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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 11 th September 2019	
Time:	6.45pm	Started at: 6.50pm Closed at 8.10pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
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Committee Role: To consider matters and inform Council and Council officers of community views and likely impact regarding opportunities for further uptake of renewable energy technologies, services and other energy efficient initiatives across the City of Ryde, and regionally.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson - Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Christopher Gordon	Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Edwina Clifton	Deputy Chairperson - Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
x		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
		Adrian Kong	Community Representative	RESIGNED
	x	Joanne Taranto	Community Representative	
	x	Graham Town	Community Representative	
x		Nicholas Tse	Community Representative	
x		Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Sam Cappelli	Manager – Environment, Health and Building	City of Ryde
x		Kylie McMahon	Senior Coordinator - Environment	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Pablo Bateson	Resource and Resilience Office	City of Ryde

John August	observer	Community member
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1.	<p>Welcome by the Chair and Apologies</p> <p>Clr Pedersen opened the meeting by welcoming all present and by recognising the traditional owners of the land.</p> <p>The apologies were as noted above.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Discussion and adoption of previous minutes – 12th June 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting dated 12th June 2019 were adopted.</p>	Adopted

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3. Presentation – local resilience plan for City of Ryde – Pablo Bateson

Pablo Bateson addressed the group and provided the following information:-

The information was noted.

- Resilience means the capacity to recover from difficulties such as shocks, heatwaves, floods, infrastructure fails and ongoing pressures such as housing affordability, economic downturn, food security, connectiveness, mental health and climate change.
- It means the capacity of the community to survive, adapt and thrive
- It involves individuals, communities, businesses etc all bouncing back from hard times.
- Engagement is the key element of resilience.
- There is a need for the community (especially CALD) to understand the term resilience. Council is in a good position to help its community do this.
- Cllr Gordon has attended events representing Ryde on the group of Resilience Sydney as councillor.
- This group has been operating for five years after the City of Sydney took the lead. 33 councils now take part. Kylie is an Ambassador for Resilience Sydney for Ryde. It is an international movement.
- The group is progressing well and has given consideration to issues such as carbon footprints, urban heat, social cohesion, preparedness etc
- Energy, low carbon emissions, water, resources, climate change, biodiversity and natural systems, transport, community wellbeing and governments need to be considered.
- City of Ryde needs a local plan which will outline actions, defines goals, targets and outcomes. The Plan for Ryde will be carried out over 10 years.
- In terms of preparedness which is a huge part of the Plan for Ryde Resilience, Council is looking to pair up with the Red Cross which has launched an app, web link to some of the resources available.
- Emergency preparedness week, is coming up as part of the campaign.
- Want to get this to Council by the end of the year or new year. Need to connect with the community and build resilience.
- Engagement will also occur at the Granny Smith Festival
- Cllr Pedersen has been advising Macquarie University staff and others about what Council is working on and the importance of community cohesion.
- It was noted that following hurricane Katrina – often the areas that bounced back best were those that had high levels of social cohesion as opposed to even highly developed communities with greater financial capacity.
- Some people are already experiencing climate anxiety
- Grant application is to work closely with the community at a street and local level.
- As the resilience plan proceeds, social media becomes an important tool.
- Pablo can be contacted at pbateson@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Following the presentation, the following comments were made:

- A meeting between community leaders i.e police, clergy, hospital staff etc was suggested to allow them to discuss this matter and to provide advice regarding what could and would happen in a time of crisis. This has occurred previously under the Resilient Sydney Strategy with these stakeholders highly involved in the research and development. When the Plan goes on exhibition, these groups will be invited to review.
- Leadership at different levels is needed on this topic.
- A check needs to be made of the equipment available to emergency services
- COR has a shared emergency plan with Hunters Hill Council but there is a lack of integration in the response.
- There are gaps too. Ryde’s plan addresses dust storms but the NSW govt doesn’t address this issue.
- Energy and transition to low carbon environment is key to the resilience plan

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<p>3. Actions arising from previous minutes</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted the Australian Medical Association has declared climate change an emergency - Data from 2016/17 is being used across Sydney as part of a community carbon measurement project to target reducing carbon through future project roll outs. All 33 Resilient partner councils are part of this and it will be a key focus for the group moving forward. Key areas for target are transport, energy and waste - Council has approached Macquarie Uni for work on a pilot project relating to transitioning the business community into a low carbon economy through managing risk. This will focus on climatic disruption and preparing through mechanisms such as investment in closed loop clean energy, divestment and risk management. This links directly to Pam R's proposal and the outcome will provide a 'pathway' for businesses at the end of the Renewable Event council is hosting later in the year. - It is hoped CEO's and CFO's will attend the event. These people are interested in risk and so targeting climate risk and demonstrating mitigation measures is considered a strategic move. - Two speakers are being arranged to date with council and Pam. Pam also suggested: - RE100 – working to achieve 100% renewables by different dates working with different companies who are working to this and - BRCA a not for profit group working to achieve power purchase agreements. - Cllr Pedersen suggested; Enova is another possible speaking possibility. It is a community NFP group with a plan for energy properties and works to develop a microgrid program. A former BHP director is involved - Hope also has a couple of suggestions for speakers from Monash University in which council is exploring. - The event is planned for a day for approx. 2hrs with the date and venue to be finalised. A maximum of three speakers are to be engaged with time for a Q&A. Suggestion to perhaps run a business breakfast or event after 4pm <p><u>Utility bill workshop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the success of the last event, another session could be planned in 2020. <p><u>Microgrid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enova could be invited to speak on the subject of Microgrids. It has solutions for premises which can't use solar installations only. - Low income groups are assisted by Lenova. <p><u>Solar my school</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was reported that five schools took up the initial offer but that one has subsequently withdrawn. - One school is progressing very well with likelihood of solar being installed prior to the end of the financial year in 2020. This school has used fundraising and the support of grants to participate. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Council will investigate these contacts and liaise with Pam to continue organising the event.</p> <p>Noted – investigation for appropriate fit for the corporate event by staff.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Council staff to investigate to seek to book Enova for the next meeting or new year.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4. General Business – Matters without Notice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pam advised that the movie 2040 is being screened on 14th October 2019 but that 77 attendees are required for the movie to go ahead. - A report on renewables is put forward to be considered by Council in October 2019. 	<p>Noted. Event to be promoted on Council's website if approved.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adrian Kong has resigned from this committee as he has moved from the local area. - It was noted that some Councils are operating electric vehicles being Blacktown and Randwick. The new Ryde EV project has just commenced with investigations underway for roll out in the two years. - A recent EV workshop was held at Ku-ring-gai Council and Ryde will most likely host the same in 2020 to complement the project roll out. - It was noted that domestic wind turbines are gaining popularity overseas. There are no plans for their introduction locally. It was considered that maybe they could be placed in local parks (new Central Park) as they resemble sculpture. - The recent success of Council at the Cities Power Partnership Award night for the application for the RALC solar project who made finalist was mentioned and staff were congratulated on all they do. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 11th December 2019 – Committee Room - Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted</p>

Meeting closed 8.10pm