
MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016 IN THE SEVEN MILE MEETING ROOM, NOWRA ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 4.06 PM

The following members were present:

Clr Findley – Chairperson
Clr White
Clr Kitchener
Sue Cutmore
Leslie Halls
Sylvia Timbery
Chris Finney
Janet Atkins

Others Present:

Margaret Simoes – Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Ray Massie – Coast and Estuaries Officer

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Clr Gash

The Committee participated in a minute of silence in respect of Aboriginal Elders, past and present.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 20 June 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

File 1209E

Members received and endorsed the revised Terms of Reference.

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

3. Additional Item – NAIDOC Week

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer provided an update on NAIDOC week and the Awards Ceremony and thanked the Committee for their participation.

Local Government Regional NAIDOC Young Achiever of the Year was awarded to Samantha De'lboux from the Shoalhaven.

It was noted that there is a need to be proactive in the community to encourage more nominations for 2017. The Committee discussed the difficulties some community members may experience in completing NAIDOC Awards nomination forms. The Committee agreed that a workshop to assist interested parties should be held.

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Aboriginal Advisory Committee host a workshop to assist those interested in participating in the NAIDOC Awards.
- b) The workshop to be scheduled in April 2017.

CARRIED

4. Additional Item - Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference in August 2016

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse Sue Cutmore to attend the Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference on 24-26 August 2016.

CARRIED

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer distributed copies of the resource kit, *Engaging with local Aboriginal Communities, A Resource Kit for Local Government in New South Wales*, to the Committee. It was noted that the resource kit is being updated and the new version will be launched at the Local Government NSW Aboriginal Network Conference in August 2016.

5. Additional Item – Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony Dinner

The Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony Dinner will be held on Monday 5 September 2016 at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Committee members are invited to attend. Tickets are available from Habitat Personnel (\$15 children and \$32 adults).

6. Additional Item – National Indigenous Football Championships

The Wreck Bay Football Club will host the Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships. An event brief was distributed to members.

The event is scheduled to be held 3-5 November 2016 at the Shoalhaven Sporting Complex, Nowra. More information can be found on the website <http://theworldgame.sbs.com.au/article/2016/03/31/inaugural-national-indigenous-football-championships-launched> .

7. Additional Item - Shoalhaven Education Fund

Applications are open for the Shoalhaven Education Fund. The Committee was encouraged to promote the Fund in the local community. The contact for the Fund is Linda Marquis, and her contact details are phone 0411 969 630 or email marquis@shouthernphone.com.au . More information can be found on the website <http://engage.cef.org.au/directory/foundation/32/shoalhaven> .

8. Additional Item – Statement of Commitment

The Aboriginal Community Development Officer distributed copies of the Statement of Commitment to the members as recommended from the previous Committee meeting.

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that:

- a) The new applications for membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be considered and Staff to prepare a report for Council.
- b) All Councillors to be invited to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The meeting is to be an introduction and information exchange.
- c) A workshop to be scheduled to discuss the review of the Statement of Commitment.

CARRIED

9. Additional Item – Walking Tourism in the Shoalhaven

Clr Kitchener advised the Committee, that he is participating in a Shoalhaven Tourism Board working group which is looking at developing southern coastal walks. The first walk to be considered will be the Shoalhaven Southern Walk.

MOTION:

Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that the Section Manager Tourism provide a report to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the progress of, and consultative processes to be undertaken in, the establishment of Walking Tourism in the Shoalhaven.

CARRIED

10. Additional Item - Committee Effectiveness Training

Aboriginal Community Development Officer advised the Committee that Peter McLaughlin from Calibrations Consulting has suggested 26 September 2016 or 10 October 2016 for the committee effectiveness training. The date is yet to be confirmed.

11. Additional Item – South Coast Koori Cultural Market

Waminda is seeking expressions of interest from established and emerging Aboriginal artists from the Shoalhaven who wish to take part in this inaugural event. More information can be provided by Maiki Blakeney. Maiki's contact details are: phone 4421 7400 or email MaikiBlakeney@waminda.org.au.

12. Additional Item – Thank you

Clr White and Clr Kitchener thanked the Committee for their commitment throughout the year.

Clr Findlay thanked the Committee and asked members to pass on her respect and regards to those members not present at today's meeting.

Margaret Simoes thanked the Councillors for their on-going support and acknowledged their commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.10 pm.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON