



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

5 MARCH 2024

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** on **Tuesday, 5 March 2024**.

David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Administration on 6393 8106.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act) regulate the way in which Councillors and designated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public role.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons given for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussion or voting on that matter, and requires that member to vacate the Chamber.

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 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 16 FEBRUARY 2024

RECORD NUMBER: 2024/209

AUTHOR: Eli Todman, Sustainability Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 16 February 2024 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 “9.2. Develop and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste in consultation with the community”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That Council acknowledge the reports presented to the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee at its meeting held on 16 February 2024.**
- 2 That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee from its meeting held on 16 February 2024 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 ESCC 16 February 2024 Minutes
- 2 ESCC 16 February 2024 Agenda, D24/16173 [↓](#)

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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

ON 16 FEBRUARY 2024

COMMENCING AT 8:02 AM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr D Mallard (Chairperson), Cr M McDonell, Mr Peter West (*Audiovisual Link*), Mr Robert Alford, Mr Nick King, Mr Stephen Nugent, Mr Ronald Finch, Mr Reg Kidd (*Audiovisual Link*), Mr Malcolm Stacey, Ms Amanda Lockwood (*Audiovisual Link*), Ms Jennifer Lacey, Mr Cyril Smith, Director Development Services, Water Treatment Manager, Water and Sewerage Strategic Manager

1.1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

RESOLVED

Mr S Nugent/Cr M McDonell

That the apologies be accepted from Ms Bev Williams, Mr Andrew Kennedy, Mr Granton Smith and Ms Shah Alford for the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting on 16 February 2024.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Mr S Nugent/Mr M Stacey

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee held on 3 November 2023 (copies of which were circulated to all members) be and are hereby confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee meeting held on 3 November 2023.

3 GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 CHAIR REPORT

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/60

RECOMMENDATION

Cr M McDonell/Mr R Finch

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal report provided by the Chair.

3.2 PRIORITY PROJECT GROUPS - UPDATE

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/57

The four Priority Project Teams spent time in breakout sessions identifying key objectives for the remaining term of the Committee.

Climate Action Policy

- Community education will be a primary focus, with recently formed community group 'Electrify2800' playing a role in this initiative
- Support Council to explore options in becoming an electricity retailer
- Review the NSW Net Zero Community Emissions Guide and identify programs that can be implemented
- Conduct a review of the Climate Change Management Plan with Council's Sustainability Officer

Sustainable Urban Design

- Continue to support Redmond Place Landcom project, which will be utilised as a practical example of sustainable urban design
- Provide input into the update of several key interim policies and strategies
- Redmond Place urban design planning proposal will be shared with Committee members when available
- Urban Forest Strategy draft under review with Parks, Trees and Waterways Community Committee. ESCC to provide input at a later date

Water Management

- Support water sensitive urban design in Redmond Place development
- Review Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan and Annual Raw Water Supply Report
- Focus on water in new subdivision code with emphasis on water sensitive cities, including blue and green infrastructure
- Explore feasibility of a site visit to Purified Recycled Water Treatment plant in Quakers Hill, Sydney

Biodiversity

- Further enhance biodiversity assessments
- Improve biodiversity threat mapping
- Input into Urban Forest Strategy when available
- Meet with Council Strategic Planner to further develop LEP mapping and provide a gap analysis e.g. include native grass in mapping
- Support Biodiversity Month (September) and community groups

Mr P West asked whether the enhancement of the DCP will provide stricter standards which will need to be addressed when completing biodiversity assessment during development application process.

Director Development Services explained there would be an interim biodiversity policy outlining items that must be considered in application and how these must be assessed.

RECOMMENDATION

Mr S Nugent/Mr N King

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledge the verbal reports provided by the Priority Project Teams.

3.3 ADAPT NSW FORUM

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/59

RECOMMENDATION**Cr M McDonell/Mr C Smith**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledges the report provided by Council's Sustainability Officer on the AdaptNSW Forum.

3.4 COMMUNITY ENERGY UPGRADES FUND

TRIM REFERENCE: 2024/58

RECOMMENDATION**Mr S Nugent/Mr M Stacey**

That the Environmental Sustainability Community Committee acknowledges the verbal report provided by Council's Sustainability Officer.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:37AM.



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David Waddell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For apologies please contact Eli Todman on 6393 8208.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

16 FEBRUARY 2024

AGENDA**EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

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