; G Little; J Kingsley, R Woodward	
2	Minutes from meeting 16 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC clarified that with regards to heat levels in parklands in the previous minutes she was actually asking if CVC is looking at more playing fields? • CP asked KW for clarification regarding CERS where KW noted it was focused on stationary emissions from electricity and transport. KW was referring to the key sources of emissions and the reason for travel resulting in transport emissions will be a consideration of the CERS. • NR had a question on Blue carbon – this was explained by JC. <p>Moved: L Blain Seconded: J Cavanaugh Carried</p>	

<p><u>3</u></p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>3.1</u></p> <p>Grafton CBD Planning</p> <p>KW – Gave an update. The plan is now adopted by Council with the plans to be up on the CVC web shortly.</p> <p>AC explained the next step in the project is a detailed concept design and this project can be undertaken in stages.</p> <p>GC- Stressed that it is important to have local plants as part of this redevelopment possibly from Susan Island.</p> <p>JC had a question for AC- Are there any plans to use mature trees to get more shade / tree canopy cover as the CVC artwork shows trees and vines?</p> <p>AC- Can not give absolute answer– he would like to think so but subject to detailed design and funding.</p> <p>GC- If they are mature trees they will not be local unless they are propagated now.</p> <p>LB- What about the parking situation?</p> <p>AC- Plan has been adopted by Council and some people may not be happy with proposed parking but there was an aim that there would be no net loss of parking spaces.</p> <p>CP- Need to consider sustainability and emissions when looking at vehicles in the CBD. Should be trying to get people to use vehicles less.</p> <p>AC- Needs to be a balance for people with mobility issues</p> <p>GC- Also as Grafton is a regional hub lots of people drive in to shop from other areas so it is difficult to reduce reliance on vehicles.</p> <p>LH – Things will change quickly in the future with electric vehicles.</p> <p><i>Note – The committee moved onto the Living Sustainability Awards and presentation by Narelle Wilson (agenda items 4 & 5) before coming back to Matters Arising.</i></p>	
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<u>3.2</u>	Community Emissions Reduction Strategy	KW gave an overview. The strategy was adopted by Council in July 2021. Council also approved a Climate Change Officer for a 3 year term to progress implementation of the strategy and develop an action plan to meet CV Community targets.	
<u>3.3</u>	Outdoor Lighting DCP	AC- Took this issue on notice and will discuss with the CVC planning section if this can be progressed.	Adam to come back to committee with update on this issue.
<u>3.4</u>	Seagrass and Mangroves	GC- Outlined University NSW involved with blue carbon projects. Also issues locally with developments in areas with high biodiversity values on the lower estuary. CP- Last time looked at this issue it was in relation to trawling in Lake Wooloweyah? GC- Advised that the Coast and Estuaries Committee are looking at this and other issues in the estuary. There was a recent Council item in last Council minutes about the Wooloweyah ring drain. KW- Spoken to Peter Wilson (CVC Coast and Estuary Coordinator) about blue carbon funding options in the Clarence estuary. Peter indicated that Council was not in a position to action this issue at this point however there is a consultant undertaking a scoping exercise preparing for the development of a Coastal Management Plan which will address the issue.	
<u>3.5</u>	Letter to Shopping World	LB- Asked about why the motion to write to Grafton Shopping World had been delayed. KW advised that the difficulties with COVID meant that it was not an appropriate time to raise the issue with SW. More likely to get a positive reaction when COVID is not causing such financial damage to the retail industry.	

<p><u>4</u></p>	<p>Living Sustainably Awards</p>	<p>SL gave an update on the awards. There were 16 nominations received with a good range over the Business/ Small Business/ Our Backyard/ Individual and Schools. Nancy and Leanne have done a great job assessing applications and visiting sites.</p> <p>SL- asked the committee how should we celebrate? December will be busy but SL will do an e-mail to the committee members with a suggestion to celebrate.</p> <p>NE told the committee how good the Circular Cafes project was which is a combined project between CVC and North East Waste which focuses on diverting food waste from landfill.</p> <p>LH asked if CVC can put up pictures and a blurb of the nominees/ winners on the web site and Facebook to promote this great event.</p>	
<p><u>5</u></p>	<p>Presentation by Narelle Wilson CVC - Recovery and Resilience</p>	<p>Narelle's main role with CVC is to develop a disaster resilience framework. Narelle provided a power point presentation of the draft framework. There is also a technical document that will be put to Council before determining how it can be made available to the public.</p> <p><i>Morning Tea</i></p> <p>Questions for Narelle</p> <p>JC- Heat refuges – is CVC looking at public sites?</p> <p>KW – Yes some public buildings are being considered for this.</p> <p>CP- The resilience framework is good and CVC should use this data and reports in land use planning eg LEP and planning documents should base decisions on these documents.</p> <p>LH – 2050 is a long way away – should it look at targets closer?</p> <p>GC- Next step is to go to Council for adoption</p> <p>KW- Clarified that the disaster and resilience technical documentation provides the detailed technical data that will help inform Council what future policy and actions may be developed with regards to land use planning etc.</p>	

<u>6</u>	Nuclear Free Zone	<p>SF gave an overview of the latest media around nuclear energy and that there were 20 suitable sites identified across the country where nuclear power plants could be located- it is believed 1 is in the Clarence Valley. Lismore has previously declared their shire as a nuclear free zone.</p> <p>AC- While Council would not be an approval authority any EIS would need to consider community views.</p> <p>SF- Put forward a motion seconded by JC <i>"This committee recommend to Council that Clarence Valley Council declare the CVC LGA a nuclear free zone."</i></p> <p>NR- Opposed the motion saying it needed further debate and that he sees this as a red herring due to long lead times and this could prevent action on what should be done now to manage climate change.</p> <p>Votes – 7 yes and 1 abstained- Motion carried</p>	
<u>7</u>	General Business	<p>Solar Farm preliminary feasibility Study KW- Updated the committee on this project. The preliminary concept was adopted by Council and there is currently a tender out for a detailed feasibility design. This will include a 4-5 mega watt solar generation + using the gas from the landfill flare. This will provide well over 50% of CVC energy needs.</p> <p>EV Charging Station Grafton Library LB asked if there was any data on the use of the charging station? KW- advised that this was owned and operated by NRMA and CVC do not get any data. Ken did note there is currently significant funding for EV charging stations.</p> <p>WSROC Cool Street Program JC – Attended an online Cool Street program produced by Western Sydney regional organisation of Councils which has a planning toolkit to assess DA's to see if they exacerbate heat. AC- to discuss with CVC planners</p>	
<u>8</u>	Action List	Action list has been updated.	
<u>9</u>	Date and venue of next meeting	Friday 25 th February 2022 9:30am - ELF	

	Meeting Closed	12:24 pm	