



MINUTES

KALAMUNDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**6PM THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021
OPERATIONS CENTRE BOARDROOM
10 Raymond Rd Walliston**

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING – Presiding Member

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 5:59pm and welcomed Committee Members and Staff. The Presiding Member also acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Noongar people.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES – Presiding Member

Committee Members

Victoria Laurie	Presiding Member
Mark Schilling	Deputy Chairperson
Peter Forrest	Community Representative
Cr Kathy Ritchie	Councillor Delegate
Mark Schilling	Community Representative
Mick Davis	Community Representative
Holly Bradley	Community Representative
Rupert Duckworth	Community Representative (left meeting at 7pm)

Staff

Brett Jackson	Director Asset Services
Rod Strang	Manager Parks & Environmental Services
Dallas Lynch	Coordinator Natural Areas
Janine Morton	KEAC Support Officer

Apologies

Cara Sheppard	Community Representative
Cr Janelle Sewell	Councillor Delegate



3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Committee Meeting 21 January 2021

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Committee Meeting of KEAC held on the 21 January 2021 as published and circulated, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mark Schilling
 Seconded: Rupert Duckworth
 Voted: Carried Unanimously

4.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4.1 Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests:

- a) Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)
- b) Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Section 5.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*)

Nil

4.2 Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality

- a) Members and staff must disclose their interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION – Presiding Member

Background

Mark Schilling presented excerpts from “Where Will all the Trees Be? - an assessment of urban forest cover and management for Australian cities, prepared for Hort Innovation by the Centre for Urban Research, RMIT University, Melbourne” and Greener Spaces Better Places.



It was noted in the report, which showed a decrease in Kalamunda's green cover by -4% from 2016 to 2020 that in fact much of this loss was due to bushfire which was predominately green cover loss, i.e. bare earth or grassland, and not grey cover.

Discussion

The Presiding Member explained challenge ratings in regard to Councils at high risk. This then prompted further discussion on the possibility of looking at alternatives for measuring loss/gain of the tree canopy within the City, i.e. by separating out the national parks and state forest.

Consensus of the committee was to utilise the UFS once adopted and measure / monitor the actions from this strategy.

6.1 City of Kalamunda Climate Change Report

The Presiding Member led discussion on the progress of KEAC regarding the Climate Change report and associated activities.

Background

KEAC resolved at its 21 January meeting to create a Sub Committee to address the three areas requested for review by Council (OCM 33/2020 refers);

1. An impact statement, in terms of impact on the community. Figures on rainfall, heat island statistics, other statistics that show evidence of climate change within the City's borders.
2. Description of positive things that the City of Kalamunda is doing to manage the impacts.
3. Identify what more the City can do under existing strategies with resourcing implications.

Meeting Comments

Three statements of the Climate Emergency Declaration were discussed as follows:

1. What is the impact of climate change on the City of Kalamunda?
2. What is the City of Kalamunda doing to tackle climate change?
3. What more can the City of Kalamunda do to tackle climate change, within its resources?

KEAC were required to determine if the document as tabled and the recommendations it provided were acceptable as the document will form part of the report to Council.



Resolution

It was resolved that KEAC recommends Council:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency.
2. Endorse the WALGA Climate Change Policy.
3. Sign the WALGA Local Government Declaration on Climate Change.
4. Council should develop specific Actions within its Corporate Business Plan addressing the issues noted within this report.

Moved: Cr Kathy Ritchie
Seconded: Peter Forrest
Voted: Carried Unanimously

6.2 Future Council Budgets

Background

The Director Asset Services outlined the process of how the City's corporate plans link together and influence budget decisions.

Strategic Corporate Plan – 10-year document, reviewed every four years this informs the Corporate Business Plan:

Corporate Business Plan – this plan is reviewed every four years and has specific actions which form part of the operating and capital works budgets. Operating (OPEX) and Capital Works (CAPEX) budgets are formed yearly.

Running in parallel to the above is the City's Long Term Financial Plan which is a requirement under the Local Government Act (as are all plans). This 15-year plan sets out where the monies will come from and where they are to be spent.

Discussion

KEAC held a brief discussion on the staffing issues and what available budget there is for such projects as street tree planting.

Resolution

KEAC resolved to provide a discussion paper for the next meeting as to what direction they will lobby council for resources to be provided for the actions/outcomes that come out of the Local Environment, Urban Forest and Local Biodiversity strategies.



6.3 Verge Parking – Railway Road, Gooseberry Hill

The Presiding Member quickly discussed the recent verge parking bays established on Railway Road near Embers Café.

It was noted that these works did not encroach the Railway Heritage Trail Reserve and were in road reserve which had already been denuded by the regular parking of vehicles over numerous years. There was no further discussion on this issue.

6.4 Future Items of Business for Remaining Term of this KEAC

The Presiding Member opened discussion on proposed items of business for the remaining term of this KEAC, noting that it will be stood down at the Council Elections in October 2021 awaiting new Council.

Discussion

It was suggested that KEAC receive regular reports from the City on the street tree planting program in terms of location, number, size and species of trees planted.

7.0 Kalamunda Clean and Green Local Environment Strategy – Progress Report

A status update on actions contained within the Local Environment Strategy was provided to the Committee with the Agenda and was well received.

Discussion

KEAC was drawn to the section ‘Managing Impacts’ in the LES update with regard to “environment in all policies” approach to policy development, as provided below:

<p>Protect and enhance our regions unique landscapes and sense of place.</p>	<p>Investigate and develop strategy and policy to protect unique landscape features.</p>	<p>KEAC to provide council with a discussion paper regarding the application of “environment in all policies” approach to policy development.</p>	<p>KEAC to determine timeframe.</p>
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KEAC were to consider their plan to address this item.



8.0 Other Strategies Subject to Council Adoption

Status update on Strategies endorsed by KEAC that have yet to be adopted by Council

1. Non Potable Water
Current status: Community engagement closed on 13 April 2021 and a report to Council on the feedback will be presented in July 2021.
2. Urban Forest
Current status: Will be presented to Council in May 2021 for adoption.
3. Local Biodiversity Strategy
Current status: Community engagement closed on 13 April 2021 and a report to Council on the feedback will be presented in July 2021.
4. Public Open Space Draft LPP 32
Current status: Closes for public consultation on 5 May 2021.

9.0 CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS – CODE OF CONDUCT

Director Asset Services advised that at this point in time this is information only to KEAC.

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22 July 2021

12.0 CLOSURE

8:00pm