

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 11 September 2017
Location: Seven Mile Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson
Mayor Amanda Findley – arrived at 5.10pm
Clr Nina Cheyne
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Patricia White
Ms Patricia Lester
Ms Sylvia Timbery – left at 5.05pm
Ms Valda Corrigan
Ms Sharlene Cruickshank – Nowra LALC
Ms Leonie Ebzery
Ms Christine Finney
Ms Leslie Halls
Mr Shane Brown – left at 5.11pm

Others Present:

Clr John Levett
Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager
Ms Margaret Simoes - Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Morgan Blakeney, Charlie Ashby, Paul McLeod and Janet Atkins.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr Cheyne / Valda Corrigan)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 15 May 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

AA17.14 Tourism Update**HPERM Ref:
D17/240906**

Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager addressed the Committee to advise that the Walking Guide has been produced and to seek feedback on the Visitors Guide. The following points were made:

- The Walking Guide has now been produced and Coralie thanked the Committee for their input into the Guide and advised it will be on the website shortly.
 - Feedback was sought in relation to the visitors guide and welcomed comments in relation to the cultural content, the closing date for the final feedback and comments are needed asap – with final copy to go to printers end of September:
1. Pages 12 and 13 need more information of additional operators.
 2. The Tourism section of Council has a new videographer, covering Our Stories, the current campaign is Food and Wine, and the next series will be covering Adventure and Outdoors, looking for any Aboriginal tourism business who wants to be involved.
 - a. Focusing on broadening the scope on Sustainable Tourism and are currently in the process with consultants. What does success in tourism look like? The Tourism section would like to engage the Aboriginal community, so please get in touch with Tourism section within 24 hours to nominate people to be interviewed.
 3. Feedback – Tourism are encouraging the Aboriginal community to assist with engaging Aboriginal people to be included in the guide
 4. Suggestion – insert the symbol for Meeting Place on several pages throughout the guide
 5. Include NAIDOC day in events
 6. The Map on page 2 – acknowledgement to Country and languages, make respecting land more obvious.
 7. Talk about implementing a set of tourist protocols long term.
 8. Spelling Yuin – page 37
 9. One track for all may not be included due to the repair state of the track
 10. Incorporating Aboriginal images throughout the Tourism Guide eg. Aboriginal Surfers

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the report for information and provide feedback as needed.

RESOLVED (Leonie Ebzery / Clr White)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the report for information and provide feedback as needed.

CARRIED

AA17.15 2017 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards**HPERM Ref:
D17/276619**

Margaret Simoes addressed the meeting and provided the following information in relation to the NAIDOC Awards recently held in Wollongong:

- Information regarding the event is included in the report
- The Mayor is holding a morning tea for the Shoalhaven recipients next Tuesday 19 September at 10.30am
- Kiama will be hosting 2018 NAIDOC awards
- Theme – on the table was a theme of plants and natural environment, native plants and a coastal theme based on the designed theme at the NAIDOC Awards, they had panels on the stage that reflected the theme.
- The MC Andy Saunders was fantastic
- The NAIDOC Awards Dinner reflected a coastal theme incorporating bush and sea. Wollongong City Council Botanical Gardens contributing a native plant to each guest in attendance. Guests were welcomed into the Fraternity Club foyer with the word 'NAIDOC' in lights.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the report of the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and provide any feedback as needed.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the report of the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and provide any feedback as needed.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Note: Margaret Simoes advised the Committee that Sharlene Cruickshank is representing Nowra LALC.

AA17.16 Additional Item – Amendment of the Terms of Reference and Membership

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference and was advised that the amount of members needs to be amended to reflect the true amount of members that has been appointed.

The Terms of Reference needs to be increased to 21 members total which is made up of the following:

- 13 Aboriginal Community members (including 2 youth members)
- 1 NPWS Representative (Valda Corrigan)
- 3 Councillors
- 3 LALC's
- General Manager or Nominee

Note: Sylvia Timbery left the meeting at 5.05pm

Recommendation (Clr White / Patricia Lester)

That:

1. The Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that if members haven't attended 3 meetings without an apology that a reminder/courtesy letter be sent advising that they have missed 3 meetings and their membership will lapse if they do not confirm their membership in writing;
2. The Terms of Reference be amended to reflect the membership being a total of 21 members

made up of the following:

- a. 13 Aboriginal Community members, including 2 youth members
- b. 1 NPWS Representative (Valda Corrigan)
- c. 3 LALC's – Nowra LALC, Jerringa LALC and Ulladulla LALC
- d. 3 Councillors
- e. General Manager or nominee

CARRIED

AA17.17 Additional Item - Membership Request - Natalie Lloyd

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference and the membership based on the fact that all members were accepted after the last meeting for a term of 4 years.

Given that all positions on the Committee have been appointed there is no vacancy for membership.

Note: Clr Findley arrived at the meeting 5.10pm

Note: Shane Brown left the meeting at 5.11pm

Recommendation (Clr White / Clr Kitchener)

That Council thank Natalie Lloyd for her interest in the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and welcome Natalie to attend the meetings as a non voting participant.

CARRIED

AA17.18 Additional Item - Recognition and Reconciliation

Clr Levett addressed the meeting and brought the following topic up for discussion:

The Frontier War – we don't have conversations about this war and should there be a place that people in the community can go to reflect?

Clr Cheyne addressed the meeting with the following Comments: We need to acknowledge all Aboriginal people who served and are still serving the Country. A suggestion of a memorial of some kind in the Shoalhaven or a permanent acknowledgement

It was suggested that a plaque on top of Cullunghutti Mountain for respect of elders as a place of reconciliation.

A suggestion was an accessible place such as the Showground would be a more appropriate place.

Clr Findley asked is there something we could/should be doing to celebrate survival day? Commemorative Stones throughout the Shoalhaven.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That a report be submitted to the next meeting in relation to options for reflection stones and reconciliation.

CARRIED

Note: Leonie Ebzery left the meeting at 5.45pm

AA17.19 Additional Item - Utilisation of the Arts Centre Space

RESOLVED (By consent)

That a report be submitted to the next meeting regarding the utilisation of the Arts Centre Space.

CARRIED

Note: Cllr Kitchener left the meeting 5.56pm

AA17.20 Additional Item - Consultation Process as part of the Action Plan

Margaret Simoes addressed the Committee and distributed copies of the Action Plan.

1. The following comments were made:
 - Margaret asked the members present to think about their individual role as part of the Committee and their role between Council and the Community.
 - What is the process for consultation? – Seeking advice from the Committee.
 - The Committee to think about identifying working groups or guidelines to Council and developing the Action Plan.
 - What strategy does the Committee put in place as a role of the Committee and consultation process.
2. The Committee hold an informal workshop on Tuesday 17 October at 10.30am at the Arts Centre space to work on the Action plan.
3. Members of the Committee were thanked for their continued support in working on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan.
4. The Committee to consider their consultation processes with the community eg. How they seek advice or feedback from the community.
5. The Committee members to nominate further working groups to further develop the Action Plan

Note: The Committee is supporting the HSC Graduation for all High Schools in the Shoalhaven and Kiama on 9 October 2017.

Note: the Parramatta Rap was sent out and it is a good guide for the Committee to look at.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.06pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
CHAIRPERSON