



SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE

MINUTES

Tuesday 2 June 2020

6.30pm – 9:00pm meeting

<p>1.</p>	<p>Settle with tech, welcome and outline of how we will conduct the meeting.</p> <p>Present: Jo Russell, Cr Jodi Jackson, John Blight, Arjumand Khan, Belinda Barrie, Lesley Kubalsky, Michelle Bennett, Cr Drew Jessop, Helen Franks, Graham McCusker, Fran Evans, Julia Collins (community member from Brimbank), Yvonne Ching, Liz Turner, Ian Taylor, Michelle Savona</p> <p>Leave of Absence / Apologies: Monyq, David and Bernadette</p>	<p>Zoom meeting invite sent via email.</p> <p>6.25pm – log in slightly early if you wish, to help us all get settled on time.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Meeting open Settle and protocols group agreement</p>	<p>Cr Jodi Jackson, Chair 6.30pm – 6.40pm</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement of country</p>	<p>Jo Russell 6.40pm</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Conflict of Interest Statement Members are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Members are then required to leave the meeting during discussion and not vote on the item.</p>	<p>Cr Jackson 6.41pm</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Presentation 1 – Julia Collin - Community member, Brimbank Presenting on the Brimbank community's journey advocating for Council to declare a climate emergency.</p> <p>Julia described how community members in Brimbank focused on campaigning with a strong petition. They asked for the Council to develop a Climate Emergency Plan. They drew on the existing resources by CED movement and Julia attributed their success to a strong community movement, Councillor champions and support from Brimbank environment staff.</p> <p>Noted that <i>Hume Horizons and Pathways to Sustainability</i> Council documents are due for renewal, which provides an opportunity for members to advocate for stronger Council commitment on climate emergency. This Taskforce to have input into both of these plans.</p>	<p>6.45pm – 7.25pm 40 minutes</p>

	Cr Jackson suggested a sub-committee group for Taskforce on Climate Emergency might be an option to progress – go through high level documents that we have and look at other Councils and what they might already be doing around the climate emergency issue.	
6.	Climate Emergency Declaration and Hume process Update – More info requested by Councillors re what a Climate Emergency would mean for Hume. Due to timing of upcoming election any decision about a potential Hume Climate Emergency would now be with the new Council.	Michelle and Bernadette 7.25pm – 7.35pm 10 minutes
7.	Confirmation of previous minutes, 21 April Michelle to have draft chapter of Sustainability Report to Taskforce members when it is available. Apologies for delays. Moved: Graham, Seconded: John. Minutes were passed by majority with no changes.	7.35pm – 7.40pm 5 minutes
8.	Presentation 2 – Waste to Energy plant Michelle presented her recent research regarding waste to energy plants. Cr Jessop confirmed that the planning permit application for a Waste to Energy facility in Craigieburn has not yet responded to Council’s request for additional information.	Michelle Bennett, 7.40pm – 8.15pm 35 minutes
9.	Other Business <u>Council elections</u> Elections will occur in the final weekend of October. During Caretaker Period in the months prior to the election, Council will not be allowed to make important decisions and officers can not be seen to be promoting or supporting any particular Councillor/s. Cr Jackson encouraged Taskforce members to consider running for Council if interested. There are lots of info sessions being run by ALGA and ALGWA on how to run for local government: VLGA (Victorian Local Governance Association) - Or Facebook ALGWA Vic (Aus. Local Government Women’s Association) - or Facebook. Cr Jackson is also happy to talk to anyone interested.	8.15 – 8.25pm 10 minutes
10.	Your Say and upcoming (online) events - Live Green Review and survey - Graffiti management survey	8.25 – 8.35pm 10 minutes ACTIONS Live Green Review and survey – please circulate this survey to networks, contacts, friends, family.
11.	Next meeting date 28 July 2020	

	To be determined whether this meeting will be online or in person or both based on Government requirements and feedback from members - thank you for emailing Liz preferences for either online or in person future meetings.	
12.	Meeting closed at 8.35pm Moved: Helen Seconded: Graham	