

## MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURES COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, 17 August 2017

**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

**Time:** 4:00 pm

The following members were present:

Clr Kaye Gartner - Chairperson  
Clr Patricia White – by teleconference  
Clr Amanda Findley  
Clr John Levett  
Clr Nina Cheyne  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Mr David Brawn  
Mr Oisin Sweeney  
Mr Robert Hayward  
Mr Peter McVay  
Ms Lorraine Larri

Others present:

Craig Milburn – Director Finance, Corporate and Community Services  
Carmel Krogh – Director Shoalhaven Water  
Ben Stewart – Director Assets and Works  
Phil Costello – Director Planning Environment Development Services  
Kelie Clarke – Environmental Services Manager  
Elizabeth Dixon – Environmental Planning and Assessment Team Supervisor  
Jessica Rippon – Executive Manager, Communications  
Representatives from the Office of Environment and Heritage

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from: Clr Wells and Clr Gash

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Clr Gartner / David Brawn)

That the Minutes of the Sustainable Futures Committee held on Wednesday 19 July 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Carmel Krogh gave a verbal update on the resources commitment. She confirmed the budget of \$50,000 and in addition there is approval for a new role to assist in energy management initiatives. Carmel advised that she has had tentative discussions with Kelie regarding the job description for the role and will provide a written report for the next committee meeting.

**Action:** Carmel Krogh to provide a written report for the next Sustainable Futures Committee meeting.

## Declarations of Interest

Oisin Sweeney - SF17.17 ENOVA - Renewable Energy Retailer – less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration – Mr Sweeney is an ENOVA shareholder and will promote the ENOVA model as very relevant to the Shoalhaven – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

## PRESENTATIONS

### SF17.8 Office of Environment and Heritage - Briefing

HPERM Ref:  
D17/257406

Representatives from the Office of Environment and Heritage briefed the Committee with regard to the following:

- Climate Change Fund
- NSW Climate Change Policy Framework & the roles of the NSW Government
  - Achiever net-zero emissions by 2050
  - More resilient to a changing climate
  - Develop value for emissions savings
  - Embed climate change consideration in government decision making
  - Develop action plans and carry out policy investigations
  - Review in 2020
- Outline of the Paris Agreement
- Climate Change Fund Draft Strategic Plan
  - Energy Efficiency , Advanced energy and energy market outlook, preparing for a changing climate
  - \$500m environmental future fundingn package – three themes:
    - Advanced energy (\$200m)
    - Energy efficiency (\$200)
    - Climate change adaption (\$100)
  - Energy savings target of 16,000 GWh a year by 2020
- Support vulnerable households to save energy and money
- Support large energy users to identify energy savings opportunities
- Expand investment under the Government Resource Efficiency Policy
- Transition to 21<sup>st</sup> century transport fleet & government power purchase agreements
- NSW Government agencies managing climate change risks
- Overview of OEH climate change impacts and adaption program
  - Information and knowledge delivery
  - Regional and sectoral assessment
  - Stakeholder engagement & capacity building

**SF17.9 Community Member - Sustainable Futures Committee -  
Induction and Code of Conduct****HPERM Ref:  
D17/234398**

Craig Milburn provided a presentation on Council's Code of Conduct and Meeting Procedure.

## REPORTS

**SF17.18 Cities Power Partnership****HPERM Ref:  
D17/260521**

The Committee discussed the Cities Power Partnership proposed draft pledges.

**Recommendation**

That Council

1. Decide to partner with other South East Coast Councils through this program i.e. Kiama, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley
2. Call a meeting of Mayors and General Managers of these Councils, to take place by mid-November, to formalise this partnership.
3. Staff establish formal liaisons with partner Councils for information exchange and joint project funding and management.

**Recommendation (By consent)**

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3. Staff establish formal liaisons with partner Councils for information exchange and joint project funding and management.
4. To adopt the Cities Power Partnership Pledges.

