

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 13 February 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

The following members were present:

John Lamont – Chairperson
Clr Findley
Clr Pakes
Clr Proudfoot
Clr Levett
Clr Cheyne
Clr Kitchener
Clr Wells
Clr White
Clr Gash
Steven Bayer
Robbie Collins
Lexie Meyer
Mikayla Barnes
Peter Dryer
David Goodman
Stephen Bartlett
Lynne Kearney
Megan Cleary
Mr Russ Pigg - General Manager

Others Present:
Tim Fletcher – Director Planning and Development Services
Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager
Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager
Cathy Bern – Development Services Manager
Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Shelley Hancock and James Coburn.

Confirmation of the Minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 be confirmed.

RESOLVED (Clr Wells / David Goodman)

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

BE17.8 Development in the Shoalhaven - Significant Projects

HPERM Ref:
D17/17268

This item was brought forward from (see note)

Note: Megan Cleary arrived at the meeting 4.05pm

Cathy Bern and Greg Pullen provided a verbal update and information that relate to the spreadsheet attachments.

Larger spreadsheets were handed out to committee members and discussed.

A question on Manildra freight was raised. The EDM responded that the EDO are working with the Manildra Freight in relation to the Gerringong to Berry/Bomaderry rail line regarding proposals and working with the NSW Government to upgrade the line.

However there are issues with the length currently being limited to 600m trains, the signals will need to be moved if the train length is to be extended to 800m. If Manildra are able to put an extra container on each carriage this will improve freight productivity by 50%.

Consideration will be given for a tear drop loop near the Paper Mill. Manildra is currently working on a proposal for an intermodal (road/rail) which will allow and transfer of boxes from South Nowra onto rail to Botany port.

Those options are all up in the air at the moment and under consideration.

Manildra are using the Paper Mill for storage.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report of the General Manager (Planning and Development Services) regarding the update on development 'in the Shoalhaven be received for information.

RESOLVED (Peter Dryer / Clr Wells)

That the report of the General Manager (Planning and Development Services) regarding the update on development 'in the Shoalhaven be received for information.

CARRIED

BE17.1 REMPLAN - Economic Performance Software

HPERM Ref:
D17/30213

Greg Pullen provided a verbal update on the report.

Questions were raised about the amount of employers within the Shoalhaven that are sole traders and don't have any employees.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on REMPLAN be received for information.

RESOLVED (David Goodman / Robbie Collins)

That the report regarding REMPLAN – Economic Performance Software be received for information.

CARRIED

BE17.2 Shoalhaven Economic Development Strategy - Update

**HPERM Ref:
D17/31140**

The last Economic Development Strategy was adopted on 2005 for a 10 year period. Council is updating the Strategy and will provide a Clr Briefing within the next few weeks then will report it to Council for adoption and exhibition phase.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the update of the Council's Economic Development Strategy be received by the Business and Employment Development Committee for information.

RESOLVED (Clr White / Steven Bayer)

That the report on the update of the Council's Economic Development Strategy be received by the Business and Employment Development Committee for information.

CARRIED

BE17.3 Economic Development Industry Sector Strategies

**HPERM Ref:
D17/30642**

Greg Pullen advised that out of the Digital Economy Strategy in relation to the NBN there have been a few hurdles when it comes to rental properties, landlords and tenants. We are working with the NBN to find a solution.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the status of Economic Development Industry Sector strategies be received for information.

RESOLVED (Clr Gash / Clr Cheyne)

That the report on the status of Economic Development Industry Sector strategies be received for information.

CARRIED

BE17.4 Business Training and Capacity Building Opportunities

**HPERM Ref:
D17/29542**

A verbal update was provided in relation to this matter.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on Business Training Opportunities co-ordinated and/or supported by the Economic Development Office be received for information

RESOLVED (Clr Wells / Peter Dryer)

That the report on Business Training Opportunities co-ordinated and/or supported by the Economic Development Office be received for information.

CARRIED

BE17.5 NBN Rollout Progress**HPERM Ref:**
D17/30101

A progress report is attached and Council will invite an NBN representative to a future meeting. By mid 2017 we will see a significant progress in the NBN rollout across the Shoalhaven.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

1. The Business & Employment Development Committee accept the report on the NBN Rollout for information
2. The NBN's Community Affairs Manager – NSW be invited to a future meeting of the BED Committee in mid 2017 to update the Committee and others on the NBN Rollout.

RESOLVED (Clr White / Lynne Kearney)

That:

1. Business & Employment Development Committee accept the report on the NBN Rollout for information
2. The NBN's Community Affairs Manager – NSW be invited to a future meeting of the BED Committee in mid 2017 to update the Committee and others on the NBN Rollout.

CARRIED

BE17.7 Key Grant Funded Projects Update - Economic Development Office**HPERM Ref:**
D17/29690

A verbal update was provided on this matter.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the progress of the "Mind the Gap" and "Ulladulla Harbour Berthing Facility" projects be received for information.

RESOLVED (Clr Gash / Lexie Meyer)

That the report on the progress of the "Mind the Gap" and "Ulladulla Harbour Berthing Facility" projects be received for information.

CARRIED

BE17.8 DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHOALHAVEN - SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS**HPERM REF:**
D17/17268

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

BE17.9 South Coast Youth Leadership Forum

**HPERM Ref:
D17/15165**

A presentation was made in relation to the Youth Leadership Forum by Mikayla Barnes.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Business and Employment Development Committee:

1. Accept the report on the South Coast Youth Leadership Forum
2. Thank John Lamont and his committee colleagues for organising the youth forum.
3. Request the Mayor write a letter of thanks to the event sponsors.

RESOLVED (Clr Gash / Lynne Kearney)

That the Business and Employment Development Committee:

1. Accept the report on the South Coast Youth Leadership Forum
2. Thank John Lamont and his committee colleagues for organising the youth forum.
3. Request the Mayor write a letter of thanks to the event sponsors.

CARRIED

BE17.10 Shoalhaven Professional Business Association - Update on Current Activities

**HPERM Ref:
D17/28994**

Steven Bayer provided a verbal update in relation to this matter.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on Update of Current Activities of Shoalhaven Professional Business Association (SPBA) be received for information.

RESOLVED (Clr Gash / David Goodman)

That the report on Update of Current Activities of Shoalhaven Professional Business Association (SPBA) be received for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

BE17.11 Proposed Rate Increase - Advice on Industrial Rates

David Goodman raised questions in relation to the proposed rate increase and how this would affect the Industrial Rates in the Shoalhaven.

Russ Pigg responded – in broad terms Council has an application to IPART and depending on IPARTS decision and assuming that its accepted and a 13% increase applies, judging by previous years the quantum will be applied. The variation for individual properties will depend on the property valuation. The rollout of valuations will be within the next few months.

Greg Pullen – advised that it is estimated for an industrial block of an average size, \$100-200pa increase would apply, however it is difficult to determine what the industrial values will be compared to the residential values.

BE17.12 Careers Expo 2017 - Funding

Robbie Collins advised that the UOW has been running the Careers Expo for the year 10 students for the last 10 years. This year she has experienced Budget cuts and may not be able to hold the expo this year. The shortfall is approximately between \$3000-5000.

It was advised that the Bomaderry Bowling Club be approached and also seek funds from DET and RDA.

It was also mentioned that the Youth Advisory Committee may be able to contribute in some way.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.30pm.

John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON