

Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 24 November, 2016

Location: Seven Mile Beach Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 4.00pm

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Agenda

Election of Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson

1. Apologies

2. A Minute Silence in Respect of Aboriginal Elders, Past and Present

3. Confirmation of Minutes

- Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 8 August 2016

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Presentations

AA16.1 2016 Reflection

Margaret Simoes will make a presentation called '2016 Reflection'.

6. Reports

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7. General Business

Membership

Clr White
Clr Cheyne
Clr Kitchener
Mr Russ Pigg or nominee
Ms Janet Atkins
Ms Lena Bloxsome
Ms Shondelle Bolt
Mr Shane Brown
Ms Valda Corigan
Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
Ms Leonie Ebzery
Ms Leslie Halls
Mr Troy Lenihan
Ms Patricia Lester
Ms Syliva Timbery
Mr Noel Wellington
Ms Christine Finney

Quorum – Five (5)

Purpose

- Advise Council on issues relating to the Aboriginal community.
- Act as a channel to advise Council of new issues affecting the Aboriginal community.
- Receive information on issues affecting the Aboriginal community and forward to Council.
- Provide a facilitation role.
- Advocate for the Aboriginal community.

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016 IN THE SEVEN MILE MEETING ROOM, NOWRA ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 4.06 PM

The following members were present:

Clr Findley – Chairperson
Clr White
Clr Kitchener
Sue Cutmore
Leslie Halls
Sylvia Timbery
Chris Finney
Janet Atkins

Others Present:

Margaret Simoes – Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Ray Massie – Coast and Estuaries Officer

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Clr Gash

The Committee participated in a minute of silence in respect of Aboriginal Elders, past and present.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 20 June 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference File 1209E

Members received and endorsed the revised Terms of Reference.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Additional Item – NAIDOC Week File 30080E

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer provided an update on NAIDOC week and the Awards Ceremony and thanked the Committee for their participation.

Local Government Regional NAIDOC Young Achiever of the Year was awarded to Samantha De'lboux from the Shoalhaven.

It was noted that there is a need to be proactive in the community to encourage more nominations for 2017. The Committee discussed the difficulties some community members may experience in completing NAIDOC Awards nomination forms. The Committee agreed that a workshop to assist interested parties should be held.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Aboriginal Advisory Committee host a workshop to assist those interested in participating in the NAIDOC Awards.
- b) The workshop to be scheduled in April 2017.

CARRIED

4. Additional Item - Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference in August 2016 File 1209E

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse Sue Cutmore to attend the Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference on 24-26 August 2016.

CARRIED

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer distributed copies of the resource kit, *Engaging with local Aboriginal Communities, A Resource Kit for Local Government in New South Wales*, to the Committee. It was noted that the resource kit is being updated and the new version will be launched at the Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference in August 2016.

5. Additional Item – Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony Dinner File 1209E

The Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony Dinner will be held on Monday 5 September 2016 at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Committee members are invited to attend. Tickets are available from Habitat Personnel (\$15 children and \$32 adults).

6. Additional Item – National Indigenous Football Championships File 1209E

The Wreck Bay Football Club will host the Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships. An event brief was distributed to members.

The event is scheduled to be held 3-5 November 2016 at the Shoalhaven Sporting Complex, Nowra. More information can be found on the website <http://theworldgame.sbs.com.au/article/2016/03/31/inaugural-national-indigenous-football-championships-launched> .

7. Additional Item - Shoalhaven Education Fund File 1209E

Applications are open for the Shoalhaven Education Fund. The Committee was encouraged to promote the Fund in the local community. The contact for the Fund is Linda Marquis, and her contact details are phone 0411 969 630 or email marquis@shouthernphone.com.au . More information can be found on the website <http://engage.cef.org.au/directory/foundation/32/shoalhaven> .

8. Additional Item – Statement of Commitment File 1209E

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer distributed copies of the Statement of Commitment to the members as recommended from the previous Committee meeting.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that:

- a) The new applications for membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be considered and Staff to prepare a report for Council.
- b) All Councillors to be invited to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The meeting is to be an introduction and information exchange.
- c) A workshop to be scheduled to discuss the review of the Statement of Commitment.

