

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 5th October 2010 – 12.00PM – 2.00PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Cr. May, Cr. Steindl, Cr Cameron
Lisa Kermode, Helen Paulsen
Frank Perna, Saskia von Fahland, Margaret Lane,
Joan Fitzsimmons, Bruce Milles

APOLOGIES: Stuart Holley

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 03/08/10 were accepted as a true and correct record.

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **Potential purchase of land**

Thanks to Saskia for the detailed information provided.

Cr Steindl declared a potential conflict of interest in the second parcel of land.

Action: Cr Steindl to report back to the committee on the progress with discussion regarding the first parcel of land, the asking price/valuation of the second parcel of land, and to make the planning section aware of the environmental value of the second parcel and the inappropriateness of rezoning.

2. **Coastal project update**

A detailed report on this item was received.

Additional discussion was had on the recent meetings with residents of Blacks Beach, Ball Bay and Seaforth. Following minor changes to the plans relating to fencing location, rock wall maintenance and fire management, the plans will be considered by council as soon as possible.

Action: Lisa and Margaret to discuss promoting the interpretive signs recently installed at Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve in the PCL newsletter.

Action: Lisa to organise media regarding Midge Point sand scraping works to coincide with the planting bee planned for next month.

Action: Lisa to organise a site meeting with Karen May 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.

3. Land for Wildlife Program

Arrangements for PCL and SLMCA to deliver this program have been finalised.

4. Sarina and Mirani Special Projects allocation

Contracts for funding PCL and SLCMA to deliver services as per agreement will be ready for signing shortly.

Action: Lisa to circulate copies of the scope of works to committee members.

5. Possible funding of MRPMG weed projects

The Leucaena project was discussed.

Action: Lisa and Margaret to liaise regarding a date for a site visit.

Action: Margaret to develop a long-term Leucaena control plan for the area and the committee will consider options for funding.

6. Community Environmental Projects

Action: Lisa to contact Robert Ryan to discuss adding the Community Environmental Projects to the existing council grants program with a view to having this take affect for the February grants round. Lisa will report back to the committee.

It is anticipated that priorities will be set for each round to guide applications and, given that the funding available for each round is \$25,000, a maximum limit of \$5000 would be set per project.

7. Project signage

Project identification signage has been produced and a photo will be provided to the committee.

8. Habitat Restoration team

The Natural Environment Officer is still working on this report which will be presented to the December meeting.

9. Natural Environment Plan review

Contract documentation has been prepared and signed by Reef Catchments and is awaiting signature by council's Mayor and CEO.

2. STORMWATER PROJECTS UPDATE

A written report was received.

Action: Stuart Holley to organise for an update on the status of the Caledonia Drive Project.

3. FINANCIALS

Financial report not available for the meeting.

Action: Karen May to be invited to attend the meeting with financial services on Friday 15th October.

Action: Stuart, Helen and Lisa to prepare a detailed budget for 2010/11 for the committee, including spreadsheet with updated budget allocations.

Action: Staff positions to be discussed at the next meeting including possible positions and resources required.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Activities such as working bees and events can be advertised through the volunteer hub.

2. Planning scheme review

Workshops are currently being undertaken regarding the planning scheme review, and will inform the new town plan.

Action: Jaco to be invited to give a briefing on the process at the next meeting and to give details regarding environmental issues, riparian areas, vegetation (especially small pockets), biodiversity, green spaces etc, and any compensation provisions applicable to areas that may be rezoned.

Meeting closed 1.40 pm

Next meeting December 7th 12-2pm Council Chambers.