

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2018

Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 4:01pm

The following members were present:

Mr John Lamont - Chairperson
Clr Amanda Findley
Clr Joanna Gash
Clr Patricia White
Clr John Levett
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Bob Proudfoot
Clr Nina Cheyne
Ms Megan Cleary
Mr Paul Goodwin
Mr Scott Inman
Mr Steven Bayer
Mr Robert Crow
Ms Lexie Meyer
Mr James Coburn
Mr Peter Dryer
Mr Peter Masterson
Ms Alison Chiam
Mr Russ Pigg - General Manager

Others present:

Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager
Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer
Sara McMahon – Manager, Governance
Gordon Clark – Section Manager, Strategic Planning
Coralie Bell – Manager, Tourism

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Mr David Goodman and Ms Fiona Hatcher.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr White / Peter Dryer)

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Wednesday 22 November 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS**BE18.1 2018 Professional Snapshot****HPERM Ref:
D18/49313****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report on the 2018 Professional Snapshot being conducted by the Economic Development Office and its partners, the Shoalhaven Professional Business Association and the Career Advisors at local High Schools, be received for information.

RESOLVED (Lexie Meyer / Clr Gash)

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CARRIED

BE18.2 Business Training and Capacity Building**HPERM Ref:
D18/55837**

Greg Pullen spoke to the report.

Greg noted that Council is assisting South Coast Leadership Forum to run pilot workshops/seminars at Council, including: professional resume writing, "Brand Me" and "How to be an Entrepreneur" for school students. The Chair acknowledged Council's support.

If the program is successful, further funding will be sought to run workshops at Ulladulla, then whole of South Coast.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on business training and capacity building opportunities that are co-ordinated and/or supported by the Economic Development Office be received for information.

RESOLVED (Lexie Meyer / Peter Dryer)

That the report on business training and capacity building opportunities that are co-ordinated and/or supported by the Economic Development Office be received for information.

CARRIED

BE18.3 Development in the Shoalhaven - Significant Projects**HPERM Ref:
D18/42405**

Gordon Clark and Greg Pullen spoke to the report.

The General Manager also noted Terry Snow's \$100 million development "Willinga Park Equestrian Centre" at Bawley Point.

Clr Gash enquired whether Council follow up outstanding development applications.

Lexie Meyer noted the impact on the Manyana community arising from the residential lot subdivision in that location.

Greg advised that the Economic Development Unit follows up outstanding development applications. Gordon noted that it is often dependent on the developer to proceed. Gordon noted community turnover, and that in the case of the Manyana subdivision, State Government approval was granted in 2008.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

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

RESOLVED (Steven Bayer / Lexie Meyer)

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

CARRIED

BE17.33 Inclusive Employment Conference 2018**HPERM Ref:
D17/375579**

Paul Goodwin provided an overview of the Conference. The plan is that the Conference be held in July 2018. There will be canvassing of local businesses to be stakeholders in the conference.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report - Inclusive Employment Conference 2018 be received for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the report - Inclusive Employment Conference 2018 be received for information.

CARRIED

BE18.4 Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association Update on Current Activities**HPERM Ref:
D17/377207**

Steven Bayer spoke to the report. Steven also promoted the SPBA networking breakfasts, which include guest speakers and member cameos.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report regarding Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association Update on Current Activities be received for information.

RESOLVED (Steven Bayer / Peter Dryer)

That the report regarding Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association Update on Current

Activities be received for information.

CARRIED

ADDENDUM REPORTS

BE18.5 South Coast Regional Jobs Initiative

HPERM Ref:
D18/62266

Greg Pullen spoke to the report and noted a record number of applications (over 65 applications) for the Regional Jobs Initiative.

The General Manager noted that the initiative generated \$43 million in local investment.

Council submitted two applications for equipment which were successful – a boat lifter for inspection of commercial boats at Woollamia and a floating pontoon system to increase berth capacity at Greenwell Point.

Peter Masterton noted that Regional Jobs and Investment Package applications closed in August 2017 and spoke about the assessment process. Peter noted that it is a pilot project and there are no current plans for another round.