CARRIED

9. Additional Item – Walking Tourism in the Shoalhaven File 6300E

Clr Kitchener advised the Committee, that he is participating in a Shoalhaven Tourism Board working group which is looking at developing southern coastal walks. The first walk to be considered will be the Shoalhaven Southern Walk.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Section Manager Tourism provide a report to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the progress of, and consultative processes to be undertaken in, the establishment of Walking Tourism in the Shoalhaven.

CARRIED

10. Additional Item - Committee Effectiveness Training File 1209E

Aboriginal Community Development Officer advised the Committee that Peter McLaughlin from Calibrations Consulting has suggested 26 September 2016 or 10 October 2016 for the committee effectiveness training. The date is yet to be confirmed.

11. Additional Item – South Coast Koori Cultural Market File 1209E

Waminda is seeking expressions of interest from established and emerging Aboriginal artists from the Shoalhaven who wish to take part in this inaugural event. More information can be provided by Maiki Blakeney. Maiki's contact details are: phone 4421 7400 or email MaikiBlakeney@waminda.org.au .

12. Additional Item – Thank you File 1209E

Clr White and Clr Kitchener thanked the Committee for their commitment throughout the year.

Clr Findlay thanked the Committee and asked members to pass on her respect and regards to those members not present at today's meeting.

Margaret Simoes thanked the Councillors for their on-going support and acknowledged their commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.10 pm.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON

AA16.2 Aboriginal Advisory Committee - Resignation - Troy Lenihan

HPERM Ref: D16/354415

Group: Corporate & Community Services Group

Section: Human Resources, Governance & Customer Services

Purpose / Summary

To advise of the resignation of Mr Troy Lenihan from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the resignation of Mr Troy Lenihan
2. Write to Mr Troy Lenihan to thank him for his contribution to the Committee.

Options

1. As recommended

Implications: a vacancy for a community representative will be available.

2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee adopt an alternate recommendation.

Background

Wednesday 9 November 2016, Council received Mr Troy Lenihan's resignation to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Mr Troy Lenihan has been a member of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee since 17 March 2015.

Mr Troy Lenihan stated in his resignation that he "would like to thank every Board member and staff member involved in the continuous commitment to our great community through the amazing work of the above committees and would like to wish everyone luck in the future work together."

AA16.3 Membership Requests - Natalie Lloyd and Les Bursill OAM

HPERM Ref: D16/354538

Group: Corporate & Community Services Group

Section: Human Resources, Governance & Customer Services

Purpose / Summary

To advise the Aboriginal Advisory Committee of the membership applications received.

Recommendation

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the membership applications from:
 - a. Natalie Lloyd
 - b. Les Bursill OAM
2. That they be notified of their appointment and invited to all future meetings.

Options

1. As recommended

Implications: The appointment of the members as recommended will reduce the number of vacant positions on the Committee to six (6).

2. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee adopt an alternative recommendation.

Background

Council received an application from Natalie Lloyd dated Tuesday 15 March 2016 which stated as follows:

“Being a direct descendant from Cullunghutti Mountain & having a great deal of family history in this area, I would like to apply for membership to act as an advocate for my Aboriginal Community.

I have been an active member in the community in a professional and personal level and I have a great rapport with people of all ages.

I am able to professionally liaise with members of the community with respect and without condescension.”

Council received an expression of interest email from Les Bursill OAM dated Friday 1 July 2016 in which he advised:

“I am a member of the Cullunghutti Committee with National Parks. I am also an Elder in Residence at Shoalhaven Campus. I was previously Chair of the Sutherland Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

I would like to know if I could join the Aboriginal Advisory Committee in Nowra. I moved to Nowra in 2013. My family originally came from Kangaroo Valley and later Berry. I descend from Dr Ellis. He was a Karadji in Kangaroo Valley and the Illawarra.”