



# **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**

**2 MARCH 2021**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING of ORANGE CITY COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE** **WITH AN OPTION OF ONLINE CONFERENCING PLATFORM ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS** on **Tuesday, 2 March 2021.**

David Waddell  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8218.

## AGENDA

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code of Conduct also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee Members now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee at this meeting.



## **2 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **2.1 MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - 8 FEBRUARY 2021**

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RECORD NUMBER: 2021/240

AUTHOR: Rosemary Reid, Draftsperson

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on Monday, 8 February 2021 are provided to the Environmental Sustainability Policy Committee for adoption.

#### **LINK TO DELIVERY/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The recommendation in this report relates to the Delivery/Operational Plan strategy “6.3 Live - Partner with key stakeholders to deliver education and services relating to animal health and wellbeing”.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Within the allocated budget

#### **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1** That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 February 2021.
- 2** That Council determine recommendations {1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5} from the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting of 8 February 2021.
  - 1.1 That in light of the absence of the nominated Councillor - Cr S Munro from the meetings that Council replace the Councillor with a person who is willing and able to be a part of the Companion Animals Community Committee.*
  - 3.1 That the Customer request statistics reflect comparisons with the previous year across all categories and that the total column be removed.*
  - 3.2.1 That Council report on what NSW Companion Animal Register reports are available.*
  - 3.2.2 That Council place bollards on the Ploughmans Lane side of Riawena Oval to deter vehicles from taking a short cut through this area as it is dangerous to users of the oval.*
  - 3.4 That Councillor Nugent put in a budget bid in the upcoming budget for research and possible solutions to the feral cat problem in Orange.*
  - 3.5.1 That Council and the Committee review the unfenced off leash parks and identify possible areas to fence. To be discussed at the next meeting in May.*
  - 3.5.2 That Council investigate the cost of fencing along Bloomfield Road near to the crossing into Hinton Reserve.*
- 3** That the remainder of the minutes of the Companion Animals Community Committee at its meeting held on 8 February 2021 be adopted

**FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Consideration has been given to the recommendation's impact on Council's service delivery; image and reputation; political; environmental; health and safety; employees; stakeholders and project management; and no further implications or risks have been identified.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1** CACC Minutes 8 February 2021
- 2** CACC Agenda 8 February 2021, [D21/5310](#)

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# ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 8 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr S Nugent (Chairperson), Mrs Pam Davis, Ms Danielle Haase, Mr Neil Jones, Mrs Anne Reith, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Jan Tallents, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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##### RESOLVED

Ms S Sanders/Ms J Tallents

That the apologies be accepted from Mrs Rosie Rowse, Ms Helen Wood and Director Development Services for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 8 February 2021.

##### RECOMMENDATION

Mr N Jones/Ms D Haase

That in light of the absence of the nominated Councillor - Cr S Munro from the meetings that Council replace the Councillor with a person who is willing and able to be a part of the Companion Animals Community Committee.

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted the Acknowledgement of Country.

#### 1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

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NIL

## 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

**RESOLVED****Ms S Sanders/Cr S Nugent**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 9 November 2020 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 9 November 2020.

## 3 PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/124

Discussion on the actual figures and what they mean. A Council in Victoria has a form to be completed by the person complaining about a dog barking which actually states the times and severity of the barking this appears to reduce the malicious reporting of noisy dogs.

**RECOMMENDATION****Ms A Reith/Cr S Nugent**

That the Customer request statistics reflect comparisons with the previous year across all categories and that the total column be removed.

### 3.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/125

Anne Reith- RSPCA meeting is to be held next week. Especially looking at fundraising opportunities.

Pam Davis- that another request for bollards be placed near Riawena Oval to stop vehicles from driving across from Ploughmans Lane.

Danielle Haase- Media campaign to be run on the use of the off-leash areas. What reports can we get on the pound figures, recurring offenders, what reports can come out of the NSW Companion Animal Register.

**RESOLVED****Ms P Davis/Ms D Haase**

- I. That Council report on what NSW Companion Animal Register reports are available.
- II. That Council place bollards on the Ploughmans Lane side of Riawena Oval to deter vehicles from taking a short cut through this area as it is dangerous to users of the oval.



### 3.3 ORANGE POUND UPDATES

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/126

Pound Officer Emily Cahill reported that the drop off cages are being completed, landscaping is continuing and an extra part time staff member has been appointed. There has been a maximum of 20 animals at any one time in the pound. Signage will indicate that any dogs that are dropped in the after hours cages, contact is to be made with the Pound Officer before leaving in the cages.

