

## MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN NATURAL RESOURCE & FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 29 November 2016

**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms 1-3, Level 3, Nowra Administrative Centre, Nowra

**Time:** 6.07pm

The following members were present:

Clr Findley – Chairperson

Clr White

Clr Watson

Clr Alldrick

Clr Pakes

Clr Gartner

Clr Cheyne

Clr Kitchener

Clr Levett

Clr Proudfoot

John Bucinkas – OEH

Jason Carson – LLS

Duncan Marshall

Mike Clear

Brett Stevenson

Annie Boutland

Chris Grounds

David Reynolds

John Murtagh – OEH

Matt Carr – JBMP

Alex Deura – NPWS

Jillian Reynolds – DPI Fisheries

Mohammed Ullah – OEH

Helen Moody

Ian Stewart

Paul Beckett

Tim Fletcher - Director Planning & Development Services

Others present:

Kelie Lowe - Environmental Services Manager

Isabelle Ghetti – Natural Resource and Floodplain Manager

Ailsa Schofield – Senior Floodplain Engineer

## Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from David McCorkell, Ian Borrowdale, Michael Brungs, Dirk Treloar, Kaye Milsom, Allan Lugg, Mike Hammond and David Zerafa.

David Reynolds and Annie Boutland left early during the Presentations.

## Confirmation of the Minutes

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven Natural Resource & Floodplain Management Committee held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 be confirmed.

Note:

- Item 4 in the previous Minutes should note that: Shoalhaven City Council's current Community Engagement Policy is based on the IAPP2 model.
- Chris Grounds advised that the Item 7 – Sub Committee met and developed the TOR for the Committee.
  - Staff advised that there is a report in the Agenda which relates to this item
- Item 6 – It was noted in the previous meeting that there were two (2) resolutions by the Committee in regard to sea level rise

These recommendations were reported to Council for their consideration. Council resolved to receive the recommendations for information.

A question was also asked as to whether or not the legal advice that the General Manager had sought peer review had been done. Staff advised that Council had sought legal advice on similar matters in regard to provisions under Section 733 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the advice was consistent with that of previous advice.

### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven Natural Resource & Floodplain Management Committee held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## Declarations of Interest

Nil

## REPORTS

### SN16.2 Community engagement on Coastal Management - Our Coast Our Lifestyle

HPERM Ref:  
D16/351599

Note: A presentation was made by Nicola Wass from Straight Talk in relation to recent survey and results.

#### Recommendation

That Council

1. Place the full report on Council's website and inform the community via media release and emails to stakeholders who participated in this project
2. The outcomes of 'Our Coast Our Lifestyle' inform the development of a future Coastal Management Program for the Shoalhaven.

#### Recommendation (Helen Moody / Mike Clear)

That:

1. Council place the full report on Council's website and inform the community via media release and emails to stakeholders who participated in this project
2. The outcomes of 'Our Coast Our Lifestyle' inform the development of a future Coastal Management Program for the Shoalhaven.

CARRIED

### SN16.3 Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review

HPERM Ref:  
D16/361774

Note: A Presentation was made by Chris Adamantidis, Principal Coastal Engineer from Advisian in relation to Coastal Hazard Review

#### Recommendation

That the committee:

1. Receive the presentation on the draft Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review.
2. Recommend Council consider placing the draft Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review on public exhibition.

#### Recommendation (Mike Clear / Clr Levett)

That:

1. The Committee receive the presentation on the draft Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review;
2. Subject to Councils affirmation of the current policy position on sea level rise which will be reported to the upcoming meeting of Strategy and Assets Committee Meeting on 13 December 2016, Council place the draft Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review on public exhibition.

CARRIED

**SN16.4 2016/17 Flood Program Update****HPERM Ref:  
D16/345608****Recommendation**

That the Committee recommend that Council write to the Office of Environment and Heritage to seek direction on how adopted Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans are to be revised in light of changes to modelling inputs or catchment characteristics.

**Recommendation (Clr Watson / Clr Gartner)**

That Council write to the Office of Environment and Heritage to seek direction on how adopted Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans are to be revised in light of changes to modelling inputs or catchment characteristics.

CARRIED

**SN16.5 Shoalhaven River Levee Repair Works update****HPERM Ref:  
D16/346291****Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Write to the Minister for the National Disaster Relief Assistance Program funding thanking him for providing the funding to Council to repair the 2015 flood levee damages.
2. Note that based on the successful 2015 National Disaster Relief Assistance Program funding application, works will be prioritised to utilise the NDRA funding and Council contribution to undertake levee repairs.

