



# **Minutes**

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held  
Wednesday 17 April 2024**

**Council Chambers, Nannup  
4.30pm**

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### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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### 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES:

Cr Tony Dean (Shire President)  
 Cr Vicki Hansen (Deputy Shire President)  
 David Taylor (Chief Executive Officer)  
 Louise Stokes (Casual CEO Projects Administration)  
 Lisa Reilly  
 Chrystelle Evangelista  
 Clint Connor

### Apologies:

Steve Winfield  
 Nicole Botica (Economic Community Development Coordinator)  
 Helen Ponton

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### 3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS: Nil

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**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** That the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held 25 October 2023 are a true and accurate record.

**MOVED** Vicki Hansen      **SECONDED** Lisa Reilly

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### 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL

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### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 11.1 Talison Lithium solar panel grant agreement in progress
  - 11.2 Sustainability Reserve Fund in discussion with Council
  - 11.3 Lower Catchment Council boundary change: discussion underway (under Soil and Land Conservation Act) governance complications so joining Growers Group may be simplest option however each group has different aims and values to consider. **ACTION:** Include in Nannup Sustainability Plan to establish a Nannup Landcare group and do an audit of regional landcare groups (aims, actions, governance). Another option is to support grants from the Shire of Nannup (eligible)
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## 7. REPORTS OF MEMBERS:

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7.1 Tony Dean: WBAC request for funding to Talison Lithium for regional funding of Coordinator Role – Salary/vehicle only (oncosts met by WBAC)	\$300K
Fuel and energy audits and infrastructure - \$250k per Shire	\$1.250M
Community devolved grants - \$100K per Shire over three years	\$500K

The community devolved grants, managed by the WBAC on behalf of the partnership, with a strong initial focus on aged and community care facilities and low-income housing, presents multiple opportunities for positive media exposure for both Talison and the Shires across our shared communities of interest.

Each LG to contribute \$10,000.

## 8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: NIL

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## 9. REPORTS OF OTHER ATTENDEES: NIL

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## 10. STANDING ITEMS:

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**10.1 Terms of Reference:** tabled and acknowledged.

**10.2 WABC Climate Change initiatives:** VERGE Contracting will present at the WBAC meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. Manjimup Shire Council Chambers. Members are invited to attend.

### **10.3 Sustainability Action Plan**

Consultation undertaken with:

1. Sustainability Advisory committee
2. General community
3. Scott River community

Upcoming consultation to include NDHS senior students, Donnelly River Holiday Village and an online survey to be distributed.

Draft Sustainability Plan tabled. Discussion about inclusion of Sustainability into agenda items as line item and potential impact on Council resources to implement along with overarching corporate documentation and policy to support this.

**ACTION:** Louise Stokes to review other regional Shire Council agendas to determine Sustainability and references (Corporate Business Plan, Strategic Community Plan)

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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11.1 Talison Lithium Solar Panel application: already discussed

11.2 Proposed Budget expenditure 2023/24

Item	Activity/Alignment	Total
Scott River rubbish trial	\$250 per pickup/fortnightly skip bin at Fire Shed May, June, July	\$ 1,500
Lower Blackwood Landcare	Feral pig control (E. Nannup, Folly, Balingup Rd)	\$ 5,000
Drought proof workshop	Workshop for community members	\$ 3,000
Rabbit control	Virus and licensed contractor	\$ 500
Total		\$10,000

**ACTION:** Louise Stokes to investigate rabbit control (cost of chemical and licensed contractor)

**MOTION:** That the above expenditure be authorized and EO to coordinate.

**MOVED:** Vicki Hansen

**SECONDED:** Clint Connor

**MOVED**

11.3 WBAC Strategic Plan includes audit by EO of Scott River farmers ground water allocations

## 12. PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Council Chambers 4pm.

Meetings to be held bi-monthly, same time, same place.

## 13. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

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6pm