
TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL - MEETING TASK SHEET

ACTION ITEM - Council Meeting - 20 February 2020

TITLE: Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 22 November 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 22 November 2019 be received and noted.

MEETING RESOLUTION

Cr Katie Milne (Mayor)

Cr Reece Byrnes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 22 November 2019 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

VOTE FOR - Cr Katie Milne (Mayor), Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor), Cr Pryce Allsop, Cr Reece Byrnes, Cr Ron Cooper, Cr Warren Polglase

VOTE AGAINST - None

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr James Owen

Minutes

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 22 November 2019

Venue:

Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum & Cultural Centre

Time:

9.30am

Present:

Des Williams 10am (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council representative), Victor Slockee (Canowindra representative), Dale Williams 10am (Bugalwena representative), Leweena Williams (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport representative), Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative), Cr Chris Cherry (Tweed Shire Council).

Ex-officio:

Tracey Stinson, Chantelle Howse, Robert Appo, Nicole De Valter (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council).

Guests (in order of arrival):

Ken Crane (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 10am), Wayne Haayer (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived 10.30am), Vince Connell (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 11am), Sally Cooper (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 11.30am).

Apologies:

Mayor Katie Milne, Robyn Grigg (Tweed Shire Council), Desrae Rotumah (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society representative).

Notes until Quorum achieved.

Agenda Items:

A1. Disaster Recovery – Ken Crane (TSC)

Ken gave a presentation about changing the way Local Recovery happens in the Tweed and Byron shires. He began by clarifying the recovery processes from Natural Disasters and how recovery interacts with emergency management during a disaster event. Ken explained the importance of networking with services, business and communities to ensure post disaster needs are communicated to the emergency committee. Ken provided some clarity around emergency donations and spontaneous volunteers. He said it is important to manage community expectations and the need to get the word out to the community and volunteers about what is and isn't needed depending on the type of disaster.

Des and Dale Williams Arrived at 10am – Quorum achieved

Jackie raised a question about the disparity of information and service between the different government groups during the recovery phase particularly Centrelink.

Ken noted that while Centrelink staff would be involved following a disaster declaration, the information may not filter down to the local staff quickly and not all Centrelink staff are involved in a disaster response.

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Ken talked about the importance of having local representatives involved in the Recovery phase as they will understand what the needs are of the community. This will help minimise any disconnect between emergency management, state departments and local communities.

Leweena Williams Arrived at 10.30am

Ken explained the Community Resilience Network, is there to support and provide information for local resilience and recovery and to provide the link between emergency, state departments and local groups. This is not an advisory group to council, it is a reference group for the recovery phase of emergency management. Ken encouraged AAC members to consider applying for membership if their organisation thought it was appropriate.

He then explained the Expression of Interest process is for organisation participation in the Community Resilience Network to support the distribution of information to emergency management and the community.

Action: Ken to email Nomination forms to AAC members.

Chair: Victor Slockee
Moved: Leweena Williams
Seconded: Des Williams

RESOLVED that the Chair was declared vacant and nominations were called. Victor was nominated and was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

Victor opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and paid respect to Elders past, present and those emerging.

A2. Presentation by Coastal Ranger, Pest Animals and Wildlife Protection - Wayne Haayer (Tweed Shire Council)

Wayne explained the Coastal Rangers role in educating the public about how to protect the environment and how compliance is a part of what he does as well.

Leweena expressed that the people of Fingal are happy about the appointment of the position.

Wayne spoke about dogs and off leash areas and the impact that dogs can have on shore birds across the shire.

A question was raised about council's compliance jurisdiction over water. Wayne explained that they don't have any jurisdiction over water. Coastal Rangers are working closely with NSW Fisheries and Waterways.

Leweena brought up issues surrounding activities at Fingal Peninsular which could be addressed by a better working relationship with both Council and Waterways and Fisheries.

Cr Cherry raised that the AAC could raise the issue with Council's Coastal Committee.

Leweena raised concerns over illegal camping within the Shire especially on the coastal strip. Wayne noted that there are a lot of grey areas due to the Crown Lands Management Act but they are working on understanding the Act and enforcing the laws where possible.

Wayne explained that the Rangers don't have the same 'move on' powers as the police and they work with homelessness on a case by case basis, by assessing the individuals in question,

making sure that they are not a danger to the community (drugs etc.) or undertaking other illegal activity. Councils Homelessness Policy clearly states that people who are homeless have a right to use.

A3. Presentation by Director Planning & Regulation - Vince Connell (Tweed Shire Council)

Vince provided an overview of the planning and regulation directorate which is governed by legislation. He said it is important for council to be compliant whilst also keeping the community informed of these complex processes.

Vince explained that at present there are 10 projects directed by the State Government which Council staff are currently working on.

Members of the AAC discussed concerns with compliance issues which may impact on cultural heritage such as illegal land clearing.

