

Latrobe City Climate Change Consultative Committee

Minutes

for the meeting held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 1 December 2009 in the
Macfarlane Burnet Room, Traralgon Service Centre, Kay Street, Traralgon

Item

1. **Present**

Cr Lisa Price, Cr Sharon Gibson, Kevin Roberts, John Parker, Daniel Jordan, John Lawson, Maddhu Chetty, Jadon Mintern, Jo McCubbin, Jenine Smith, Simon Vanderzalm, Denise McKenna, Barbara Johnson

Guests

Scott Ferraro, Peter Young

2. **Apologies**

Simon May, Simon Harrison, Cr Rohan Fitzgerald, Cr Sharon Gibson (late).

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

Action: That the minutes be adopted unanimously

4. **Presentations**

- a) **Peter Young gave a presentation on the Eco-Hub proposal at Powerworks and Jobs Fund application.**

The presentation has been circulated to the Committee.

In later discussion, the Committee expressed its support for the proposal.

Action: The Mayor advised that any letter of support would come from Latrobe City Council.

- b) **Scott Ferraro gave a presentation on the Gippsland Climate**

Change Network

The GCCN newsletter and calendar have been circulated to the Committee.

- c) Denise McKenna gave a presentation on Sustainability at Home and the Green Loans program**

5. Items referred by Council

- a) Notice of Motion – Effects of Carbon Pollution Booklet**

Action: That the project be incorporated into the action plan being developed by the Committee.

6. Discussion of communications tabled at the previous meeting

- a) Dr Raymond Hodges**

Action: That the Chair send a letter to Dr Hodges thanking him for his contribution.

- b) Mr Ian Southall**

Action: That Kevin Roberts explore with Mr Southall the possibility of holding a Climate Change Consultative Committee meeting at Powerworks.

- c) Ms Rosemary Abetz-Rouse**

Action: That the Chair send a letter to Ms Abetz-Rouse thanking her for her contribution.

7. New communications to the Committee received

(none this time except for reports and publications – see Item 8)

8. Reports and publications received and upcoming events

The reports and publications received and circulated were noted.

The question of file size and email limits was discussed. Some members favoured the current practice of circulating documents electronically, others favoured the circulation of links to a web page with the documents.

Action: that Kevin Roberts explore with Latrobe City's IT section the possibility of a password-protected web page to hold Committee

documents.

9. Reports from members of the Committee

a) U3A Climate Change 2010 – John Lawson

John Lawson outlined his progress in developing a course on climate change for U3A. Details would be passed on to the committee.

b) Contact by reporter from the Age – John Lawson

John outlined his experience with the reporter.

The reporter had also talked to Denise Mckenna and Cr Lisa Price.

10. Update on The Climate Change Consultative Committee web site

New links have been added to the Latrobe City Council website to make the Committee page easier to locate, including on the home page.

11. Update on the workshops on the Latrobe City Council Draft Policy Position on the Expected Local Impacts of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

Simon Vanderzalm raised the question of the relationship between the Climate Change Consultative Committee and the proposed CPRS Consultative Committee mentioned in Latrobe City's Draft CPRS Policy Position. Cr Price responded that the composition of the proposed CPRS committee would be different.

Cr Price responded to questions about Councillor attendance at the CPRS consultation sessions.

Cr Price reported that local government had not been adequately represented at government ETS discussions. Latrobe City Council had now signed a memorandum of Understanding with the Coal Councils of Australia Alliance. The Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Cr Lisa Price wrote on the 20 October 2009 to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP regarding the establishment of the proposed Coal Councils of Australia Alliance. In this letter, Cr Price explained that there were at least seven Councils through out Australia that believe that there are sufficient issues and opportunities in relation to the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme for impacted councils to collaborate in order to improve the social and economic

outcomes for their respective communities. The Councils listed include Latrobe, Wellington, Newcastle, Muswellbrook, Central Highlands (Qld) Isaac Regional Council (Qld) and Whitsundays. Minister Albanese had not attended the meeting with these local governments in Canberra in November. A future meeting would be sought.

Committee Members raised the question of equity: Latrobe City produces electricity and has a high footprint as a result, but is not the main consumer. It was argued that measures should be based on consumption, not production.

12. Progress with developing an Action Plan for the Committee

A list of the ranking of priorities identified by committee members was circulated.

The responses received from members indicated a preference for a predominantly Latrobe City focus.

Six projects received the most votes and the highest rankings:

- a) exploring employment scenarios,
- b) creating job opportunities,
- c) developing education and awareness of climate change issues,
- d) developing a local climate change impact statement,
- e) encouraging community engagement and
- f) greening Latrobe City home by home, business by business.

13. Any other business

a) Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability

Kevin Roberts reported that he had had a meeting with the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability concerning Latrobe City Council's State of the Environment reporting project, and the Commissioner had expressed considerable interest in the Climate Change Consultative Committee and asked for her staff to be kept informed of developments.

Action: copies of Committee minutes to be forwarded to Gordana Marin, Manager, Strategy and Development for the Commissioner

Environmental Sustainability.

b) Forthcoming events

A forthcoming event was advised: Mark Ogge, Towards Zero Emissions, 3 March 2010. Details to be circulated to the Committee when received.

Earth Hour will be held in March 2010. It was proposed that Council endorse the event.

14. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in February 2010 and will be a workshop to develop an action plan for the Committee. Details to be advised.

15. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm