

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 7 May 2018
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.08pm

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson
Clr Amanda Findley – arrived 4.36pm
Clr Nina Cheyne
Clr John Levett
Ms Nowra LALC - Sharlene Cruickshank
Ms Valda Corrigan
Ms Janet Atkins
Mr Morgan Blakeney
Ms Margaret Simoes – General Manager’s Nominee

Others present:

Clr Patricia White – left 6.14pm
Gordon Clark – Strategic Planning Manager
Marie-Louise Foley – Coordinator – Strategy Planning Team
Donna Corbyn – Community Development Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Kitchener, Charlie Ashby, Leonie Ebzery, Sylvia Timbery, Shane Brown, Patricia Lester and Noel Wellington.

The Committee held a moments silence for Elders past and present.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 12 February 2018 and Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 27 March 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

AA18.7 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D18/3103

As stated in the report that this was previously reported in error and no action is required. It was advised that the Committee reaffirm the Chairperson.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the committee reaffirm the following as resolved at the Aboriginal Advisory Committee 24 November 2016 (tenure to conclude in November 2020):

1. Sue Cutmore be appointed as Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
2. Clr Kitchener be appointed as Co-Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the committee reaffirm the following as resolved at the Aboriginal Advisory Committee 24 November 2016 (tenure to conclude in November 2020):

1. Sue Cutmore be appointed as Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
2. Clr Kitchener be appointed as Co-Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

AA18.18 Additional Item - Presentation - 21st Anniversary Celebration

Donna Corbyn provided an update in relation to the 21st Anniversary Celebration of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and advised that the first meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee was held on 19 May 1997.

Donna advised that after research from different sections in Council, approximately 50 names have been identified and will be invited along with current and previous staff.

AA18.19 Additional Item - Presentation - Cultural Heritage in the DA Process and Submission on Cultural Heritage Legislation Reforms

It was requested from a previous meeting (AA18.11) that Planning Staff attend a meeting to explaining the DA process in relation to any cultural or indigenous significance.

Marie-Louise Foley provided a PowerPoint Presentation in relation Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the DA Process and also provided information on Council's Submission on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation Reforms.

A copy of the PowerPoint and a copy of the Submission will be sent out to the Members along with the Minutes.

Note: Clr Findley arrived at the meeting.

AA18.8 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan**HPERM Ref:
D18/14307**

Margaret provided the following update in relation to the progress of the Action Plan.

At the last Meeting, Bonnie Hittman who was tasked to progress the Action Plan presented 3 Models and it was agreed that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee's Action Plan be based on the Collaborate NSW Model.

Bonnie has since resigned from Council and Margaret has engaged a consultant (Calibrations Consulting) Peter McLoughlin who has put the following proposal:

- Stage 1 – Hold a workshop with the AAC to work on the focus areas. Workshop Date identified as Thursday 7 June 2018 from 10.00am to 2.00pm.
- Stage 2 – Develop the Draft Action Plan Template and will bring the Draft back to the Committee.
- Stage 3 – Final Workshop with the Committee
- Stage 4 – Issuing the Action Plan to the Committee for Adoption

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the Progress Action Plan report
2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee discuss and consider any further actions from the Progress Action Plan report.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the Progress Action Plan report for information.

CARRIED

AA18.14 Review of Australian Aboriginal Flag Protocol**HPERM Ref:
D18/88310****Recommendation**

That Council adopt the existing Australian Aboriginal Flag Protocol Policy POL16/145 (Attachment 1).

Recommended (By consent)

That Council re-adopt the existing Australian Aboriginal Flag Protocol Policy POL16/145 (Attached) without amendment.

CARRIED

AA18.15 Aboriginal Advisory Committee - Resignation - Leslie Halls

**HPERM Ref:
D18/104943**

Margaret advised that she had already sent a letter to Leslie Halls and also to Christine Finney, thanking them for their contributions to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the vacancies arising from these resignations and agreed that Council conduct an Expression of Interest (EOI).

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

1. The resignation of Ms Leslie Halls from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be accepted.
2. Council write to Ms Leslie Halls to thank her for her contribution to the Committee
3. A member be sought to fill the vacancy created on the Committee by the resignation of Ms Halls.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. The resignation of Ms Leslie Halls from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be accepted.
2. Council write to Ms Leslie Halls to thank her for her contribution to the Committee
3. Members be sought to fill the vacancy created on the Committee by the resignation of Ms Halls and Christine Finney by an Expression of Interest process.

CARRIED

AA18.16 For Information - Uluru Statement from the Heart

**HPERM Ref:
D18/139519**

Clr Cheyne addressed the meeting in relation to this item. Clr Cheyne advised that she will be bringing it to Council in June 2018 and was seeking support from the Committee.

The Committee discussed community consultation prior to the Uluru Statement being presented to Council.

It was agreed that further consultation is required with the community. The members will consult with the wider community and forward feedback directly to Clr Cheyne via email prior to 14 June 2018.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Uluru Statement from the Heart be received for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. The Uluru Statement from the Heart be received for information.
2. Members of the Committee consult with the wider community with respect to the Uluru Statement and forward feedback directly to Clr Cheyne via email prior to 14 June 2018.

CARRIED

AA18.17 Update - Bulk South Coast Aboriginal Land Claim

**HPERM Ref:
D18/138954**

Gordon Clark provided an overview on the Aboriginal Land Claim.

Note: Clr White left the meeting.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

Receive the report regarding the status of the bulk South Coast Aboriginal Land Claims for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee receive the report regarding the status of the bulk South Coast Aboriginal Land Claims for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

AA18.21 Additional Item - Opportunity - Project Constructed by Local Aboriginal People

Valda Corrigan raised questions in relation to the opportunity for a project constructed by local Aboriginal people and mentioned the Action Sheet states funding up to \$10,000 can be applied for a similar project to Wagirra Murray River Experience.

Margaret advised that the community in Callala already are working on a significant walking trail.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That a report be provided to the next meeting on progress that the Community is making in relation to the walking trail at Callala.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.26pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
CHAIRPERSON