A4. Sally Cooper (Tweed Shire Council)

(a) Fingal Holiday Park Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA)

Sally gave an update on the Fingal Holiday Park Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and advised that an advertisement has been placed in the Tweed Link and Koori Mail and that the various Aboriginal authorities had been notified of the project and contact details for potential RAPs had been sought. AAC members were advised there is a community meeting being held for Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) on Monday 2 December at 6pm in Fingal Head Surf Club. This is to discuss the survey and establish the methodology for the assessment. Council will provide maps for the meeting. AAC members interested in attending are encouraged to attend. Also, AAC members are encouraged to advise other Aboriginal community members who they think might be interested in being involved in the consultation process of the meeting to register as RAPs.

Sally advised that NICHE environment and heritage have been engaged by Council to undertake the assessment. The proposed methodology at this stage (subject to change following consultation) is to undertake a pedestrian site survey in the first instance. This will be used to validate known ACH sites and objects and map new ones as advised by RAPs and identified by the project archaeologists. Following the pedestrian site survey, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is proposed to be used to survey for subsurface burials and intact midden. GPR will target areas specifically identified as having a high likelihood of burials or intact midden. Following the GPR survey, there may or may not be further subsurface investigation using non-invasive auguring or test-pitting. However, the necessity for these types of survey are not known until after the other surveys have been completed and the RAPs have been consulted. Field work is expected to commence in mid-January.

(b) ACHMA Field Findings for sewer upgrade at Philip Parade, Tweed Heads South

Sally advised that a site visit was undertaken by NGH Environmental along with RAPs at Phillip Parade and Council officers. The purpose of the site visit was to confirm the location of the cultural sites as reflected in the NSW Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and map new sites as discovered.

Sally advised that consultants are currently preparing the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) report which will be sent to RAPs for review. Once finalised the ACHA report will be used to apply for an aboriginal heritage impact permit (AHIP) to undertake the ground disturbance for the sewer upgrade. The AHIP will cover harm to previously disturbed midden only. If any intact midden is encountered during works it will be a stop-works scenario and a modified

AHIP would be required or alternative construction method required. Aboriginal cultural heritage monitors would be on site during earthworks.

A5. Tweed Heads Cultural Plaza opening – Joanne Watters

Joanne discussed planning for the opening of the Tweed Heads Cultural Plaza in March and is seeking feedback from the AAC for the program. To assist the committee it was proposed that the December AAC meeting be held at the Tweed Administration Building to give the AAC an opportunity to walk through the new space before the official opening.

Inwards Correspondence:

IC1. Concept Plan for Fingal Foreshore Plan

Jodie Hewett provided a concept plan for Fingal Foreshore and reminded AAC members that they can have their say on Council's Your Say Website.

IC2. 'For Country, For Nation' Exhibition at Tweed Regional Gallery & MOAC

The AAC are aware of the exhibition and the way dates for openings are set was discussed.

Business Arising:

Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Item BA3.

BA1. Breach of conduct at Pottsville Community Association meeting on 31 July 2019

Tracey noted that procedures exist to protect staff and let people know what behaviours will not be tolerated.

Action: Chantelle and Robyn to liaise with Communications team to follow up on a Tweed Link article.

Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Item BA1.

BA2. Sign at Philip Parade and Hillcrest Avenue.

Jackie confirmed that the signage at Philip Parade and Hillcrest Avenue have been replaced.

Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Agenda Item A2.B

A2. Fingal Foreshore Park – Stewart Brawley and Ian Bentley (Tweed Shire Council)

(b) Jack Evans Boat Harbour and Goorimahbah upgrade

There was confirmation that a meeting has not gone ahead.

Action: Rob to confirm the meeting date in 2020.

Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Agenda Item A1

A1. Fingal Holiday Park ACHMA

Recommendation: It was requested that the successful tenderer consult with the AAC prior to the commencement of work.

Action: Rob to liaise with NICHE Environment and Heritage to come along to one of the first meetings in January.

Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Agenda Item A4

A4. Presentation on People Communication & Governance Directorate – Suzanne Richmond (Tweed Shire Council)

Action: Chantelle to liaise with Suzanne Richmond to receive updates

**Business Arising at meeting held on 24 September 2019 Agenda Item A3
(b) Possible Create NSW Story re the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan or
20 year AAC/TSC Anniversary**

The committee would like to see the draft of the AAC / TSC Anniversary article.

Business carried over to next meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Leweena

Seconded: Jacquie

ADDITION to the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held 24 September 2019 the AAC discussed the need for a workshop for interested business owners to workshop through the process of registering on Council tender & procurement panels. Council will hold a workshop to outline the process for indigenous business to register with council.

With the above addition the minutes were be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

General Business:

GB1. UN Declaration

Tracey spoke to the group about the document that has been provided and asked if the Committee would like to have Tara Ali, External Relations - Message Stick Walk, come to a meeting to do a presentation.

The group confirmed that they would like to discuss and understand the proposal first then they would add it to the Agenda next year.

Tracey confirmed that she will request that the Mayor delays any notice of motion on this matter until the AAC has received the presentation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held 6 December 2019.

The meeting closed at 1.22pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.