The Chair noted that Council's Economic Development team offered assistance to applicants to prepare their applications, resulting in a good outcome for the Shoalhaven region. The support offered by government agencies, other business and services to applicants was also acknowledged.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report on the outcomes of the South Coast Regional Jobs Initiative be received for information.

RESOLVED (Peter Dryer / Paul Goodwin)

That:

1. The report on the outcomes of the South Coast Regional Jobs Initiative be received for information; and
2. The public acknowledgment of the mentors to applicants be noted.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

BE18.6 Review of Regional Development Australia - July - December 2017

The Chair noted the re-appointment of Rob Pollock as Chair and John Lamont appointed as Deputy Chair for the Far South Coast.

BE18.7 Retirement of Robbie Collins

The Chair noted the retirement of Robbie Collins of the University of Wollongong and gave a vote of thanks for her active contribution on the Business and Economic Development Committee.

BE18.8 Proposal for infrastructure masterplan for Cunjurong Point, Bendalong and Manyana

Lexie Meyer of the Community Consultative Body for Cunjurong Point, Bendalong and Manyana noted that the area is a discreet region within the Shoalhaven and that the lack of public transport is a significant issue for the area, impacting on employment. Lexie also noted the release of land anticipated shortly and raised concern for the influx of residents and tourists during peak times. The CCB has identified the need for an infrastructure masterplan in consultation with the community. Lexie proposed a program of awareness building/skills building for employment in the area, such as in the area of business planning and mentoring in business skills, noting Centrelink has funds for pilot job creation programs. Aiming to do within next 12 months, seeks support of Council. If the pilot is successful, the program could be reproduced across the South Coast/Shoalhaven.

James Coburn of the Sussex Inlet Chamber of Commerce noted similar issues in Sussex Inlet and proposed working together with the Cunjurong Point, Bendalong and Manyana community.

The Chair requested that Ms Meyer provide a one page scoping document to promote ideas and linkages with whole region.

BE18.9 Industrial land sales

The General Manager requested a snapshot of industrial land sales from Greg Pullen.

Greg advised that overall Council has sold about 30 lots over last 12-18 months.

Council has developed over 300 industrial lots throughout the city, with three estate currently running:

1. Flinders Industrial Estate, South Nowra

Council is currently selling the last lots of stage 9 at Flinders. Greg noted that there was agreement last night to sell two further lots. The tender is planned for April/May, to come back to Council June/July. This will build an additional 15 lots. Expenditure will be approximately \$2.5 million.

2. Woollamia

The last block at Woollamia was sold in October 2017. Woollamia – sold 9 blocks in 12 months. A tender to release 15 additional lots at Woollamia will go to the April Council meeting. Expect expenditure of \$3 million.

3. Albatross Aviation Technology Park

There are a number of lots at Albatross Aviation Technology Park.

Future opportunities have been identified at Ulladulla. There hasn't been new industrial land in Ulladulla for 15-20 years. There is a high demand for industrial land in Ulladulla as there is only one vacant block currently available for sale in Ulladulla. One proposal is to convert the old sewerage treatment plant to an industrial estate. It will take \$2 million to decontaminate and clean up the site.

Greg also commented on the Crown Lands review, where industrial zoned land is to be assessed whether to retain in State ownership or handed over to local government. There is industrial zoned Crown Land at Sussex Inlet, Basin View, Ulladulla and Shoalhaven Heads. Some land is subject to Native Title claims. The review is expected to be completed in 2019/2020.

BE18.10 Princes Highway Upgrade Program

The General Manager noted that the Federal Government has announced \$5 million study into Princes Highway to identify high priorities. South East Australia Transport Strategy (SEATS) has resolved to put together a common list of priorities for all councils.

Clr White, who is the Chair of SEATS, noted that a petition has been circulated across all local government areas affected to highlight concerns. The petition will be presented to the Minister in May, together with the list of priorities identified by the councils through SEATS.

BE18.11 Driving programs – You Turn the Wheel

Peter Dryer and Paul Goodwin noted that Rotary has picked up running the “You Turn the Wheel” driving program.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.17pm.

Mr John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON