

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURES COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Thursday, 12 October 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4:05pm

The following members were present:

Clr Kaye Gartner – Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Clr Amanda Findley
Clr Mark Kitchener
Mr David Brawn
Mr Oisin Sweeney
Mr Robert Hayward
Mr Peter McVay
Ms Lorraine Larri

Others present:

Carmel Krogh – Director Shoalhaven Water
Phil Costello – Director Planning Environment Development Services
Kelie Clarke – Environmental Services Manager
Michael Smith – Team Supervisor - Environmental Planning and Assessment Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from: Clr Levett, Clr Cheyne

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr Findley / Peter McVay)

That the Minutes of the Sustainable Futures Committee held on Thursday 17 August 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Peter McVay noted that the purpose of the Committee had changed and asked for clarification, noting that the purpose should be the one endorsed by Council (i.e. consists of 6 points). The Committee discussed the issue and agreed.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

SF17.20 Daniel Jones - Repower Shoalhaven

HPERM Ref:
D17/248868

RESOLVED (By consent)

The Repower Shoalhaven presentation to be deferred to the next scheduled meeting on 29 November 2017.

CARRIED

SF17.21 Lorraine Larri - Presentation - Community Engagement in Environmental Issues

HPERM Ref:
D17/291839

Lorraine Larri provided a presentation to the Committee.

It was noted that the Committee work on an outcomes hierarchy and see where it goes.

Noting what the committee want to achieve.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee make reference to the program logic report when determining the outcomes hierarchy.

CARRIED

REPORTS

SF17.24 Sustainable Business Practices In Local Government

HPERM Ref:
D17/328542

Peter McVay spoke about the newsletter produced by the Office of Local Government which outlines new initiatives being undertaken.

Peter spoke about the following:

- There is a strong business case for sustainability
- Importance of the billing system
- Emission reduction
- Reducing bushfire risk
- Importance of local investors
- Importance of an action plan & setting priorities

Members discussed risk assessment and objectives.

It was suggested that community members could have discussions with directors of groups regarding how to make a contribution.

RESOLVED (Peter McVay / Clr Gartner)

That the report regarding sustainable business practices in Local Government be received for information.

CARRIED

SF17.22 Renewable Energy Management - Progress

**HPERM Ref:
D17/314816**

Note: The Committee noted the Resourcing Process.

Recommendation

That the Committee note the resourcing process and support the preparation of documents for Expressions of Interest for land-based and floating solar projects

Recommendation (Clr White / Peter McVay)

That Council support the preparation of documents for Expressions of Interest for land-based and floating solar projects with different funding models.

CARRIED

SF17.15 Helping Nature Help People

**HPERM Ref:
D17/253999**

Note: This item was deferred from the meeting held 17 August 2017.

Oisin Sweeney addressed the Committee in relation to the report.

Note: Clr Kitchener left the meeting at 6.06pm

Recommendation

That Shoalhaven City Council develop and implement a Policy to facilitate nature-based solutions to ensure Shoalhaven residents have resilient communities in wildlife-friendly surrounds.

Recommendation (Clr White / Clr Findley)

That Council investigate the development and implementation of a Policy to facilitate nature-based solutions to strengthen the wellbeing and resilience of Shoalhaven residents and their environments, starting with the urban canopy as a nature based solution.

CARRIED

SF17.23 Weird Winter

**HPERM Ref:
D17/323868**

Note: Clr Gartner addressed the Committee and noted the previous recommendation below.

Recommendation

That

1. The Committee receives the Climate Council Report on Australia's 2017 Winter Weather
2. The Committee prepare a summary, including the rainfall graphic and bushfire graphic, to inform our community and advise of increased risks to our community, which currently are bushfire events and water restrictions
3. This summary and graphics be posted on Council Facebook and webpages

RESOLVED (Clr Gartner / Robert Hayward)

That:

1. The Committee receives the Climate Council Report on Australia's 2017 Winter Weather.
2. Use the graphics from climate councils website as a contribution to the your neighbourhood

newsletter.

CARRIED

SF17.24 SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**HPERM REF:
D17/328542**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

SF17.25 Discussion Paper on Progressing the Committee Agenda

**HPERM Ref:
D17/328567**

The Committee discussed this Item and raised the two following points:

- The Committee could invite Group Directors to workshop with the Committee on the pledges
- The Committee members could workshop a framework then bring back to the Committee for adoption then to Council for resolution.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Sustainable Future Committee begin:

1. Implementation such as through a prioritised action plan. This should assign clear responsibilities, identify all significant actions/risks and budget/investment requirements, consider timeframes and standardised reporting on progress to completion. Establishing small working groups involving staff, (councillors?) and community representatives on each of the agreed pledges may be useful in progressing the agreed initiatives;
2. Identifying what actions might be added to the agreed pledges to address the documented purpose of the committee. For example, what gaps are there in council's adaptation strategy for climate change such as in relation to fire risk, storm/flooding risk, delineation of hazard lines, et al. Is the strategy using adaptive management to regularly review risks and actions?
3. Establishing the priorities to improve sustainability within the Shoalhaven LGA? eg promoting: local community and market gardens; local produce markets; local energy security projects such as solar gardens in addition to those on council land; community transport, etc
4. identifying the best ways to progress community education/engagement about sustainability and the potential impacts of climate change. Options might include an electronic newsletter from the committee, press releases to local media, local seminars possibly jointly with bodies such as Emergency Services, the Rural Fire Service and National Parks, social media focus, building reference groups of local champions within the community and local businesses on different initiatives, etc

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the report regarding Discussion paper on Progressing the Committee Agenda be received for information and Peter McVay submit a further report to the next meeting.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

SF17.17 ENOVA - Renewable Energy Retailer

**HPERM Ref:
D17/254057**

Note: this item be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Sustainable Futures Committee at its meeting on 17 August 2017 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 12 October 2017

This item has been requested for discussion by Mr Oisin Sweeney. ENOVA is a company based in the northern rivers that offers a model in advance of this discussion.
<https://enovaenergy.com.au/about-us/>

ADDENDUM REPORTS

SF17.27 Education for Locals and Tourists

**HPERM Ref:
D17/331910**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

1. The Committee commence a community education program for locals and tourists this summer.
2. Committee invite Communications staff to a round table discussion of themes for 2017 summer season.
3. This roundtable discuss how committee members can contribute content to the summer communications program.

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CARRIED

SF17.26 Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy

**HPERM Ref:
D17/325038**

Note: this item be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Sustainable Futures Committee discuss the invitation to join the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

SF17.27 EDUCATION FOR LOCALS AND TOURISTS

**HPERM REF:
D17/331910**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.25pm.

Clr Kaye Gartner
CHAIRPERSON