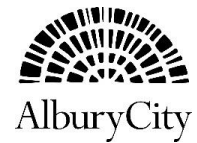


CM11.1. Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Panel meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2022

Recommendation

That Council receives, notes and accepts the Minutes/Recommendations of the Companion Animals Advisory Panel meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Note: The Minutes of Advisory Committees and Working Parties may come to Council for noting prior to the adoption of the Minutes by the relevant Committee or Working Party. This is to ensure timely information to the Council. Should an Advisory Committee or Working Party subsequently agree that the Minutes should be changed, this will be noted in the next set of Minutes.



Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Panel meeting 5:30pm Wednesday 12 October 2022 Robert Brown Room, AlburyCity Council

- Members:** Alicia Taylor (Albury Animal Care Centre), Rae Smith (Cat representative), Brydie Charlesworth (Dog representative), Cathy Woodbridge (RSPCA representative), Gervaise Gaunt (Community representative), Tim Steer (Acting Team Leader Education & Compliance) and David Armstrong (Team Leader Parks & Recreation).
- Councillors:** Cr Ashley Edwards – Chair.
- Staff:** Brodie Read (ACC Ranger) and Hannah Savige (Project Support Officer).
- Apologies:** Gabriel Xeros (Veterinary representative), Arthur Fraunfelder (RSPCA representative) and Renee Pigdon (Veterinary representative).
- Guests:** Louisa Ehlers (Dog representative) and Emma Grant (Dog representative).
- Absent** Lorraine Webb (Dog representative), Justin Clancy (Family Vet Centre) and Kerry Carter (Veterinary representative).

CAAP 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country.

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the land that we meet upon today and pay my respects to the Elders past, present, and future - for they hold the memories, culture, tradition and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that contribute to our community.

CAAP 2 WELCOME CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR

There were no Conflict of Interest Declarations received by the Chairperson.

CAAP 3 APOLOGIES

Gabriel Xeros, Arthur Fraunfelder and Renee Pigdon were apologies.

CAAP 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Rae Smith Moved, Louisa Ehlers Seconded

That the Minutes of the Companion Animals Advisory Panel meeting held on 13 July 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

CAAP 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

CAAP 6 ACTION ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

| ITEM | TASK | RESPONSIBLE | ACTION |
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| CAAP 6 – 17 Feb 21 | Delegation of Powers to be discussed with Justin Clancy. | Arthur Fraunfelder and Justin Clancy | Ongoing Andrew Hill will follow up with Arthur Fraunfelder. Possibility for the action item to be removed as RSPCA resources have improved due to the new Inspector starting. |
| CAAP 7 – 17 Feb 21 | Redraft of the dog park proposal to be circulated to the committee. | David Armstrong | Ongoing More information and guidance will be presented at the next meeting. |
| CAAP 8 – 13 April 22 | Speak to RSPCA about using their van to provide community members transport to Keep Track of Your Best Mate appointments. | Andrew Hill | Removed Void as Keep Track of Your Best Mate is currently under review. |
| CAAP 8 – 13 April 22 | Discuss how to get more vets on board with the Keep Track of Your Best Mate program. Organise meeting with local vets to address issues and identify opportunities for the program | Andrew Hill and Cathy Woodbridge | Ongoing Andrew Hill sent an email to all vet clinics in Albury asking for feedback on the Keep Track of Your Best Mate program. Feedback will be discussed at the next meeting. |
| CAAP 10-GB2 – 13 April 22 | Source existing content about dog ownership and safety and liaise with the AlburyCity Communications team. Engage with Brydie Charlesworth about what information and guidelines she provides to the community. | Andrew Hill, Ashlee Thomas and Brydie Charlesworth | Ongoing |
| CAAP 10-GB3 – 13 April 22 | Discuss fostering shortcomings in the area and identify potential opportunities. Awareness to be raised about the need for more foster carers and more | Alicia Taylor and Andrew Hill | Ongoing Alicia and Andrew will work with the AlburyCity communications team to promote the need for |

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| | financial support from local businesses. Albury Animal Care Centre will post on social media and AlburyCity communications team will also distribute information. | | foster carers – connect community members to AWAR and RSPCA. To be done before the end of 2022. |
| CAAP 7 – 13 July 22 | Investigate the security measures utilised at similar impounding and animal care facilities. | Alicia Taylor | Ongoing Alicia will contact other impounding facilities. |
| CAAP 7 – 13 July 22 | Discuss door options for dangerous dog pens. Keeping regulation standards in mind. | Andrew Hill and Louise Ehlers | Complete Andrew Hill emailed Louisa Ehlers that NSW and Vic guidelines don't allow for opening gates between dangerous dog pens. |
| CAAP 8-GB5 – 13 July 22 | Investigate if lights can be installed at Logan Rd dog park. | Andrew Hill and David Armstrong | Complete Discussion around the practicality of lighting only half of the large park. The panel agreed that dog owners should be exercising dogs in well lit areas or keep them on a leash when dark. |

CAAP 7 DISCUSSION OF NSW DEPUTY PREMIER ANNOUNCING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NEW ANIMAL CARE CENTRE BUILD – Tim Steer (acting Team Leader Education and Compliance)

On 30 September 2022, NSW Deputy Premier Paul Toole visited the Albury Animal Care Centre and announced \$880,000 of funding to go towards the building of the new facility. The funding will be used for a learning hub, emergency pet accommodation and sustainable enhancements.

Currently the new Animal Care Centre build is in the design stage. AlburyCity has commenced the development application process and construction will hopefully begin in May 2024 and be completed in 12 months.

The funding announced by the Deputy Premier has time constraints so this portion of the build will take priority and be completed by November 2024.

CAAP 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillors cat curfew/containment motion – Cr. Edwards

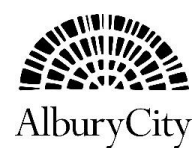
AlburyCity councillors will be presenting a motion on cat curfew/containment at the upcoming Local Government Conference. The motion will aim to seek changes to the current laws and powers surrounding cat containment in NSW. Other local councils will also be presenting the motion.

2. Possibility of extending ranger hours – Brydie Charlesworth

The possibility of extending ranger hours for animal pickups was discussed. Some panel members mentioned the safety issue of community members keeping stray dogs and cats overnight if they find the animal between the hours of 7:30pm – 7:30am. Community members aren't familiar with the animal's history or behaviour so it may be dangerous. Resourcing will be discussed by AlburyCity staff.

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| CAAP 10-GB2 – 12 October 22 | RSPCA to liaise with AWAR about dog assessment training. | Cathy Woodbridge and Rae Smith |
| CAAP 7 – 12 October 22 | Latest new Animal Care Centre floor plans to be circulated. | Kate de Hennin and Hannah Savage |



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| | <i>Please note that the floor plans are being shared for the information of the Companion Animals Advisory Panel only. The floor plans are still a draft concept and we have not yet moved into detailed design.</i> | |
| CAAP 8-GB2 – 12 October 22 | Possibility of extending ranger hours. | Andrew Hill and Kate de Hennin |

Meeting closed at 6:16pm.

Next meeting confirmed as Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 5:30pm.