

Animal Management Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday 3 December 2015

Meeting Room 2



Meeting Start: 5pm

Meeting Close: 6pm

Apologies:

Sharon McTaggart

Present:

Steve Gatt – Manager Regulatory Services

Anthony Smith – Animal Education Officer

Alderman Glover - Chairman

Alderman Knox - Chairman

Kate Dixon

Amy Dobell

Emma Barber – Cats Associations

Meg Gardiner – Dogs NT

Meeting opened with introductions of each of the committee members.

Quorum was established as half the committee plus one and one Alderman is required.

All recommendations need to be submitted to Council by the 30 April 2016 – an extension may be applied for providing it is done so before this date.

Action

More statistics are needed to help the group make more informed decision such as;

- Cat and dog destruction rates
- Microchipping
- Houses with more than 2 dogs
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Steve Gatt to gather statistics and distribute to the committee via email.

The introduction to the strategy needs to include residents whom don't own animals and it should be about education owners on responsible ownership of animals.

The strategy should include targets that need to be met by Council so that it is clear that the strategy is working.

It also needs to include addressing the feral dog and cat problem and looking towards mandatory de-sexing: will be added as an agenda item to the next meeting for further discussion.

VOTE

Move towards a strategy was voted in by all members.

DECISION

- Meetings will be held fortnightly for an hour starting from the 21 January.
- An animal management strategy that would replace the animal management plan be developed with a review date every four (4) years

General Discussion:

Next Meeting 21 January 2016.

5pm – 6pm

Meeting Location to be advised