**RECOMMENDATION****Ms D Haase/Ms A Reith**

That the report by the Pound Officer be accepted.

### 3.4 FERAL CAT PROBLEMS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/127

Discussion on feral cat issues and the use of a product called Felixer which has the ability of recognising a cat over other animals and omitting a spray. Perhaps this could be used in parklands or wetlands areas.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Ms J Tallents**

That Councillor Nugent put in a budget bid in the upcoming budget for research and possible solutions to the feral cat problem in Orange.

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr S Nugent/Ms J Tallents**

That Council use the remainder of the Companion Animals Community Committee budget for 2020-2021 approximately \$5000 to conduct a cat desexing program.

### 3.5 OFF LEASH PARKS - MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/128

The Webb Street off leash area is very popular but could do with more tree planting and another seat. Also the off street parking area which was allowed for in the design of the park be completed. Investigate off leash areas to fence as it seems to be preferred.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

- I. That Council and the Committee review the unfenced off leash parks and identify possible areas to fence. To be discussed at the next meeting in May.
- II. That Council investigate the cost of fencing along Bloomfield Road near to the crossing into Hinton Reserve.

**3.6 DOG ATTACKS IN OFF LEASH AREAS**

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TRIM REFERENCE: 2021/129

Discussion on appropriate use of off leash areas and the need for dog owners to be responsible and aware of other users.

**RECOMMENDATION****Cr S Nugent/Ms J Tallents**

That Council reply to the email from a resident with concern for larger dogs and smaller dogs using an off leash area at the same time. Webb Street off leash has separate areas for both small and large dogs.

**GENERAL BUSINESS****Summary of the Companion Animals Act**

This item to be presented at the May meeting by member Ms Danielle Haase.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10PM**



## **COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

# **AGENDA**

**8 FEBRUARY 2021**

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David Waddell  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Rosemary Reid on 6393 8229.

## COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2021

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**AGENDA****EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, the building may be evacuated. You will be required to vacate the building. The Committee Clerk will now identify the emergency muster point.

Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to re-enter the building until the all clear has been given and the area deemed safe by authorised personnel.

In the event of an evacuation, a member of Council staff will assist any member of the public with a disability to vacate the building.

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## COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2021

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**1 INTRODUCTION****MEMBERS**

Cr S Nugent (Chairperson), Cr S Munro, Mrs Pam Davis, Ms Danielle Haase, Mr Neil Jones, Mrs Anne Reith, Mrs Rosie Rowse, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Jan Tallents, Ms Helen Wood, Director Development Services, Manager Building and Environment, Pound Officer, Companion Animal Registrar

**1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, the people of the Wiradjuri Nation. I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and extend those respects to Aboriginal Peoples of Orange and surrounds, and Aboriginal people here with us today.

**1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**2 PREVIOUS MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 9 November 2020

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## ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE

## COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCILLORS WORKROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 9 NOVEMBER 2020

COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### ATTENDANCE

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Cr S Nugent (Chairperson), Ms Danielle Haase (6pm), Mr Neil Jones, Mrs Anne Reith, Mrs Susan Sanders, Ms Jan Tallents, Manager Building and Environment, Companion Animal Registrar

#### 1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

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##### RESOLVED

**Ms J Tallents/Mr N Jones**

That the apologies be accepted from Mrs Pam Davis, Mrs Rosie Rowse, Ms Helen Wood, Director Development Services and Pound Officer for the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting on 9 November 2020.

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

#### 1.3 Declaration of pecuniary interests, significant non-pecuniary interests and less than significant non-pecuniary interests

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Nil

### 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### RESOLVED

**Ms S Sanders/Ms A Reith**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Companion Animals Community Committee held on 14 September 2020 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Companion Animals Community Committee meeting held on 14 September 2020.

## MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

9 NOVEMBER 2020

**3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/2209

Susan Sanders - Reports of Border Collie dog being euthanized after a dog attack. Concerned about this happening. Please investigate.

Anne Reith - RSPCA fundraisers did not go ahead. Christmas Raffle in the plaza will be happening.

Stephen Nugent - new fencing in the Showground around the off leash area is very nice, just need to relocate the dog bag dispenser and bin to the new position of the access gate.

