

Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11 September 2012 at 8.41 pm
Council Chamber, 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore

Members Present: Councillor Palk – Presiding Member
Mayor David Parkin
Councillors Bills, Capogreco, Cornish, Davey, Hasenohr (arr. 8.43pm),
Lemon, Monceaux, Osterstock and Wilkins

Councillor Hasenohr was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

Apologies

Councillor Piggott

Leave of Absence

Councillor Pocock

Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor Cornish moved:

IE0039 That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Lemon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports of Officers

State Government Transport and Infrastructure Planning (4.1)

Councillor Cornish moved:

IE0040 That the Report be received.

Seconded by Councillor Lemon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Hasenohr entered the meeting at 8.43 pm.

Proposed Easement – 12 Wilaroo Avenue, Beaumont (4.2)

Councillor Bills moved:

- IE0041
1. That the Report be received.
 2. That Council endorse the proposed 2.5 metre wide easement and extension of the current drainage project on Wilaroo Avenue, Beaumont to connect to the existing pipe in 12 Wilaroo Avenue, Beaumont.
 3. That the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor are authorised to sign and affix the City of Burnside seal to documentation related to the creation of the easement.

Seconded by Councillor Davey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Waterfall Gully Road – Road Safety (4.3)

Councillor Osterstock moved:

- IE0042
1. That the Report be received.
 2. That the Administration continues to pursue safety and community amenity enhancements along Waterfall Gully Road, and in particular, undertake pedestrian improvements in line with Council's Footpath Policy.
 3. That the Chief Executive Officer write to the Minister for Transport to thank him for resurfacing the southern 1.4km of Waterfall Gully Road and to request that the remaining portion of the road be undertaken.

Seconded by Mayor Parkin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan 2012-2017 (4.4)

Councillor Davey left the meeting at 8.54 pm.

Councillor Monceaux moved:

- IE0043
1. That the Report be received.
 2. That Council adopts the draft Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan 2012-2017.
 3. That Council note that the 2013/2014 Annual Business Plan has an allocation of \$16,000 to complete the Central and Northern Hills Face Management Plan, which will now proceed as planned.

Councillor Davey returned to the meeting at 8.57 pm.

Seconded by Councillor Osterstock

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Petition Regarding Fire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mt Osmond (4.5)

Councillor Monceaux moved:

- IE0044
1. That the Report be received.
 2. That Administration implements the recommendations of the draft Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan to reduce the bushfire threat to an acceptable level.
 3. That Administration supports and encourages private land holders to also adopt the principles of the draft Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan and to take a more proactive approach to bushfire protection around homes and on private property.
 4. That Council's Fire Prevention Officer liaises with the Country Fire Service Officers as soon as practical to undertake Bushfire Attack Level Assessments for properties in the Mt Osmond area which have not had an assessment undertaken within the last five years, with the highest risk properties given priority.
 5. That the City of Burnside proceed, in the first instance, with education initiatives for private land holders, but should these initiatives fail, then revert to issuing hazard reduction notices in accordance with the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, to landholders to ensure appropriate buffer zone requirements are maintained.
 6. That the Administration formally communicate the outcomes of this Report to the Petition Spokesperson, Craig Parsonage and to every household in Mt Osmond and place a public notice advising of the course of action in the Messenger Newspaper and Council's Focus Newsletter as per Council's Petition Policy.
 7. That the email from Mr Parsonage dated 10 September 2012 to Council and Elected Members and Council's comments be included in the minutes of 11 September 2012.

Seconded by Councillor Osterstock

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Business

Nil

Closure

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Burnside Council Administration's advice to Council re Petition Regarding Bushfire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mount Osmond.

Resent-Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2012 13:22:48 +0000

Resent-From: <lpalk@burnside.sa.gov.au>

Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2012 22:52:08 +0930

From: Craig Parsonage <craig.parsonage@bigpond.com>

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Dear Mr. D. Parkin, Ms. J. Davey, Ms. L. Palk, Mr. T. Pocock, Mr. G. Piggott, Mr. R. Hasenohr, Mr. P. Cornish, Mr. G. Bills, Mr. M. Capogreco, Mr. M. Osterstock, Ms. A. Monceaux,

Burnside Council Administration's advice to Council re Petition Regarding Bushfire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mount Osmond.

I was only notified today that Council's Administration has put forward recommendations to Council re our Petition Regarding Bushfire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mount Osmond - I find such short notice unsatisfactory. On behalf of the petitioners I express considerable concern with respect to the advice being given to Council with respect to the establishment of a low fuel reduction zone below Gleneagles Road. Please refer to the text of my correspondence today with Mr. G. Nettleton Chief Officer CFS.

