

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL COMPANION ANIMALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 5.30pm in the Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.

1. Open of Meeting

Paul Esposito welcomed attendees to the Companion Animals Advisory Committee meeting of Cumberland Council.

2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies

Attendance List:

Di Dickenson	Committee Member
Josephine Moncrief	Committee Member
Lyn Wilson	Committee Member
Paul Esposito	Committee Member (Chairperson)
Sandra Brown	Committee Member

Pamela Colman	Community Representative
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Council Staff in Attendance:

Frank Cassar	Coordinator Environmental Protection (Deputy Chairperson)
Steve McGregor	Team Leader Environmental Protection (Secretary)

Apologies:

Amy Burton-Bradley	Committee Member
Debby Smith	Committee Member
Glenn Janes	Committee Member

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

ITEMS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE:

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 November 2018, were passed and adopted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Lyn Wilson and seconded by Sandra Brown.

5. Calendar of Committee Meeting Dates for 2019

Committee members discussed 19 March 2019 meeting date to be changed due to other obligations.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

5.1 The 19 March 2019 Companion Animals Advisory Committee meeting date has been changed to 26 March 2019 agreed upon by all Committee members present.

6. Petfest Presentation - Amanda Moran, Council's Senior Events Coordinator

Amanda Moran advised the Committee that Council is not re-appropriating funds from Petfest to other events and the budget will not be altered from previous allocated funds. The proposed date for Petfest is Sunday, 2 June 2019 to be held at Holroyd Gardens, date to be approved by Council.

Amanda requested feedback from Committee members in regards to previous Petfest event's what worked and didn't work. The Committee requested that the event showcase responsible pet ownership and education and getting local schools involved through competitions etc.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 6.1 Amanda Moran to look at other Local Government areas in regards to Pet festivals or similar activities to ascertain the current trend.
- 6.2 Committee members to discuss events to be held at Petfest and forward details to Amanda for consideration.

7. *Managed Cat Colonies - Cumberland Council's Participation*

Lyn Wilson is seeking participation by Council into the establishment of controlled cat colonies within the LGA and if Cumberland Council is willing to participate.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 7.1 Frank Cassar to contact Blacktown Council in regards to the management of cat colonies in their LGA.

8. *Committee Funding*

Committee members are seeking funds from Council to promote programs promoting responsible pet ownership.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 8.1 Chairperson to write to the General Manager in regards to what programs the Committee would like to run.
- 8.2 Frank Cassar to review previous programs run by Council to ascertain funding required.

9. *Funding*

Committee is seeking information in regards to what grants are currently available to promote Responsible Animal Ownership.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 9.1 Frank Cassar to look into what grants are available through organisations outside of Council.

10. *Impound Data*

Information required by all Committee members outlining the number of Dogs and Cats complaints, impound data, animal surrenders to Blacktown Animal Holding Facility (BAHF) from the Cumberland Council LGA for the December period.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 10.1 Frank Cassar to obtain information and present at next meeting.

11. *Close of Meeting*

Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 5.30pm in the Committee Rooms, Merrylands.