**Recommendation (Clr Gartner / Clr Pakes)**

That Council:

1. Write to the Minister for the National Disaster Relief Assistance Program funding thanking him for providing the funding to Council to repair the 2015 flood levee damages.
2. Note that based on the successful 2015 National Disaster Relief Assistance Program funding application, works will be prioritised to utilise the NDRA funding and Council contribution to undertake levee repairs.

CARRIED

**SN16.6 June 2016 Storm Remediation Response****HPERM Ref:  
D16/347267****Recommendation**

That the Committee recommend that Council

1. Proceed with detailed design, Review of Environmental Factors, Aboriginal Heritage assessment for long-term coastal erosion management works at Currarong including a trial geotextile sand groyne and sand nourishment. That further community consultation be undertaken as part of this process.
2. Council recognise the opportunity provided by the August 2015 and June 2016 East Coast Lows to investigate adaptive strategies to the management of Council's Coastal Assets such as retreat, relocate and/or rationalisation of the number of assets where possible.

**Recommendation** (Clr Watson / Clr Gartner)

That Council:

1. Proceed with detailed design, Review of Environmental Factors, Aboriginal Heritage assessment for long-term coastal erosion management works at Currarong including a trial geotextile sand groyne and sand nourishment. That further community consultation be undertaken as part of this process.
2. Recognise the opportunity provided by the August 2015 and June 2016 East Coast Lows to investigate adaptive strategies to the management of Council's Coastal Assets such as retreat, relocate and/or rationalisation of the number of assets where possible.

CARRIED

**SN16.7 Natural Resources and Floodplain Management  
Committee - Terms of Reference - review**

**HPERM Ref:  
D16/351800**

Note: Chris Grounds advised the Committee that the Sub Committee met and developed the attached draft TOR.

Mike Clear thanked Chris Grounds and John Murtagh for their involvement in developing this important document for this Committee.

**Recommendation**

That the Committee discuss and consider adoption of the revised Terms of Reference provided in attachment 2 of this report.

**Recommendation** (Clr Watson / Chris Grounds)

That the revised Terms of Reference (Attached) be submitted to Council for Adoption.

CARRIED

**SN16.8 Water Quality Remote Sensor Installation - Shoalhaven  
Heads**

**HPERM Ref:  
D16/362315**

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Committee receive the report for information.

**RESOLVED** (Clr Gartner / Brett Stevenson)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

**SN16.9 Sea Level Rise Projection in Shoalhaven - Science &  
Policy**

**HPERM Ref:  
D16/351224**

Note: The Committee discussed precautionary measures in relation to sea level rise projections and science and policy.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

Submitted to the Committee for discussion.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the report regarding Sea Level Rise Projection in Shoalhaven – Science and Policy be received for information.

CARRIED

**SN16.10 Current Methods of Protection of the Environment**

**HPERM Ref:  
D16/351252**

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

Submittee to the Committee for discussion.

**RESOLVED** (Clr Watson / Clr Gartner)

That the report regarding Current Methods of Protection of the Environment be received for information and the Committee thanked Paul for his information.

CARRIED

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**SN16.12 Attendance at the Floodplain Management Conference**

Note: Mike Clear thanked the Committee and Council for the opportunity to attend the Floodplain Management Conference.

**RESOLVED** (Mike Clear / Brett Stevenson)

That the Committee thank Council for the opportunity for members and Councillors to attend the Floodplain Management Conference.

CARRIED

**SN16.13 Appreciation for Ailsa Schofield - Senior Floodplain Engineer**

Note: Clr Findley, Tim Fletcher, Kelie Lowe, Isabelle Ghetti and the Committee expressed their appreciation and thanks to Ailsa Schofield and wished her well in her future endeavours as Ailsa has resigned from Council as Senior Floodplain Engineer to take up a position with SES.

## **ADDENDUM REPORTS**

**SN16.11 Member Resignation - Thomas Booler**

**HPERM Ref:  
D16/371293**

### **Recommendation**

That:

1. The Membership resignation of Thomas Booler be accepted and that he be thanked for his contribution to the Shoalhaven Natural Resources and Floodplain Management Committee.
2. That Council advertise the vacant community representative position.

### **Recommendation** (Clr Watson / Duncan Marshall)

That:

1. The resignation of Thomas Booler be accepted and that he be thanked for his contribution to the Shoalhaven Natural Resources and Floodplain Management Committee.
2. Council advertise the vacant community representative position.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 7.09pm.

Clr Findley  
CHAIRPERSON