Neil Jones - the good news story about the North Orange off leash area and responsible pet ownership was not followed through from last meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Ms S Sanders**

1. That the dog bag and dispenser be relocated to near the access gate at the showground.
2. That the good news story regarding the North Orange off leash and responsible pet ownership be published.

**3.2 ORANGE ANIMAL POUND UPDATE**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/2210

The Orange City Pound is nearing completion, just waiting for the drop off cages to be built and then there will be an official opening. The Pound Officer has begun moving in to the building.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Ms S Sanders**

That the report on the Orange City Pound be accepted.

**3.3 OFF LEASH AREA- THE ESCORT WAY AND LOMBARDY WAY**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/2211

The actual location of the off leash area and the ability to provide parking adjoining this area was discussed and it was decided to investigate the possibility of locating the off leash area adjoining Lombardy Way and Carwoola Drive.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/ D Haase**

1. That Council investigate the possibility of another location for the off leash area in West Orange.
2. That Council as part of the planning of green space of the Shiralee subdivision, give consideration to providing an off leash area.
3. That Council look into using some of the allocated funds for off leash areas to replace the fence at Bloomfield Park along the Bargwanna Road boundary thereby making the area safer for dogs.

**MINUTES OF COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****9 NOVEMBER 2020****3.4 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS**

TRIM REFERENCE: 2020/2219

Discussion on the availability of more comprehensive statistics being kept in regards to Companion Animal programs. Which dogs are repeat offenders. Ranger activity was included in the statistics as requested at the previous meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION****Mr N Jones/Ms A Reith**

That the report on Customer Request statistics be accepted.

**RECOMMENDATION****Ms A Reith/Mr N Jones**

That a vote of thanks be extended to Rosemary Reid for her work for the Companion Animals Community Committee.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10PM**

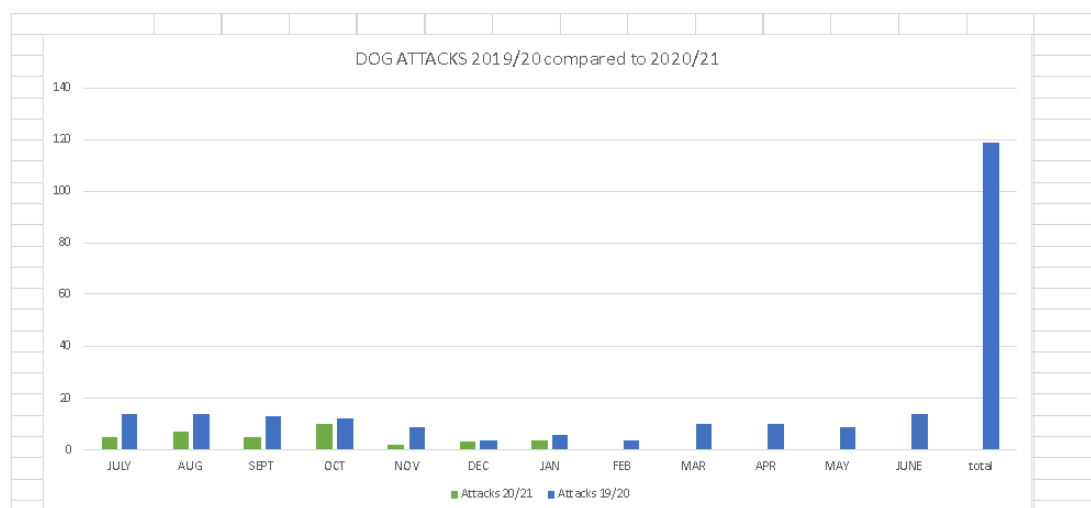
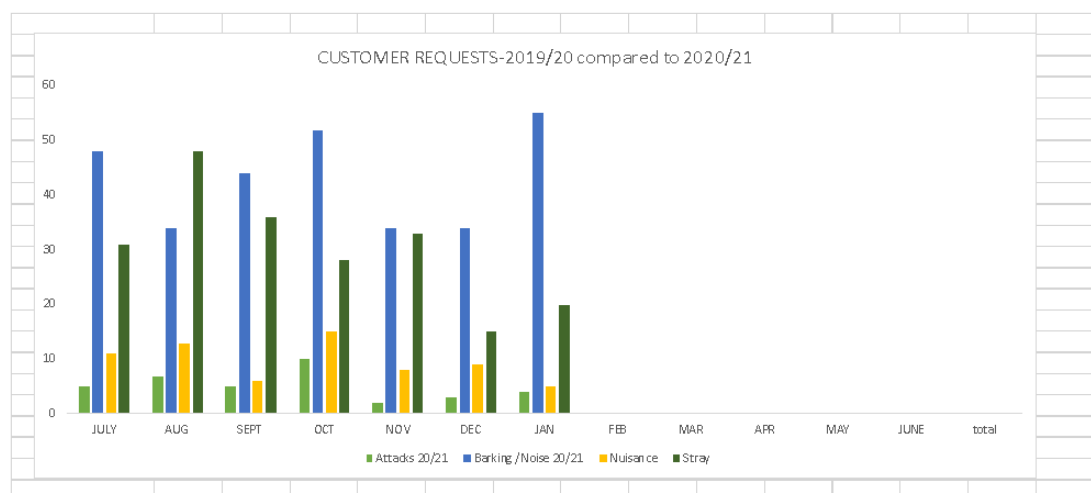


## COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2021

**3 PRESENTATIONS****3.1 CUSTOMER REQUEST STATISTICS**

2020-2021 CUSTOMER REQUESTS												
with 2019-2020 comparisons												
JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	total
5	7	5	10	2	3	4						
14	14	13	12	9	4	6	4	10	10	9	14	119
48	34	44	52	34	34	55						
60	44	36	36	53	38	58	65	65	37	52	68	612
11	13	6	15	8	9	5						
31	48	36	28	33	15	20						



Dog attacks for November- 2 attacks, 1 animal victims and 3 human victims

Dog attacks for December- 3 attacks, 2 animal victims, 3 human victims

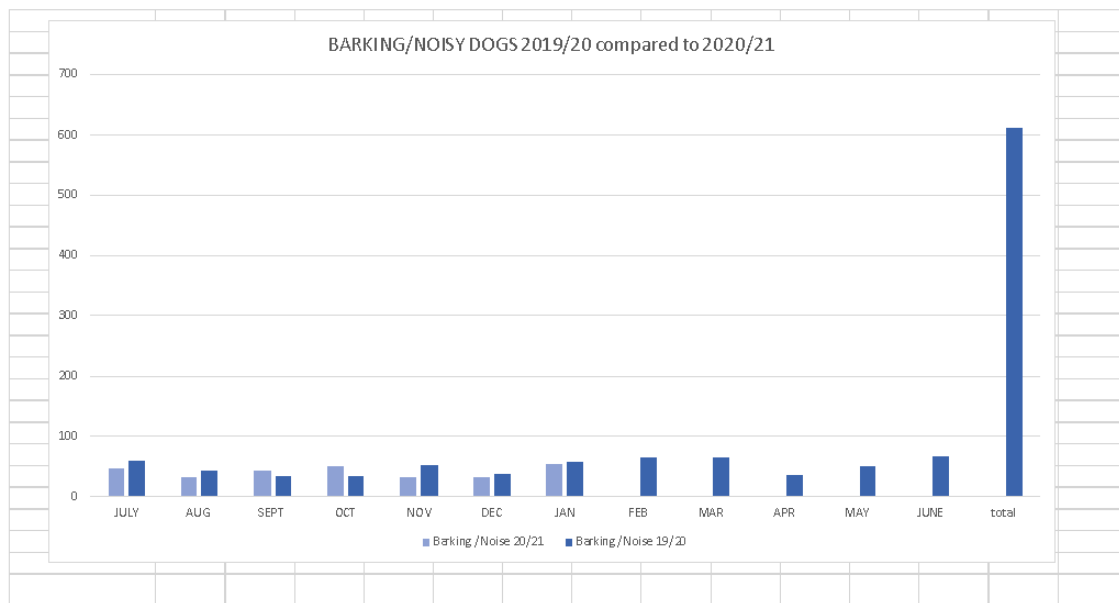
Dog attacks for January- 4 attacks- 1 animal victims, 6 human victims

## COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2021

3.1 Customer request Statistics

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**COMPANION ANIMALS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE****8 FEBRUARY 2021**

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**3.2    COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

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Each committee member is given the opportunity to raise areas of concern.

**3.3    ORANGE POUND UPDATES**

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Update on the Orange Pound progress by Pound Manager Emily Cahill.

**3.4    FERAL CAT PROBLEMS**

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Topic raised by committee members for discussion.

**3.5    OFF LEASH PARKS - MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION**

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Topic of discussion raised by committee member.

**3.6    DOG ATTACKS IN OFF LEASH AREAS**

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Topic raised by a concerned resident and dog park user.