SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held at the JC Rose Room, Wednesday 27 November 2024.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING:

Councillor Cliff Winfield (Chair) opened the meeting at 5.03pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES:

Present:

Cr Donelle Buegge (DB)	Shire President (5.10pm till 5.45pm).
Cr Cliff Winfield (CW)	Councillor
Jason Giadresco (JG)	Director Development Services
Ann Bentley (AB)	Environmental Sustainability Officer
Julian Sharp (JS)	Southern Forest Community Landcare
Rob Telford (RT)	Community Representative
Stephen King (SK)	Community Representative
Clare Bailey (CB)	Community Representative
Ian Wilson (IW)	Community Representative

Apologies:

Cr Wade DeCampo (WD)	Councillor
Cr Wendy Eiby (WE)	Councillor (Shire technical issue)
Micheal leers	Director Works and Services
Kylie Britza	DBCA Representative
Ashleigh Collins (AC)	Community Representative
Mitchell East (ME)	Community Representative

Guests:

Mark Batty	Southern Forests Community Landcare

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Jason Giadresco **Seconded: Cr Cliff Winfield**

That the previous minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 31 July 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried 7/0

6. COUNCIL DECISION ON RECOMMENDATIONS (12 September 2024)

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held 31 July 2024 as shown at Attachment: 9.16.1 (1).*
2. *Investigate and implement a Waste Transfer Station at Windy Harbour with a report back to Council by the 2025/26 budget allocations.*
3. *That Council amend the Terms of Reference to include Director Works and Services Michael Leers as a non-voting member of Sustainability Advisory Committee as attached at 9.16.1(2).*

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The Shire's Waste Management Officer is investigating the costs of delivering a waste transfer station at Windy Harbour. This will be presented to the Council and this Committee once completed.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Current Terms of Reference tabled.

9. REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT HUB

Mark Batty from Southern Forests Community Landcare (SFCL) presented the concept of a regional Sustainability and Environment Centre, incorporating a tertiary study hub in collaboration with Murdoch University. A letter of support has been written confirming that the Shire will dedicate an officer to work with Murdoch University and SFCL in examining what opportunities may be feasible.

Mark also outlined a new initiative from SFCL to tackle biosecurity issues. They are partnering with Leschenault Biosecurity Group, using their established templates to deliver consistent messaging around biosecurity in the Shire of Manjimup including using roadside banners. The committee discussed ways of potentially co-funding this initiative to get it delivered quicker. Committee members discussed that it would be helpful to get declared species control and hygiene messages to the people that manage plantations.

10. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOPIC

Ian Wilson shared "Greening Cycleways and Walk Trails" from Nature Link Perth. The document outlines ways that biodiversity can be increased in urban areas through planting a diverse range of native plants, if designed well it can also serve as a sustainability education area.

Committee members discussed finding examples within the Shire that have sustainability concepts or messages so these can be communicated to the community as a place to visit and engage with sustainability issues.

11. DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SUTAINABILITY STRATEGY (ESS) – V2

Sustainability Advisory Committee feedback on version 2 of the ESS has been received. An internal review will now be undertaken.

12. COMMUNITY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP
(Ann Bentley, Ashleigh Collins and Cr Wendy Eiby).
Clare Bailey and Rob Telford added to group. Planning for Warren Agricultural Show. Preparing display and volunteering on Shire table.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Clare Bailey raised the worsening issue of local fruit and vegetable accessibility. The Shire is known as a food bowl, though much of the produce is exported out or is transported away and returned to supermarket shelves. Farm gate stalls can be difficult to access if someone does not have access to a vehicle or does not know the area well. The Committee discussed the concern of food security and food miles and regulations around processing and supplying from farm gates. The Committee also discussed the need for Co-ops and farmers markets.

14. Next Meeting
12 March 2024, 5pm JC Rose Room, Manjimup.

15. Meeting Closure
6.30pm