
MINUTES OF THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY 2008 IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1 & 2, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 12.51 PM

The following members were present:

Clr Young – Chairperson
Clr Anderson
Clr Kearney
Clr Kerr
Mr P Harris
Mr M Lay
Mr W Whitton

Others present:

Tom Phillips - Tourism Manager

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr Colin Waller.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED on a MOTION of Peter Harris, seconded Clr Kerr, that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Development Committee held on Thursday, 8th November 2007 be confirmed.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

2. Budget File 1080-03

RESOLVED on a MOTION of Milton Lay, seconded Clr Kerr, that the report of the General Manager (Finance and Corporate Services) regarding the budget report of the Tourism Development Committee be received for information.

3. Whale Watching File 2221-03

A MOTION was moved by Milton Lay, seconded Peter Harris, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Council purchase three (3) sets of four whale interpretive panels as described in the report and request the Parks Operation Section of Shoalhaven City Council to install them at the following locations:
 - i) Culburra Beach - Penguin Head, at the end of Penguin Head Road, Lot 630, DP 12278;

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- ii) Vincentia - Plantation Point, right at the northern end of Plantation Point looking towards Long Nose Point across Jervis Bay Lot 181, DP 536100;
 - iii) Ulladulla - Warden Head, at the end of Deering Street right at the Lighthouse location, signs to be located to the east of the Lighthouse (Crown Lands Office)
- b) The Shoalhaven Area Consultative Committee be requested to meet the cost of installation of the whale interpretive panels.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

4. Community Projects File 32956

A MOTION was moved by Clr Anderson, seconded Wayne Whitton, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Council adopt the Tourism Development Committee Grant Application forms for 2008-2009;
- b) Council support the Tourism Development Committee's allocation of \$20,000 from its 2008/2009 budget for community assisted tourism projects.
- c) The General Manager (Finance and Corporate Services) contact all community groups that have expressed an interest in tourism and advise them of the program for 2008/2009.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

5. Shoalhaven Tourism Master Plan File 32929

A MOTION was moved by Clr Anderson, seconded Wayne Whitton, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) Council support the inclusion of a project for the "sinking of a dive wreck in Jervis Bay" into the Shoalhaven Tourism Master Plan;
- b) Council note and endorse the Tourism Development Committee review, to 31 December, 2007, of the Shoalhaven Tourism Master Plan.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

6. Additional Item - Vegetation Maintenance – Northern - Welcome to the Shoalhaven Sign File

A MOTION was moved by Clr Anderson, seconded Wayne Whitton, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Finance and Corporate Services) write to the appropriate authorities to request the immediate removal of vegetation from the "Welcome to the Shoalhaven" sign at the northern end of the Shoalhaven, adjacent to the Princes Highway at Broughton Village.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

7. Additional Item - Tourism Development Committee Budget File 1080-03

A MOTION was moved by Clr Anderson, seconded Clr Kerr, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that Council increase the budget allocation for the Tourism Development Committee from \$25,700 to \$41,000.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

8. Additional item - Real Estate Signs on the Princes Highway, Nowra File

A MOTION was moved by Clr Anderson, seconded Clr Kerr, that the Tourism Development Committee make the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDED that Council amend Development Control Plan 82 such that it will prohibit the display of Real Estate signs adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the "Helicopter" on the corner of Princes Highway and Pleasant Way, Nowra as it is the "Gateway to Nowra".

The MOTION upon being PUT to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

9. Additional Item - Grey Water Dump Point - Nowra Showground File

Mr Phillips advised the Committee that the grey water dump point for caravans and campers at the Nowra Showground had been completed and installed and was open for use on 24th January 2008.

10. Additional Item - Next Meeting of the Tourism Development Committee. File 1080-03

The Tourism Development Committee requested their next meeting be scheduled in May 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 1.58 pm.

Clr Young
CHAIRPERSON