



Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday 30 May 2023

6.00pm

Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass

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Present

Cr Adrian Cameron (Chair), Luke McAlary, Alex Tewes, Ania Wardle (via Teams), Saan Ecker and Caitlin Nelson.

Also Present

Chris Berry – Chief Executive Officer, and Shirree Garland – Corporate Planning & Executive Support Officer

Meeting opened at 6.03pm

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

Alison Elvin and Peter Davidson

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 20 April 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

(A Tewes/C Nelson)

4. Sustainability Policy Update – verbal report by Chair

Cr Cameron provided a verbal report advising that Council endorsed the Sustainability Policy to go on public exhibition at its 25 May meeting.

FOGO

The Chief Executive Officer responded to the previous recommendation that staff further refine the FOGO threshold paper and advised that a report with a proposed detailed design and options would be brought to the Committee's next meeting. Discussion was held in relation to the need for education/community consultation.

Electric Vehicles

The Chief Executive Officer advised that staff had received demonstrations for various types of machinery for use in the Parks and Gardens areas. EVs are being considered as part of the fleet turnover. Currently there are a couple of hybrid vehicles in the fleet.

Proposed Tesla recharging station, park and ride site, requires power upgrade, hope to have operational next financial year.

5. Reports

5.1 2023/24 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING DOCUMENTS

SUMMARY

Council approved the draft 2023/24 Integrated Planning & Reporting documents for public exhibition at an its meeting on 11 May 2023. While the Sustainability Advisory Committee provided a “pre-budget submission” to Council following its 31 January 2023 meeting, it would be appropriate for the Committee to consider whether it wishes to comment further on any items within the 2023/24 Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *The Committee note the contents of the 2023/24 Integrated Planning & Reporting documents.*
2. *The Committee indicated support for the following budget items:*
 - *Conduction of waste services review*
 - *Engagement of a Waste Manager.*

(L McAlary/S Ecker)

5.2 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND REQUESTS

SUMMARY

The Sustainability Advisory Committee has been in operation for close to 12 months and has met on six separate occasions. Various actions have been proposed and are still in progress. Several matters have also been identified requiring Council assistance. It is appropriate at this stage to review those outstanding actions and requests for assistance to ensure matters continue to be progressed.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That the Committee note the actions and requests for assistance in this report and continue to progress as appropriate.

(A Tewes/S Ecker)

Update from Chair

The Chair advised that he had recently attended the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting and would be attending the Yass Soldiers Memorial Meeting this week.

Invitation to attend South West CWA meeting to discuss FOGO legislation – Caitlin Nelson to attend.

Resource Energy and Industry Forum – Towards Zero Emissions future, 6-8 June 2023.

Meeting with Council's Communications & Media Team to discuss promotion of sustainability within the community etc.

Action: *CEO to follow up meeting request.*

6. Next Meetings

Tuesday 1 August at 6.00pm.

Thursday 21 September 2023, at 6.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.