

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 15 May 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.07pm

Noel Wellington – Welcome to Country and a minute’s silence of respect of Aboriginal Elders past and present.

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson
Clr Findley
Clr White
Clr Kitchener
Clr Cheyne
Sylvia Timbery
Charlie Ashby
Noel Wellington
Valda Corrigan
Shane Brown

Others Present:
Margaret Simoes - Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Ray Massie – Coast and Estuaries Officer
Helen Waterhouse – Community Development Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Leslie Hall, Janaya Hennessy, Patricia Lester, Paul McLeod, Christine Finney, Janet Atkins

Confirmation of the Minutes

Note: Clr Findley arrived at the meeting 4.14pm

RESOLVED (Clr White / Noel Wellington)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 06 February 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

D17/25829

Helen Waterhouse – Community Development Officer gave a presentation in relation to Livvi's Place, Mollymook All Inclusive Park.

The following points were made:

- The park is designed for all ages and all abilities, with universal design. The park will be the only fully fenced park within the Shoalhaven
- A Changing Places toilet block will be built within the fenced park.
- The construction is underway with completion anticipated prior to Christmas
- Noel Wellington – noted that the Council should acknowledge the traditional custodians with any future development on community land
 - Helen Waterhouse advised that Community Consultation along with the consultation of local Aboriginal heritage took place.
- Milton Ulladulla Garden Club will contribute by donating plants etc for the park
- Two (2) sound boards have been designed with the local hotels and businesses in mind.

REPORTS

AA17.8 Adoption of Applications - Membership - Four (4) Year Term

HPERM Ref: D17/61973

Recommendation

1. That Council acknowledge the applications of Membership and appoint the following members for a continuing four (4) year term:
 - a. Janet Atkins
 - b. Sylvia Timbery
 - c. Patricia Lester
 - d. Christine Finney
 - e. Shane Brown
 - f. Leonie Ebzery
 - g. Valda Corrigan
 - h. Leslie Halls
 - i. Sue-Anne Cutmore
 - j. Noel Wellington
2. That the completed application from Paul McLeod be accepted and he be appointed to the Aboriginal Advisory committee for a term of four (4) years
3. The two (2) Youth applications from Janaya Hennessy and Morgan Blakeney be accepted and appointed for a term of four (4) years
4. That consultation continue to obtain a representative member of each of the three (3) Aboriginal Land Councils as members on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.
5. That should representation from each of the Land Councils not be achieved, then the Committee should consider how such vacancy will be managed.

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2. The completed application from Paul McLeod be accepted and he be appointed to the Aboriginal Advisory committee for a term of four (4) years
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CARRIED

AA17.9 Application for Membership - Youth Positions

**HPERM Ref:
D17/65436**

Note: This item was dealt with in conjunction with AA17.8

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the two (2) applications from Janaya Hennessey and Morgan Blakeney.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the report regarding AA17.9 – Application for Membership – Youth Positions be received for information.

CARRIED

Note: These memberships are being reported to Council in a separate report.

AA17.10 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards

**HPERM Ref:
D17/123899**

Margaret provided the following information:

- Will be hosted by Wollongong Council this year, each Council contributes financially to the event.

- The event will be held on Saturday 22nd July at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow.
- Wollongong will be carrying on recent traditions of having the community making the centre pieces.
- The event organisation is progressing well.
- Tickets \$65 per person.

Recommendation (By consent)

That The Aboriginal Advisory Committee financially contribute \$2,000 to the 2017 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards.

CARRIED

AA17.11 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan

**HPERM Ref:
D17/130949**

The Committee discussed the Action Plan and the following points were made:

- **Walk of Fame**
 - The Grant application was unsuccessful
 - A new manager has started
- **AAC Meeting Room (Arts Centre)**
 - Hiring fee for the meeting room is deposited to Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee budget. This supports the maintenance of the meeting room.
- **Effectiveness Training**
 - Feedback will be provided by members in relation to the training
 - Identify 5 key issues – to be discussed
- **Statement of Commitment**
 - Needs to be workshopped and finalised

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receives the Progress Action Plan report
2. Discuss and consider any further actions from the Progress Action Plan report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

AA17.12 Additional Item - Conference - NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network

The NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network has been operating since 1988. The conference provides information exchange and acts as a forum for discussion on Local Government issues relating to Aboriginal communities, business and the wider community.

The aim of the conference is to provide an exciting and interesting forum for enhancing the profile of Aboriginal communities, their skills and culture and discussion on current issues such as employment strategies, enterprise and cultural development and policies. The Conference participants include representatives from many NSW local government areas, Mayors, Councillors, Directors, other Council staff, Council Advisory Committee members, government and community service providers.

In 2016 Sue Cutmore, Aboriginal Advisory Committee Member attended the Local Government Conference held in Tweed Heads. Sue provided a verbal report to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and recommended that representatives from Shoalhaven City Council attend to be informed of other Council initiatives, community programs and networking.

The 2017 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference (NSW LGAN) will be held in Albury from Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th September 2017.

Note: An EOI will be sent to interested members to identify whom will attend the event on behalf of the Committee.

Recommendation (By consent)

That:

1. An Aboriginal Advisory Committee Member be funded to attend the NSW LGAN Conference in Albury Entertainment Centre Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 September 2017;
2. The Cost of attending the conference be funded from the General Manager and Councillors Budget.

CARRIED

Note: To be funded from the Council Activities Management Budget.

AA17.13 Additional Item - Effectiveness training Feedback

The Committee provided feedback on the Effectiveness Training:

- Clr Kitchener – Peter provided a professional, authentic training session
- Valda Corrigan – agrees, all contributed to each individual's beliefs
- Noel Wellington – attended the first session, it was a good idea to have Peter return, found the session too formal and complex, would have a better understanding in a less formal and interactive manner
- Clr White - a way forward would be to workshop the template and then ask Peter to come back
- Margaret Simoes - some of the suggestions by Peter were – The members to report on issues to the committee and to have name badges, from the second session – The Committee to identify 3 critical areas, and focus areas (community, culture and relationships) then under those 3 areas identify critical issues
- Clr Findley suggested that Jerrinja give a presentation to Council, the Economic Development Manager and Group Directors via a Briefing or Council Meeting or to the AAC.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee:

1. Continue to work on developing an action plan (from the discussions with Peter McLaughlin);
2. Write to the Land Council's and inviting the CEO's and other interested Board members to talk to the AAC on how their vision and how we work together going forward (following this process, stage the next letters to other LALCs).

CARRIED

It was noted that the next workshop for the AAC Action Plan be Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 4.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.08pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
CHAIRPERSON