

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF GAWLER
CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GAWLER CIVIC CENTRE, 89-91 MURRAY STREET,
GAWLER
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2020 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Cody Davies, Ms Kathryn Warhurst, Mr Jack Gill, Mr Tom Brdanovic

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Tim Kelly, Mr Jack Dazanos

1 STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

2 ATTENDANCE RECORD

2.1 Roll Call

2.2 Apologies

Cr Paul Koch

Cr Nathan Shanks

2.3 Motions to Grant Leave of Absence

2.4 Leave of Absence

Mr Darren Cox

2.5 Non-attendance

The Working Group noted that Angus Millikan has advised that he is resigning from the CEAP working group due to a clash of commitments.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020:08:CEAP009

Moved: Mr J Gill

Seconded: Mr Brdanovic

That the minutes of the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group Meeting held on 15 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Summary of Actions

Continuing Actions	Who	By When	
1. Confirm the status of leave of absence with D Cox prior to the next meeting			Complete
2. Investigate a closed social page for the Working Group as an initial priority (as we are not ready to engage with the public).	T Kelly & IT Help Team	19-08-2020	See Item 5.3.3
3. Present Governance responses to constraints, approval process etc. in relation to the LG Act	T Kelly	19-08-2020	See Item 5.3.3
New Actions			
4. Add a checklist that will link the relationship to other documents into the existing checklist document.	T Kelly	19-08-2020	Complete
5. Arrange a doodle polls and meeting invitations for the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Plan Workshop • Edge Consulting – Present preliminary findings • CEAP Budget Submission workshop • CEAP Community Actions workshop 	T Kelly	30-07-2020	Complete
6. Contact GoGet re a community electric vehicle to find out details and minimum thresholds of usage to be feasible.	K Warhurst	19-08-2020	Complete
7. Prepare an A4 review of EV's vs Fossil Fuelled vehicles and an Prepare an EV Case Study to be included in the CEAP.	P Koch	19-08-2020	Complete
8. Prepare suitable interview questions for the Youth Advisory Committee	Cr Davies Cr Shanks K Warhurst	19-08-2020	Complete

5 ITEMS LISTED FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

5.1.1 CEAP progress summary for July August

Tim K provided a quick wrap up of progress including:

- Supporting the Edge Environment Review of the Draft CEAP
- Working through an approach to informing community participation based on story telling of a positive future scenario and practical ways that households and businesses can play a part.

5.1.2 Community Actions for the CEAP – Workshop

Precis:

The brainstorming session was undertaken for approximately 90 minutes, drawing on the group members' collective awareness of projects and initiatives that has been successful in other parts of the world, and their knowledge of the needs and barriers present in the Gawler community.

The Working Group considered that the core function of the plan is to describe and demonstrate a positive future scenario, and how we can get there as a community.

Many examples and ideas to deal with energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, transport, funding and finance options were discussed and captured.

In particular the concept of partnering with the youth of Gawler to make sure this plan is developed with them and works for them in every way possible was strongly supported.

In a similar way, CEAPWG will reach out to connect with traditional owners and in particular the Gawler Reconciliation Action Group.

The importance of, and actions to ensure working with the public to develop the plan, create effective communication strategies, and the use of social media was well discussed.

Ideas: Youth

The Working Group explored approaches to make sure that the CEAP is developed with youth and works for them in every way possible. This is because the results of the current generation are and will continue to impact on our younger and future generations. It is therefore intended to recognise and support the Youth of Gawler in a position of primacy in the plan development. Ideas included:

- Hold a Gawler Youth Climate Summit
- Connect with YACC and schools
- Addressing concerns (Identified by J Gill) such as:
 - Factual info on what the future life with an altered climate might look like.
 - What can they do (if they don't own a car, have a house, bills, super etc.)
 - Need help to provide some specific actions for younger people

Ideas: Energy/housing

Revolving fund (within council operations)

For energy efficiency – Savings spent on allied improvements (with a special emphasis on 'making the invisible energy savings visible' in the form of improved greenspace with signage)

Example: Kent County Council, UK

Revolving fund (for community)

One off funding from council. Could be for energy efficiency, and pro electric options, e.g. replacing gas hot water service with electric.

Could have special emphasis on low income homes, renters etc.

If set up right, the fund could also accept matching funding from local donors,

Examples: CORENA, Light Regional Council.

Building Upgrade Finance program

A BUF residential version is needed

Finance arrangements need to be pioneered e.g. with super funds and Climate sector agreement state government mechanisms.

Schools, promotion of Climate Clever app:

Need to assess interest from schools in Gawler, how much would it cost to partially subsidise, or get commitments from schools to fund themselves.