CARRIED

**SF17.10 Overview Report - The International and National Picture****HPERM Ref:  
D17/254138****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report, regarding the International and National Picture be received for information.

**RESOLVED (By consent)**

That the report, regarding the International and National Picture be received for information.

CARRIED

**SF17.11 Renewable Energy - Planning Processes - Set Targets****HPERM Ref:  
D17/254251****Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Use strategic and statutory planning processes to provide renewable energy both at the residential, commercial and larger scale.
2. Power Council operations by renewables directly and set targets to increase the level of renewable power for Council operations over time.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Committee support a renewable energy pledge to be incorporated into the Cities Power Partnership Pledges.

CARRIED

**SF17.12 Energy Efficiency - Planning Applications - Benchmarks****HPERM Ref:  
D17/254285****Recommendation**

That Council set minimum energy efficiency benchmarks for all planning applications.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Committee support an energy efficiency pledge to be incorporated into the Cities Power Partnership Pledges.

CARRIED

**SF17.13 Sustainable Transport - Council Planning and Design****HPERM Ref:  
D17/254312****Recommendation**

That Council encourage sustainable transport use (public transport, walking and cycling) through Council transport planning and design.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Committee support a sustainable transport pledge to be incorporated into the Cities Power Partnership Pledges.

CARRIED

**SF17.14 Working Together and Influence - Set Targets - Sustainable Energy Policies****HPERM Ref:  
D17/254372****Recommendation**

That Council set city level renewable energy or emissions reduction targets and Sustainable Energy Policies to provide a common goal and shared expectations for local residents and businesses.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Committee support a working together and influence pledge to be incorporated into the Cities Power Partnership Pledges.

CARRIED

**SF17.15 Helping Nature Help People****HPERM Ref:**  
**D17/253999**

Oisín Sweeney spoke briefly to this report and advised the Committee that he will provide more information regarding nature-based solutions at the next meeting of the Committee.

**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.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That the Helping Nature Help People agenda item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee scheduled for 12 October 2017.

CARRIED

**SF17.16 Bellingen Shire Council - Renewable Energy - Council Buildings****HPERM Ref:**  
**D17/254094**

Oisín Sweeney - SF17.17 ENOVA - Renewable Energy Retailer – less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration – Mr Sweeney is an ENOVA shareholder and will promote the ENOVA model as very relevant to the Shoalhaven – remained in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

Oisín Sweeney advised the Committee that he wanted to highlight the leadership that Bellingen Shire are demonstrating with regard to renewable energy use on council buildings.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Sustainable Futures Committee hold a discussion regarding the information and attachment.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Committee receive the report regarding Bellingen Shire Council - renewable energy – council buildings report for information.

CARRIED

Note: The Chair advised the members if they wish to have an item included in a Committee agenda it should be emailed to Council's Governance Unit. It was also noted that agenda items may be provided for information only.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### SF17.17 ENOVA - Renewable Energy Retailer

**HPERM Ref:**  
**D17/254057**

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/>

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

Item deferred for discussion at the next Committee meeting scheduled for 12 October 2017.

CARRIED

### Introduction of Items as Matters of Urgency

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the following addendum reports be introduced as matters of urgency:

1. SF17.18 Cities Power Partnership

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the following addendum reports be introduced as matters of urgency:

2. SF17.18 Cities Power Partnership

CARRIED

The Chairperson ruled the matters as ones of urgency as they relate to urgent business of Council and allowed their introduction.

## ADDENDUM REPORTS

### SF17.18 CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP

**HPERM REF:**  
**D17/260521**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

### SF17.19 Additional Item - Council Budget 2018/19

Craig Milburn spoke to the Committee with regard to the program of Council's budget preparation for 2018/19 will be distributed to members for their information.

**Action:** The program of Council's budget preparation for 2018/19 to be distributed to members for their information

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.07pm.

Clr Gartner  
CHAIRPERSON