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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 12 th December 2018	
Time:	6.45pm	Started at: 7.00pm Closed at: 8.15pm
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	
x		Adrian Kong	Community Representative	
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

Councillor Peter Kim	Councillor Delegate - observer	City of Ryde
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<p>1. 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.
<p>2. Discussion and adoption of previous minutes – 12th September 2018</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting dated 12th September 2018 were adopted.</p>	Adopted
<p>3. Actions arising from previous minutes</p> <p><u>Grant opportunities for EV</u></p>	

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<p>Staff were not able to identify any current grant opportunities in relation to EV. However there were grants previously and council will continue to research and watch.</p> <p><u>Climate Presentation Proposal to Council (September Meeting 2018) – Update by Climate Action Network - Pam Reeves</u></p> <p>Pam (as representative of the Climate Action Group) provided an update on the previous proposal and presentation to the committee and suggested that Council could run a forum for businesses in the local area and engage speakers who can talk on a range of solar uptake and renewables topics. The aim being to assist businesses to transition to cleaner technologies (solar) or improve their buildings environmental footprint. Pam recommended that this committee request that Council run the forum in conjunction with the Macquarie Park Forum.</p> <p>Kylie advised that staff are in conversation with council's Macquarie park Business Forum Representative on the idea to host the event at one of their 'Venture Café initiatives. The Cafe is a new idea connecting business and council in an informal forum to learn, network, and swap and share ideas. This has already been formally approved and council will progress this further seeking to lock in a date. The committee and Pam were in support of exploring this further.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Council to confirm an available date for the forum and liaise with the Climate Group. An update to be provided to the committee as it progresses later in 2019.</p>
<p>4. General Business – Matters without Notice</p> <p><u>Kiama Cities Power Partnership Climate Conference – Cirs Pedersen and Clifton</u></p> <p>An update on the conference was provided by the Councillors who attended. Dr Lesley Hughes of Macquarie University and Climate Works, at the conference demonstrated that climate change is progressing very quickly. The damage at 1 – 2% climate increase will destroy up to 99% of coral reefs and will have a hugely detrimental impact on the environment.</p> <p>Media messaging was also explained at the conference and attendees were encouraged to use this. Electric Vehicle topic was very evident and throughout the whole conference.</p> <p>A number of companies were also present at the conference and provided good input. Council convinced one company to participate in the Granny Smith Festival bringing a Tesla fully EV to the parade to promote EV uptake.</p> <p><u>Solar my schools in Ryde</u></p> <p>A project bid (awaiting final Council decision for inclusion in Council delivery plan) was made by staff to obtain funding to assist with the project. A consultant will be engaged to assist schools to assess solar ability, write a grant and then install solar panels on the roof of their school.</p> <p>This will commence in 2019/ 2020 and be run through councils Environmental Educators Network open to a limited number of eligible schools under the project funding.</p> <p><u>Renewables targets – Clr Clifton</u></p> <p>Clr Clifton spoke on her motion recommending that all electricity used by City of Ryde operations and assets be derived from at least 60% renewable energy by 2020. The motion requests council staff to investigate the feasibility of this target and provide a pathway towards transition. The report will be presented later in the year.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><u>Other renewable based future projects – Electric vehicles and Eastwood solar, community solar</u></p> <p>Kylie advised a project bid (awaiting Council decision for inclusion in the delivery plan) was made that will enable the purchase of two fully electric vehicles and install up to three solar charging stations in the city to start EV uptake in our community. Works will commence in 2019/2020</p>	Noted
<p><u>Sunspot online Solar Assessment Tool</u></p> <p>Council recently joined Sunspot to provide residents an unbiased web portal to self-assess their solar potential for their home. The online tool has been very well received to date. The Environment Team have provided two solar assessment tuition events at the library and these have been very popular. More are planned in 2019.</p> <p>The ‘Green Hub’ sustainability street provided by the Environment and Waste teams, this year at the Granny Smith Festival also promoted the tool and provided personalised tuition to interested residents on how to engage and use the sunspot tool.</p> <p>The Chair enquired as to the interest in the tool by local business. The current form of the tool is yet to enable council to assess commercial use from general public and that there has not been any feedback from business in using the tool. Noted by Cllr Pedersen was the opportunity to promote it to businesses in the area to use.</p>	Council staff to provide No. of hits on the Sunspot site at next meeting.
<p><u>Solar report to Council – Cllr Kim</u></p> <p>Sam Cappelli advised that the staff member who would have prepared this report has resigned. The report will now be brought to the March meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Kim clarified that he would like to see the exploration of a micro grid included in the report to be prepared. This is a new inclusion and did not form part of the initial formal report request which will have to be further explored.</p> <p>Cllr Pedersen raised the suggestion of a speaker to REAC that she was aware of who specialised in microgrid explanation and transitions into the community space.</p>	Council staff review opportunities to promote to local businesses
<p><u>Low income solar</u></p> <p>A question was raised about the services provided by Council to assist low income earners access information about energy rebates, cost saving measures etc. The committee has previously discussed this with any new initiatives where possible to address this, to be explored.</p> <p>The State Government has announced residential solar grant to be provided to low income households across NSW. At this time residents in the Ryde LGA will not be eligible however council will retain a watching brief and promote when new grants for the LGA if they available.</p> <p>Suggestion by committee member Hope - for staff to look into providing a service at the library once per month to assist residents access information to help them lower their power bills. Hope also made note that in Port Pirie, SA there is a scheme that operates to cover residential electricity bills. No such known scheme exists in NSW presently.</p>	Noted
<p><u>EV and Council EV policy</u></p> <p>A policy will be prepared in conjunction with the 2019/2020 EV project to install charging points and two cars in the city.</p>	Council will contact the speaker to see if there is opportunity for them to present to the committee.
	Noted and to be explored by council in the future.
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	<p>2019 REAC Meeting dates</p> <p>The following dates have been confirmed for 2019 meetings of this committee:</p> <p>13th March 2019 12th June 2019 11th September 2019 11th December 2019</p>	<p>Noted</p>
7.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 13th March 2019 – Committee Room - Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted</p>

Meeting closed 8.20pm