

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 5th April 2011 – 12.00PM – 2.00PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Cr Cameron, Cr Walker
Lisa Kermode,
Saskia von Fahland, Frank Perna
Bruce Milles, Joan Fitzsimmons

APOLOGIES: Stuart Holley, Margaret Lane,

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 01/03/11 were accepted as a true and correct record (moved Lisa K, seconded Bruce M).

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Coastal project update

A detailed report on this item was received as per the agenda.

Cr Walker mentioned a meeting to be held with a small number of Seaforth residents.

Action: Lisa to organise a site meeting with Cr. May and Cr. Walker to discuss recent vegetation clearing at Blacks Beach. Options for addressing this matter and other instances of vegetation clearing, particularly on the coast, to be brought to the next meeting, with the intention of developing a policy/standard procedure for consideration by council (this action was carried over from the previous meeting).

2. Land for Wildlife Program

Updates were provided by the catchment groups.

Need to determine how to deal with the people who were not contactable during the recent survey. A list of uncontactable people will be provided to Lisa, who will follow up to see whether they are still the registered owners of the property, or whether the new property owners need to be contacted to either hand back the sign or reregister the property.

3. Sarina and Mirani Landcare Support and Special Projects allocation

Reports were provided by the Pioneer and Sarina Catchment groups.

4. Natural Environment Plan Review

Work is progressing on schedule with the chapters for the NEP review. The presentation to the committee has been deferred to the June meeting due to delays with the website development.

5. Planning Scheme Review Update

Philip Grobler presented information on the review process.

A first draft is likely to be available in December 2011 and community consultation on the draft is scheduled for January 2012.

Action: Lisa to provide contact details for the 3 local Landcare groups and the local NRM group to Phillip.

2. FINANCIALS

The financial report was circulated in the meeting. Stephanie Griffith was available to answer questions.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Significant tree register

This project is scheduled to be funded next year. Lisa will bring the previous project outline to the next meeting for discussion.

Action: Lisa to bring the draft project outline for the significant tree register to the June meeting for discussion/review

2. Levy brochure

The requested changes have not yet been made to the brochure. This is not currently a high priority. Lisa will bring the previous version to the next meeting for comment.

Action: Lisa to bring the previous draft levy brochure to the June meeting for comment

3. Goosepond tidal reaches masterplan

A concept plan was produced several years ago for a bridge. Will the bridge be built?

Action: Stuart Holley to report back to the group whether the proposed bridge in the tidal section of the Gooseponds will go ahead.

4. Harbour Rd

There are vines in the trees. Council will mow the sides of the rd when it is sufficiently dry to do so.

5. Action list

An action list will be produced

Action: Lisa to produce an action list for each meeting

6. East Point development

The East Point development will be taken into account when the beach plan is prepared for this area.

7. Gross pollutant trap

Has the Renae St GPT been completed?

Robyn Birkett to be asked to report back at next meeting.

Action: Information to be provided on the Renae St GPT at the next meeting

8. Compliance officer

An application for this position has been included in the budget for this year. The committee will be kept informed about the position.

9. Area of land off Kippen st

Concern was expressed at the condition of the state land off Kippen St.

Action: Joan to speak to Cr Hatfield about the proposed development and the state land.

10. Environment Levy promotion

A suggestion was made to publicise achievements more. Information the levy and projects is on the website and on the brochure, but can be updated. This information is also provided on a monthly basis in the director's report which is on the website. It may be possible to provide a link to this or extract the information.

11. Alternative venue for off leash dogs

Suggestion to provide an off leash dogs area at Queens Park. This needs to be considered in the open space and recreation strategy review.

Meeting closed 2.45 pm

Next meeting June 7th, 12-2pm Council Chambers.