

Minutes



Sustainability Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 13 September 2023
4:30-6:00pm

Location:	Banksia Room, Willoughby City Council, Level 6
Chair:	Councillor John Moratelli
Attendees:	Andrew Assaee – Member Gay Spies – Member Rena Czaplinska-Archer– Member Peter Lisle – Sustainability Team Leader Natalie Taylor – Council and Corporate Support Officer Bushra Salam– Governance admin Officer
Apologies/absent:	Eva Coulam – Member John Le Couteur – Member
Guests	Councillor John Moratelli Councillor Anna Greco

Agenda items

Item	Topic / Discussion	Action
1	Welcome The meeting was opened at 5:10 pm	
	Declarations of interest There were no Disclosures of interest submitted.	
	Acknowledgement of Country <i>Willoughby City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet today, the Gamaragal People, and their connections to land, waters, and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including those who may be in attendance today.</i>	
2	Committee Governance Appointment of Chair Pursuant to clauses 5.4 of the Committee's Terms of Reference, the	

Committee unanimously appointed Councillor John Moratelli Chair for the meeting and noted that appointment of an ongoing Chairperson be reconsidered at the third meeting of the Committee.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Gay Spies and seconded by Rena Czaplinska-Archer the draft minutes of the meeting dated 12 July 2023 were accepted with two Amendments.

4 Actions arising from previous minutes

a) Resource Recovery questions/responses

Previous queries were answered by an email to the Committee from Peter Lisle circulated 13/9/23.

Discussion centred on the provision of the Recycle Smart door pick up service to residents. The program began in 2021 and the costs to council now approaches \$150,000 p.a. Peter Lisle agreed that the service provides a popular outlined the cost of the program in cost-constrained times has to be balanced with funding for other waste service. Also all services provided by Recycle Smart may not be the best value for money – eg textile recycling. Residents are encouraged to first use the [Community Recycling Centre at Artarmon](#) before Recycle Smart services.

5 Strategic Activities

- **Standing Item – Update on carbon targets for Council and Community.**

Update due next meeting

Revisions to Councils current carbon targets as outlined in the Our Green City Plan are due for consideration at a Council Meeting before recess in December

The committee discussed about carbon neutrality, offsets. Council's pathway to net zero.

- **Use of Artificial Turf on WCC sports fields**

Discussion to recommence next meeting

The Committee is in the process for deciding if it will set up a Working Party to investigate the use of artificial turf at council sportsgrounds. The decision is deferred until the next meeting.

6 Other Business

Next Meeting:

07 November 2023 4:00-5:30pm

Agenda Items:

- Review of Tree canopy strategy actions in connection with reducing carbon footprints
- A presentation on tree related issue, urban tree canopy, planting, biodiversity, tree removal, legislations with the view how this committee can input into this.
- How committee can engage people educating regarding the sustainability, Council to give them a framework.
- Working party on the Use of Artificial Turf

Appointment of more members (contacting old members if no expression of interest)

Green city plan link to be circulated

Meeting closed: 6:10 pm
