

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 5 February 2021

Venue:

Mike Rayner Room, Tweed Heads Administration Office

Time:

9.30am

Present:

Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council, via phone), Leweena Williams (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport), Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group), Victor Slockee (Canowindra), Tina Pidock (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society), Dale Williams (Bugalwena), Cr Katie Milne

Ex-officio:

Helen Carter, Nicole De Valter (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council)

Apologies:

Mayor Chris Cherry, Tracey Stinson (Tweed Shire Council)

Chair Called

Nominated: Des Williams

Moved: Jackie McDonald

Seconded: Dale Williams

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

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

Agenda Items:**A1. Wardrop Valley Tiny Homes Village Presentation – Councillor Ron Cooper**

Cr Ron Cooper explained the background and gave an overview of the Wardrop Valley Tiny Homes Village concept.

The group discussed the scope, sustainability and community aspects of the project.

Helen Carter, Acting Unit Coordinator Community Services, explained that Council has an overarching Community Development Strategy that helps address some of the topics discussed and that Council has a team of Community Development Officers who help to implement the Strategy. Helen noted that any next steps with the project would need to be considered within the context of the Council-adopted Community Development Strategy.

The AAC discussed the scope, sustainability and community aspects of the project. Some AAC members raised concerns about the proposal particularly without a clear needs

analysis having been presented, an apparent lack of clarity about the particular target group the housing is intended to support, and the location, given its remoteness.

A2. Norries Head Concept Design Project – Stewart Brawley

Stewart Brawley, Manager Parks and Active Communities, gave a brief overview of the upcoming Master Plan for the Parkland area on Norries Headland, Cabarita. Stewart highlighted the Shire-wide Open Space Strategy incorporating a number of community priorities. A number of areas required a Master Plan and Norries Head was identified through this process. Council is in the initial stages of the project, Dan Plummer, of Smith and Plummer Landscape Architects, has been commissioned to help with the design of the Norries Head Master Plan and we are beginning to engage the community for feedback on the project. Stewart explained that at this stage it was just for information and that as the project progresses he would return to the AAC to provide updates and to seek input from the Committee.

The group discussed the area that would be included in the Master Plan. It was raised that there has been considerable erosion on the headland and the Committee also reminded Council that the whole site is a Midden Area. Stewart acknowledged this and understood that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) would need to be completed.

Jackie McDonald advised that she could provide photographs of the area before it was initially developed to Stewart.

Leweena Williams expressed concern that the area is being heavily used by tourists. Stewart acknowledged this and explained that they will be designing the area with the local communities' values in mind so that we can better manage the key functions of the area.

A3. Recommendation on Closure of Letitia Road, Fingal Head

The group discussed the extension of the closure of Letitia Road beyond the current date of 1 March 2021. Currently the road is closed to vehicles, but pedestrians and cyclists can still access the area.

It was discussed that the Committee members would consult the Fingal Head Elders and community members to consider longer-term options, e.g. shutting the road permanently.

RECOMMENDED that Letitia Road, Fingal Head, stay closed until 1 September 2021.

Moved: Leweena Williams
Seconded: Tina Pidock

General Business:

GB1. Churakai Sign missing from the Border Markers.

Jackie Mc Donald raised an issue of a *Churakai* plaque missing from the border markers area. Jackie can provide the information again if required.

Action: Stewart Brawley will investigate this and begin the process of having it replaced.

OM1 Koala Beach Park/Playground

24/9/19 Des Williams took Stewart's details and will call him to follow up.

Update 5 February 2020 meeting.

OM3 Community Development Officer – Draft Position Description

7/8/20 The draft Position description was distributed to the group with an invitation to comment.

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OM5 Naming of natural burial site – advice regarding using the word Waydjang – Helen Carter

Jackie McDonald to follow up with the translation or word for Long Sleep or Big Sleep.

Update 5 February 2020 meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held 5 March 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:

A3. Recommendation on Closure of Letitia Road, Fingal Head

Comment/Nil

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

A3. Recommendation on Closure of Letitia Road, Fingal Head

That Council:

1. Requests that Letitia Road, Fingal Head, stay closed until 1 September 2021.