

SERVICES DELEGATED COMMITTEE

MINUTES

(Open to the public)

Monday 20 March 2023

Council Chamber, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell.

Commencement 6.36pm

Attendance

Councillor Di Gillies (Chairperson)
Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Cynthia Watson
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Garry Thompson
Councillor Nick Stavrou

Apologies Councillor Victor Franco

<u>Officers</u>	Phillip Storer	Chief Executive Officer
	Daniel Freer	Director Places and Spaces
	Kate McCaughey	Director Community Support
	Scott Walker	Director Urban Living
	Mans Bassi	Director Customer and Transformation
	Amy Montalti	Chief Financial Officer
	Bryan Wee	Manager Governance and Legal
	David Shepard	Manager Environmental Sustainability and Open Spaces
	David Cowan	Manager Planning and Placemaking
	Jim Hondrakis	Manager Traffic and Transport
	Michael Hutchinson	Head of Strategic Property and Revenue
	Mathew Dixon	Coordinator Environmental Sustainability
	Elizabeth Manou	Senior Governance and Integrity Officer

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1. Adoption and confirmation of the minutes

MOTION

Moved Councillor Stavrou

Seconded Councillor Gault

That the minutes of the Services Delegated Committee meeting held on 12 December 2022 be adopted and confirmed.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of conflict of interest of any councillor or council officer

Nil

3. Presentation of officer reports

3.1 Serpells Lane Strategic Property Project - Proposal for paid car parking

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to discuss consideration of installing paid car parking infrastructure within the Serpells Lane car park.

Background

Council is the owner of land at 399 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, also known as the Serpells Lane car park (the Land). The Land is an at-grade car park accessed from Burwood Road, Hawthorn. It provides a total of 90 car spaces, namely 62 three (3) hour spaces, 22 two (2) hour spaces, two (2) disabled spaces, three (3) loading zone spaces and one (1) Flexi-car car, share space. The three (3) and two (2) hour spaces operate between 9am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 12:30pm Saturday. The Land is owned and maintained by Council, and currently offers free parking. A recent parking impact assessment report has found that it is predominantly used for medium to longer term parking by Swinburne University staff and students.

Council is also separately considering the potential future sale of the Serpells Lane property.

Key Issues

- The existing Serpells Lane car park accommodates 90 unpaid spaces, which are generally subject to 2P and 3P restrictions.
- The Serpells Lane car park is well utilised with high occupancy (90% plus) during peak periods, which generally occurs across the entire weekday daytime period.
- Approximately 64% of all motorists parking within the Serpells Lane car park are associated with Swinburne University.
- In the order of 30% of motorists within the Serpells Lane car park overstay the time-based parking restrictions.
- A current opportunity exists to consider the installation of paid parking.

Next Steps

Officers recommend that Council defers a decision to install infrastructure for paid parking at the Serpells Lane car park until a decision on whether to sell the Land has been made by Council.

Six speakers opposed to the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Sinfield

Seconded Councillor Parke

That the Services Delegated Committee resolve to install paid parking in the Serpells Lane car park at 399 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, as soon as possible.

CARRIED

3.2 Electrify Boroondara Alliance - Boroondara Community Climate Action Support and Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider Council's relationship with emerging community group, Electrify Boroondara Alliance.

Background

Electrify Boroondara Alliance is a new community group that is establishing itself to encourage the community to take action that will contribute to the reduction of emissions. The group is specifically focused on:

- Increasing the use of rooftop solar and batteries;
- Reducing the use of fossil fuels by transitioning to electric appliances;
- Increasing uptake of electric vehicles; and
- Improving the energy efficiency of existing housing stock, apartments and buildings.

The group is guided by the following aims:

- To support Council in achieving the outcomes sought in its Climate Action Plan; and
- To support the community in reducing carbon emissions.

The group would like to form a relationship with Council to work collaboratively towards these aims.

Key Issues

There are a number of ways Council could choose to define its relationship with this new community group. Given the focus of the group which will assist Council to achieve its aspirational target of the Climate Action Plan to reduce community emissions, it is recommended that two Councillors are nominated to attend meetings and report back to the full Council on the group's activities.

Next Steps

Council's involvement with this group will be reviewed over time to determine if it is appropriate to consider the group as having an advisory capacity and for councillors to be appointed to regularly attend meetings.

Funding or other requests requiring resourcing support are to be considered through the grants process and the development of the next Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan.

One speaker in support of the officers' recommendation addressed the meeting.

Procedural motion - Adjournment

Moved Councillor Sinfield

Seconded Councillor Parke

That the Services Delegated Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Services Delegated Committee meeting adjourned at 8.10pm.

Procedural motion - Resumption

Moved Councillor Sinfield

Seconded Councillor Parke

That the Services Delegated Committee meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

The Services Delegated Committee meeting resumed at 8.16pm with all councillors present except Councillor Franco.

MOTION

Moved Councillor Gault

Seconded Councillor Parke

That the Services Delegated Committee:

- 1. Nominate Councillor Hollingsworth, Councillor Gault and Councillor Biggar and officers as required, to attend meetings of Electrify Boroondara Alliance and report to Council on actions of the group;**
- 2. Support Electrify Boroondara Alliance through the provision of existing and proposed Council developed promotional material;**

3. **Consider any specific requests from Electrify Boroondara Alliance for resourcing support through the development of the next Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan; and**
4. **Review involvement with Electrify Boroondara Alliance in time to consider future appointments to the group through the annual Councillor Appointments process.**

CARRIED

Councillor Parke called for a division

Affirmative

Councillor Felicity Sinfield (Mayor)
Councillor Jim Parke
Councillor Wes Gault
Councillor Di Gillies
Councillor Lisa Hollingsworth
Councillor Susan Biggar
Councillor Nick Stavrou
Councillor Garry Thompson

Negative

Councillor Jane Addis
Councillor Cynthia Watson

The Chairperson declared the Motion **CARRIED**

4. General business

Nil

5. Urgent business

Nil

6. Confidential business

Nil

The meeting concluded at 9.18pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date