GreenPower:

There is a requirement to reform GreenPower such that it is recognised in legislation and that the accounting, allocation and pricing structures are reformed so that households and businesses can make a real choice that reflects the falling price of renewable electricity generation.

Community energy initiatives e.g. Solar Harvest:

Council/community/commercial partnering to finance larger renewable energy generation options explored via Feasibility Study.

Pay it Forward function in energy/battery groups... (a portion of energy is 'donated' or similar) E.g. Indigo Energy

Elderly People in Hot Housing

Climate risk to elderly, partly energy poverty, E.G. A/C not run for fear of large bills, also housing standards are not good, could we create a 'Cool House Team' link up with the council's Home Assist team or Meals on Wheels to identify those at risk, inform them of help available and help them out with 'Cool Blitz' teams to actually do some of the work.

Facilitated Energy Bulk Buy for small businesses via GBDG, could be a reverse auction system.

Ideas: Urban Greenspace:

Mentioned, but the group has already spent some time on this. Examples include encouraging land tax relief for the areas of urban properties dedicated to gardens and tree canopy cover.

- Refer to final submission/s of the Natural Resource Committee Inquiry into Urban Green Space.
- Recommend that Gawler become member of Water Sensitive SA.

Ideas: Transport:

The plan should be supporting:

- Transport oriented Development
- EV chargers (rolled out in partnership with the business sector)
- EV demos (e.g. at GEC Sustainability Fair)
- Smart street lighting (not always on)
- Bike parking at Supermarkets
- Buggy (Granny Trolleys) parking at supermarkets
- Secondary bike routes, map, more publicising
- Bike Ed at schools (easy metric of counting bikes on bike racks)
- Electric community bus (like Sydney bus, goes all day! On a 6hr change, regenerative braking)
- E-scooters (ref Jack Gill and PhD associate, report to Council)
- Electric train to Gawler run on Green Power. (can this one change impact the emissions profile of Gawler?)
- Electric car bulk buy (TG) street parade

General and communication ideas

- Creating a menu of ideas for 'schools' or 'clubs'
- Decision tree/pathway, helping people decide how to prioritise their actions, remind people of the banking, divestment, insurance and purchasing power.
- Some concerns such as future availability of insurance for our community (uninsurable zones already emerging in Australia)
- Concerns regarding gas in new developments.
- Events, celebration of wins, achievements, community momentum, and friendly competitions (e.g. which street gets to be the first with LED's, or WSUD gardens or the like)
- Development reference 'How to' guides for households, businesses, sports and community groups

ACTION

Using these minutes as a check list, the outcomes of this workshop are to be incorporated into the draft CEAP, noting that there may be further investigation and practical constraints.

5.2 COUNCIL REPORTS TO THE CEAP WORKING GROUP

5.2.1 GAWLER 20-21 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN OUTCOMES

- Tim described that the input from the CEAP Working Group has been received. The Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee has requested staff prepare a report for consideration at the August Council Meeting. The report is to outline the proposals and risks of not undertaking the proposed actions.

5.2.2 SUBMISSION TO THE SA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON URBAN GREEN SPACES

- Staff advised the Working Group that a proposed submission to the NRC Urban Green Spaces Inquiry was prepared for Council to consider. The submission includes solutions for:
 - Incentivising urban canopy and green over, use of the Development fund to invest and develop urban green spaces
 - Mentioning the Gawler Green Belt and River Corridor as examples
 - Strengthening the protection of regulated and significant trees
 - Supporting the opportunities identified in the Resilient East submission to the NRC.

5.2.3 ADVICE FROM GOVERNANCE

- The Working Group was provided with advice from Governance in regard to potential conflicts of interest and out of session working arrangements.

5.2.4 RENEWABLE ENERGY FEASIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

- Staff advised that Stage 1 of this project has not yet commenced but is expected to be initiated shortly. Stage 1 covers the scoping of the larger Stage 2 Renewables Feasibility Study.

5.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLES

- Tim advised that a proposal on assessing an EV Alternative option for future vehicle replacement has been suggested to the Finance Manager and a meeting to work through examples is being planned.

CONTINUING ACTIONS:

- Cr Koch and Cr Shanks to prepare an A4 review of EV's vs Fossil Fueled vehicles
- An EV case study to be included in the CEAP – this was covered in business arising.

5.4 COMMUNICATIONS

- The Working Group discussed that stories, documents and other links of interest could be shared with the community on the Climate Emergency Web Page and be added each month.
- A new email address climate.emergency@gawler.sa.gov.au has been created to receive ideas and CEAP Correspondence

6 CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 7:50.

7 NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 16 September 2020

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group Meeting held on .

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CHAIRPERSON