

## Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 5 March 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), Dale Williams (Bugalwena), Cr Katie Milne

**Ex-officio:**

Tracey Stinson, Helen Carter, Nicole De Valter, Gabby Arthur (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council)

**Apologies:**

Mayor Chris Cherry, Victor Slockee (Canowindra), Tina Pidock (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society)

**Guest:**

Melissa Muter, Tweed Byron Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO).

**Chair Called**

**Nominated: Dale Williams**

**Moved: Leweena Williams**

**Seconded: Jackie McDonald**

**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.

Jackie introduced the guest visitor to the group, Melissa Muter who is the new Tweed Byron Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO), with NSW Police. Jackie requested permission for Melissa to remain in the whole meeting which was agreed by all committee members.

Business was deferred to begin with the agenda items.

## Agenda Items:

### **A1. Owners Consent - Kingscliff Monopole – TSC Coordinator - Strategy & Business Management – Robert Siebert**

Robert advised that Council has received an application for owners consent to submit a Development Application, to install a monopole at the Kingscliff Reservoir, from Aurecon/Telstra.

Robert advised that the matter had been subject to an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment prepared by Everick Heritage. Jackie McDonald and Des Williams both advised that the request had previously been to the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP) for discussion. This is noted in the Assessment. It was acknowledged that the AAC were being notified of the process as the site has been recognised as a site of significance. The Assessment had been provided to all members of the AAC prior to the meeting.

Cr Milne explained that the current location of telecommunications equipment on Council's water reservoirs poses an unacceptable level of risk to Council's water supply and the safety of staff. Telstra has advised that when removed from the Council's water reservoirs the preferred location of the telecommunications equipment is on a monopole located at the site of the Kingscliff reservoir.

It was clarified that Council was seeking input from the AAC in their deliberations over whether to grant owner's consent for Telstra to submit a Development Application for the erection of a monopole. The Committee advised that if a definitive decision is required from the AAC to assist Council in making their decision then AAC members would require more time to review the documentation and requested that this item be deferred to the next AAC meeting.

### **A2. Fingal Holiday Park Update – TSC Senior Planning Applications Officer, David Hannah**

David Hannah let members of the AAC know that within his update he would be discussing deaths and burials and gained approval from the Committee to proceed.

David provided an overview of the work completed to date. Most recently Heritage NSW required that more test excavation work be completed, with Niche Environment and Heritage required to prepare a methodology and submit an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) and provide Heritage NSW with an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) Report. Niche have prepared a draft test excavation methodology and have finalised the ACHA report. The draft report has been circulated to the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP's) who have until the 26 March 2021 to review and provide feedback for changes.

Des Williams raised the issue about the boundary of Tweed Holiday Park having encroached into the cemetery over the years. David noted that the assessment report acknowledges the 2 burials that were picked up in the survey and proposes to move the boundary of the Tweed Holiday Park back to the South to avoid that part of the cemetery.

Leweena Williams would like it acknowledged within the ACHA report that the Caravan Park encroached onto a known cemetery. David requested that Leweena also provide this feedback to Niche so that these words can be included in the ACHA report.

David advised that the draft reports have been circulated to the RAP's, with the review documents due back by the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Leweena requested that a face to face meeting be set up prior to the review due date so that all the feedback can be provided by the RAP group and recorded by Niche for the report.

### **A3. Norries Head Masterplan Project – Manager Parks and Active Communities – Stewart Brawley.**

Stewart Brawley requested representation from the AAC to join David Burgener, TSC and Dan Plummer, Landscape Architect, at an onsite meeting to contribute knowledge of areas of significance so that this can be incorporated into the design process. Committee members agreed that they would like to be involved and requested the Tweed Officer to send through some suitable time options.

**Action**            *David Burgener, TSC, to email committee with suitable times to organise a site visit.*

The Agenda was deferred to discuss Outstanding Matters with Stewart Brawley.

### **OM6. Churaki Sign missing from the Border Markers – Raised at AAC meeting on 5 February 2021.**

Stewart advised that he has asked around Council's network with no response. Will follow up on this again.

### **OM2. Koala Beach Park/Playground – Raised at AAC meeting on 24 September 2019.**

Des Williams requested a site visit with Stewart at the Koala Beach Park Site.

**Action – Stewart to contact Des to arrange a suitable time.**

The Agenda was resumed.

### **A4. Recommend a Process for Clarification of Language Enquiries – TSC Acting Unit Coordinator - Community Services – Helen Carter**

Helen Carter requested clarification around how to handle language requests for the naming of new sites and infrastructure in the Tweed. Jackie Mc Donald clarified that all current signage around the Shire has been endorsed by the AAC in the past.

Jackie informed Council Staff that the Tweed Wollumbin Local AECG Committee (AECG) have created a flow chart to assist with naming requests and Jackie will supply this to Helen Carter for Council to consider. The AECG deal with many language requests that come through from Schools and Community Groups.

## **A4. Discuss next meeting date & Welcome to Country for upcoming Conference – Nicole De Valter**

Nicole De Valter explained that an internal request from Council Officers has come into the Committee asking for contact details for a Community Member to present a Welcome to Country at an upcoming Conference that will be held in the Shire.

Leweena Williams agreed to be a contact person for the Council Officer to organise the Welcome to Country.

Nicole informed the Committee that the following AAC meeting will fall on the 2 April 2021 which is a Public Holiday for Good Friday. The Committee was asked if they would prefer to move the meeting to the 9 April 2021 or cancel the April meeting. The group agreed to cancel the April meeting.

### **General Business:**

## **A3. Recommendation on Closure of Letitia Road, Fingal Head – Raised at 5 February 2021**

The group asked when the Closure of Letitia Road, Fingal Head would be raised at Council again. Council officers confirmed that there will be a Council meeting on Thursday 20 May 2021. The group also discussed the need to clarify the status and ownership of Letitia Road, Fingal Head.

**Action: That the Local Traffic Committee reconsider the closure to further extend the road closure to the 1 September 2021 as recommended in the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the 5 February 2021.**

**Action: Mayor Cherry, Katie Milne, David Oxenham and Land Council to meet on Site (at the Compound building) to discuss the status and ownership of the road.**

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

**Moved: Leweena Williams**

**Seconded: Des Williams**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held 5 February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held 7 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.34am.

### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**

Nil.

### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Nil.