With respect to Aleppo pines Councillors should be advised that the following applies to this plant in the Mount Loft Ranges

Section 182(2)	Owner of land to control declared plants.
Section 182(3)	Owner of land to take measures for control or specified treatment
Section 185(1)	NRM authorities may recover certain costs from owners of land adjoining road reserves.

The Aleppo pine is a major bushfire risk in some of the gullies and the reserves in the Mount Osmond region and if the declaration does not apply in these specific area then Councillors should require the Administration to rectify this matter forthwith because inaction will put lives at risk.

Please note this petition was signed by 121 households representing the vast majority of residents at Mount Osmond. In signing the petition each petitioner expressed serious concern about the need for fire prevention and the need to minimise bushfire risk.

Kind Regards to all,
Craig

"Dear Greg,

Further to my letter dated 21 August 2012, I note and draw to your attention that Burnside Council's Administration is presenting recommendations to Councillors with respect to the petition December 2011 Petition Regarding Bushfire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mount Osmond. This matter requires your urgent attention.

The recommendations with respect to Gleneagles Road do not mandate the establishment of a Low Fuel Reduction Zone. There is considerable difficulty with the approach being taken by Council. Council's approach may result in no action. In addition those who do not implement a low fuel reduction zone will put others at risk. The CFS must take control of this matter by declaring a low fuel reduction zone (as shown in broad terms in the petition) and then Council must be required to use its powers to ensure it is implemented.

With respect to the removal of olives, black berries and Aleppo Pines from the unmanaged land below the existing Low Fuel Reduction Zones on Council Reserves and that below the "proposed low fuel reduction zone along Gleneagles Road" as well as maintaining this unmanaged land at low to moderate fuel load, I look forward to hearing from you about the advice you receive from Senior Officers of the Bushfire CRC with respect to these issues. Again the CFS will need to take control and mandate what has to be done with Council being required to ensure it is undertaken.

Bushfire prevention measures are the province of the CFS and must not be left to Council to determine what is done and how it is done. Consultation is fine but if the CFS does not take charge we will continue to go around in circles with no decisive action.

I also draw your attention to an email I sent to Leigh Miller requesting the SA Water easement that lies below Gleneagles Road be declared a fire track.

I request you act urgently on the matters referred to herein.

*Kind Regards,
Craig "*

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4. Reports of Officers

4.5 Petition Regarding Fire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mt Osmond.

Additional Information Provided

The following information is provided in response to the questions raised in an email message (10 September 2012), addressed to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Burnside, from Craig Parsonage of Mt Osmond, Head Petitioner of the Petition "Fire Prevention and Declared Plant Removal at Mt Osmond."

Statement 1

" On behalf of the petitioners I express considerable concern with respect to the advice being given to Council with respect to the establishment of a low fuel reduction zone below Gleneagles Road. Please refer to the text of my correspondence today with Mr. G. Nettleton Chief Officer CFS ."

- 1 The purpose of the draft Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan is to guide the strategic future management of bushfire hazard reduction on Council Reserves.
- 2 The same management principles can be adopted by private landholders, such as those living on Gleneagles Road to create low fuel reduction zones on their properties.
- 3 Council should note that many of the landholders on Gleneagles Road could be given Council expiation notices in order to attempt to enforce creation of a low fuel reduction zone in that area on private land, under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*.

Statement 2

“ With respect to Aleppo pines Councillors should be advised that the following applies to this plant in the Mount Lofty Ranges

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- 4 The weediness and fire hazard risk of the Aleppo Pine was recognised and addressed in the draft Southern Hills Face Reserve Vegetation Management Plan 2012-2017.
- 5 Council intends to manage the structure and density of the Aleppo Pine group in Gully Reserve to satisfy the overall moderate fire fuel load rating as recommended in the draft Southern Hills Face Reserve Management Plan.
- 6 Additional Council funds would be required to remove all of the Aleppo Pines on Council Property including the group at Gully Reserve. These funds could, subject to consultation, be included as part of the additional funds bid being sought to fully implement the draft Southern Hills Face Reserve Vegetation Management Plan at the next annual budget.
- 7 The community consultation process for the draft Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan, raised the issue of community concern about removing the food source for the Yellow-tailed black Cockatoo.
- 8 The Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo is a bird species with a conservation classification of *vulnerable* in South Australia.
- 9 Pg 24 of the Draft Southern Hills Face Reserve Management Plan states
“This species is an important food source for the Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo”.
“The main infestation is in Gully Reserve.” “It is proposed to consult with local residents to determine a defined patch to be maintained in the reserve until alternative food sources have been established.”
“Scattered pines elsewhere should be removed.”

Further Enquires can be made to the City of Burnside Fire Protection Officer or the Group Team Leader, Conservation and Land Management on Phone: (08) 8366 4200 or via email at burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au.