MOSMAN COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mosman Council Chambers Tuesday 2 February 2020, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

PRESENT	Chairperson: Cr Carolyn Corrigan	Mayor
	Deputy Chairperson: Cr Tom Sherlock	TS
	Isabella Wiggs	IW
	Rosemary Adams	RA
	Dr Richard Flook	RE
	Ursula Hogben	UH
	Alejandro Trevino	AT
	Craig Covich (Mosman Council)	CC
	Steven Smith (Mosman Council)	SS
	Ruth Irwin (Mosman Council)	RI
	Nuala Stewart (Mosman Council)	NS

APOLOGIES Rob Grant

The meeting was opened with an Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor

		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Rob Grant gave his apologies	
2.	Disclosures of Non-Pecuniary Interest	
	None received.	
3.	Actions completed	
	SS reported that an article on IW was published in Mosman Now.	
	SS reported that the Draft Climate Strategy and Action Plan now includes the link to the corporate strategic documents. SS also reported that the Climate Strategy and Action Plan may be subheaded "Mitigation" (emissions reduction) to demonstrate the link to the future Resilience & Adaptation Strategy.	
	SS welcomed suggestions from Committee for the resilience strategy. Staff are currently working on the document and gathering associated data and liaising with other areas of Council in particular Community Services.	
4.	Update - Climate Strategy and Action Plan	
	Community consultation NS reported that the Climate Strategy and Action Plan is still out for community consultation. Closes on 28 February 2021. 16 responses have been received so far. Many submissions are	

unrelated to the Climate Strategy, however the relevant submissions express support rather than providing specific comments. SS will report to Council on consultation outcomes in April 2021.

Mosman market

AT and TS suggested options to increase the number of submissions. RA and UH suggested that Council have a stall at the market on Saturday with a flyer / handout about the Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

CC and SS to arrange staff attendance at market and flyer

Existing networks

RF suggested tapping into the schools' network. UH suggested the Zero Emissions Sydney Sustainable Schools (facilitated by Council) be utilised to invite submissions from young people and offered to include this topic in the agenda for the first meeting, which is 27 February 2021.

UH and the Mayor suggested that Committee members encourage their own networks to submit comments.

Mayor reported that she wrote to principals of Mosman schools at the end of last year suggesting a young people's forum in response to a request from two Sacred Heart Year 6s.

IW suggested Facebook pages that are well supported by the Mosman community, such as Mosman Living may be effective in raising interest in the Climate Strategy & Action Plan.

Climate Change Bill

RA reported that public submissions have gone to the Standing Committee. Hearings are currently underway after which the Standing Committee will prepare a report.

Madam Mayor informed the Committee that Council made a submission.

5. Update – Council future mitigation actions

SS reported:

A) Solar installation: Civic Centre and Depot

Civic Centre roof has been repaired in preparation for installation of solar before the end of 2021.

Depot roof repairs are underway.

MBSC solar panels are performing well but most of the use is in the evening. We are therefore investigating battery storage.

B) LED acceleration of streetlights: MBSC, Vista St carpark and Drill Hall

Vista Street carpark is a mix of lighting types, and a high electricity use site. MBSC and Drill Hall are being considered for LED upgrades.

SS is in consultation with Ausgrid about streetlights LED upgrades, particularly regarding narrow roads.

SS to provide update on this project at next meeting.

6. Discussion of community engagement around climate mitigation

Madam Mayor asked for feedback from the Committee on community engagement.

RA highlighted that Council needs to decide whether they are trying to inform, consult or involve the community.

AT, RA and UH supported communication channels that are easy to use and immediate, such as mobile phone surveys and Facebook pages that are well supported by the community, such as Mosman Living, Mosman Collective and Mos Goss.

UH suggested face-to-face discussion groups and found that targeted messaging is effective. Once people have acted on one source of carbon emissions they tend to act on other sources. UH reported that Zero Emissions found the Mosman Daily, case studies, myth buster headlines, letterbox dropping and market stalls to be most effective.

UH, IW and AT suggested addressing barriers to solar to engage the community to reduce their emissions. SS undertook to research perceived barriers to solar and EV. SS suggested a general solar information workshop for the community.

RA and TS recommended Council promote their own emissions reduction actions to motivate the community to do the same and invite them to act. SS stated we would do this when we install solar on Civic Centre rooftop.

RA recommended that an alternative to solar panels is to seek out and use a renewable energy provider.

TS proposed the Bridgepoint electronic signs and bus shelters' signage could include emissions profile and normalise conversations around emissions reduction.

RA suggested FOGO for Mosman modelled on Woollahra's new FOGO system. Compost bins and worm farms are mentioned in the strategy but there is no action associated.

	SS: There are barriers for Mosman, and at present the cost is prohibitive, but we are continually monitoring the situation. Council is awaiting the State Government 20-year waste strategy, and the focus will be food and organic waste. Council offers the community a discount on compost bins through Compost Revolution. AT reported that this worked well when he decided to start composting at home. RF suggested that information regarding solar such as obsolescence, maintenance, long term issues may facilitate the community uptake of solar. RF asked how Council can encourage a transition to active transport. SS responded that Council could promote electric bikes. however, that there are no public electric bike chargers. Council also has an Active Transport Working Group which deals with these issues. AT suggested a strategy modelled on Mexico City's transition to active transport: starting small (e.g., ride a bike to Taronga) and building from there.	SS / RI to present at next meeting
7.	General Business At the request of TS SS wrapped up future actions: flyer / staff member at markets, Mosman Daily, comms team, social media for strategy actions, surveys for resilience strategy (present at next meeting), information for solar on residential, provide list of FAQs and package of solar information for residents	SS / RI
	TS requested a Comms report on climate strategy and a summary of progress regarding LED replacement of streetlights.	SS to provide this detail in Council Report and will provide update on LED streetlights at next meeting.

Next Meeting 13 April 2021

Mayor closed the meeting at 11.00 am.