MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON AUGUST 6 2013, ANDY MCNEILL ROOM

1. PRESENT

Councillor Jade Kudrenko (Chair)
Councillor Eli Melky
Councillor Steve Brown
Mr. Jimmy Cocking – A.L.E.C.
Mr. Lee Morgan – A/Area Manager PWC .
Mr. Rod Cramer – Rural Area Association
Ms. Ann Jacobs – Dept. Lands Resource Management
Mr. Wayne Davison – ASTC Ranger
Mr. Paul Guerin –President of Alice Springs Bicycle Club
Mr. Richard Buckley – Alice Springs Bicycle Club

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Damien Ryan
Mr. Rex Mooney – ASTC C.E.O.
Mr. Greg Buxton – ASTC Technical Services Director
Mr. Reinier Laan – ASTC Manager Waste Management Facility
Ms. Leanne Maloney – Acting Executive Assistant Technical Services (Minutes)

2. APOLOGIES

Mr. Jude Pringle
Mr. David Koch

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Nil to report.

The meeting opened at 5:35pm

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Feral and domesticated cat management strategies

- Jimmy Cocking raised concerns about feral and domesticated cats and the significant impacts it's having on native animals.
- Concerns have risen regarding the extinction of small animal species and various others and the increase in numbers of feral cats. Jimmy wishes the public to become more involved with the set up and use of traps.
- Wayne Davison, ASTC Ranger explained to the committee the following information in regards to the increase in numbers of feral cats:

Year	*Cats Captured (feral and domesticated)*
2010	119
2011	88
2012	84
2013	248

- ASTC currently has 30 cat traps on loan with a waiting period of 1 month.
- Discussion continued around de-sexing of cats captured by ASTC Rangers and the costs that come with it. Wayne believes many people choose not to de-sex their domesticated cats because of costs. He has sought information from various vets and the RSPCA with the following table confirming the rising rates of de-sexing:

De-sexing of Male cat	2011 - $145
	2012 - $350
De-sexing of Female cat	2011 – $235
	2012 - $650

Noted
Council to work with relevant stakeholder's to combat the eradication of feral cats in the Alice Springs area.

Wayne Davison left meeting at 5:58pm

4.2 CBD Cycling

- Report provided to Council from consultant to consider bicycle lanes in the CBD.
- Priorities in report have now changed in CBD with the emphasis of paths directed more toward the rural areas.
- Ideas for more bicycles lock up stations in CBD and closer to shopping centres.
- Discussions of changing infrastructure to the CBD roads to accommodate bicycle lanes.
- Richard Bentley expresses his view on the already safe CBD bicycle riding conditions in the CBD.
- Group discussed alternative routes for bicycle tracks.
- Jimmy Cocking referred back to Alice Solar City and the impact it made on Alice Springs and asks whether or not having easier bicycle tracks/lanes will give Alice Springs similar recognition as a tourist destination.

Richard Bentley and Paul Guerin left meeting at 6:22pm

5. WATER

- Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan - Department is revising VAT plan

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- CAP issue is being revised - Final draft due by mid September
- Water Advisory Committee will review and provide feedback

6. LAND MANAGEMENT

- Soil management guidelines during construction are being revised Territory wide.
- Concern for soil erosion
- Buffel grass a concern but in a good position at the moment, for this summer's fire season.
- Control burn at Tree farm at Landfill completed.
- Fire breaks around Alice Springs are generally well kept.
- Fire areas of concern – Airport land around Colonel Rose Drive

Ann Jacobs left meeting at 6:32pm

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 7 MAY 2013

- Councillor Melky found inconsistencies in the previous minutes. These will be changed and updated.

MOVED: Rod Cramer **SECONDED: Councillor Brown**

7.1 Business Arising

- Community garden water metre costs – current charge for 50ml $2.88 per day instead of 25ml at $0.72 per day – a saving of $700 annually.

8. COMMUNITY GARDENS

- Community garden working bees every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
- More than 50 people attended the last working bee.
- New lot of plots opened - from 18 to 34.
- Invitation extended to Council to view the garden.
- Written report from Jimmy to follow Wednesday 7th Aug 2013 – please refer to attached report.

9. WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Recycling table from July 2012 – June 2013 – please see attached report.
- Landfill - Weighbridge to be completed by end of August, Administration building by September and Transfer Station by October.
- Jimmy has advised Federal Government has approved the Northern Territory Container Deposit Scheme

10. WATER

- Water Smart has wrapped up – report due.

- Public will not be allowed to enter the top area of Landfill once the Transfer Station is opened. Concerns to public safety – grey water.
- Water Smart to be kept on future meeting Agenda's.
- Jimmy advises that Alice Water Smart reporting showed they conducted 1,041 households and 50 businesses Water Efficiency Consultations and identified many savings.
- Eco-Fair to be held 9 – 11th August 2013.
- Television ads by PWC to be shown to further public knowledge on water saving.

Damien Ryan left meeting at 7:13pm

11. UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

11.1 Roadmap to a desertSMART town – Resolution No. 17365 – 17366
11.2 Carbon Tax – Resolution No. 17231

Action
Supported by Council through LGANT.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Waste Management, negotiating with 3 organisations regarding setting up a free e-waste facility.
- Cleanaway has ceased accepting cardboard from the public at their facility due to OHS issues.
- A meeting between Cleanaway and Council will be held to try and resolve issue.

12. NEXT MEETING MONDAY 4TH NOVEMEBER 2013

Meeting closed at 7:23pm