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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 12 June 2019	
Time:	6.45pm	Started at: 6.50pm Closed at: 7.45pm
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
x		Diego Uzzun	Senior Sustainability Transport and Environment Coordinator	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 – 11th March 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting dated 11th March 2019 were adopted.</p>	Adopted

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<p>3. Actions arising from previous minutes</p> <p><u>Solar Report</u></p> <p>Kylie advised that all members of the Committee had been provided with a copy of the above report via e-mail.</p> <p><u>Venture Café update</u></p> <p>This committee had previously suggested that Council partner with the Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group to host an energy event in 2019.</p> <p>As a result, Diego and Kylie have met with Venture Café to discuss the possibility of hosting an event at their Macquarie Park quarters that would be aimed at the corporate business partners in Macquarie Park. The intention was to involve the top people within organisations and to examine the business model for increasing renewable energy uptake in the sphere of risk management.</p> <p>Discussions have been held and plans are to be finalised. Expected to take place in November 2019.</p> <p>Council is delivering a future program to target corporate groups in Macquarie Park for reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>Students from Macquarie Park are being involved in plans via a new project to have business transition to low carbon emissions and to future proof their businesses against climate change through diversification of energy investment.</p> <p>It is intended that the student project will deliver pathways for the corporate partners at the Venture Café event in November 2019.</p> <p>Pam Reeves has been in contact with potential speakers for the event such as Business Renewable Centre Australia. Also Diego Uzzun, Clr Pedersen and Hope Ashiabor mentioned they had contacted/could get in touch with other potential speakers.</p> <p><u>Utility bills workshop at library</u></p> <p>Workshops held/to be hold at Ryde Library on 6th and 18th June 2019.</p> <p>No feedback yet about how the first workshop was received.</p> <p><u>Microgrids</u></p> <p>The contact provided by John August has been contacted but he is not ready to present his findings to this committee yet as the project is not complete.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Ryde-Gladesville Climate Change Action Group to assist Council in delivering the event</p> <p>Council to report back on progress of event development</p> <p>Kylie to report back on attendance outcomes</p> <p>Future presentation to be arranged</p>
<p>4. General Business – Matters without Notice</p> <p><u>Climate Emergency Declaration – Clr Gordon</u></p> <p>Councillor Pedersen congratulated Clr Gordon on his recent successful to motion which was adopted by Council in relation to a climate emergency declaration.</p> <p><u>Electric vehicles</u></p> <p>Clr Gordon acknowledged the assistance provided by Kylie McMahon in the development of the project for him.</p> <p>It was noted that Council’s recent comments and decision regarding electric vehicles have generated a lot of media interest.</p> <p>It was noted that an electric and driverless bus is being trialled in Newcastle. Clr</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Pedersen suggested that the presence of an electric bus in Macquarie Park would generate interest and support the view of the park as being a place of innovation and technology.</p>	
<p><u>Free access to Azility platform</u></p>	
<p>Clr Pedersen noted that from July it will be free for Councils to join Azility environmental monitoring. City of Ryde already has access to the services provided by this group which scans data related to Council's assets and bills to provide information re potential savings.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><u>EV/AV forum held recently at Venture Café</u></p>	
<p>The above event was recently attended by both Clr Pedersen and Pam Reeves.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>The forum provided information regarding a Queensland company which is developing charger points.</p>	
<p>It is considered that electric vehicles will become mainstream – it is just a matter of time.</p>	
<p>It is also considered possible that cars may be able to be retrofitted for EV.</p>	
<p>Discussion regarding the number of solar panels needed to charge a car is significant for a standard home.</p>	<p>Kylie to share info with the group on this topic</p>
<p>Clr Gordon noted that overseas research shows that the carbon emissions from one flight equals 140,000 train trips of the same distance.</p>	
<p><u>Solar my schools</u></p>	
<p>This new project officially commences on 1st July 2019 for 3 years.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Engaging local schools and following work with consultants. It is hoped that between 3 and 5 local primary and high schools will be taking up the offer in 2019/20.</p>	
<p>Grants for schools participating in the scheme will be applied for soon.</p>	
<p><u>Budget bids for solar projects</u></p>	
<p>Council will soon be considering the renewable energy target and the existing solar report which was presented to this committee at its last meeting. This report recommends that at least 60% of Council's energy needs be sourced from renewable sources by 2030.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>It was noted that the West Ryde Community Centre is currently having solar panels installed. The system will pay for itself in four years and will produce 30% of the total energy required.</p>	
<p>Hope asked a question as to how Council guarantees that the materials used are safe and comply with Australian standards.</p>	
<p>Staff advised that most of solar panels available in the market are manufactured in China and that Council carries out diligence in a number of ways eg references from other uses, uses Clean Energy Council approved companies only, warranty provisions etc to ensure items are as safe as possible.</p>	
<p><u>Other solar news</u></p>	
<p>It was noted that the solar installation at the RALC has been submitted for an award through the Cities Power Partnership program.</p>	
<p>It was reported that the Sunspot online assessment tool is being well used and was featured at the recent Sustainability Fair held by Council at Putney.</p>	

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5.	Next Meeting:	Action
	The next meeting will be held on 11 th September 2019 – Committee Room - Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde	Noted

Meeting closed 7.45pm