
MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN TOURISM ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2016, IN THE JERVIS BAY ROOMS 1 AND 3, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 5.31PM.

The following members were present:

Clr Gash
Clr Kitchener
Clr Kearney
Clr Wells
Clr Tribe
Catherine Shields
David Goodman
Lynn Locke
Matthew Forbes
Matt Cross
Stephen Bartlett

Others present:

Craig Milburn – Director Corporate and Community Services
Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager

Apologies were received from Michelle Bishop, Melissa McManus, Clr Watson

1. Election of Office Bearers File 1490E

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson Positions were declared vacant.

Craig Milburn, Director Corporate and Community Services called for recommendations in relation to voting methodology

By Consensus Show of Hands was determined to be the voting method.

Craig Milburn, Director Corporate and Community Services called for nominations for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Gash

RESOLVED that Lynn Locke be nominated as Chairperson for the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved: Lynn Locke / Second: Matt Cross

RESOLVED that Catherine Shields be nominated as Deputy Chairperson for the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group

CARRIED

Note:

The Mayor congratulated Catherine Shields on her term as Chairperson and her long standing dedication to the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group.

The SCRTO has recently received an international award and for this Council to invite the Group to the last Council Dinner. (Mayoral)

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Lynn Locke

RESOLVED that Catherine Shields be nominated to remain as the RTO representative.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: Moved: Clr Wells / Second: Clr Kearney

RESOLVED that the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 April 2016.

CARRIED

3. Chairs Report

Catherine Shields gave a brief verbal report and the following points were made:

- Catherine thanked the Mayor as she has a background in Tourism and has been a big supporter of the Tourism Advisory Group
- Thanks was also given to the Councillors and Clr Watson as he has always been a driver behind the Tourism Group
- When the Tourism NSW came on board with the #unspoilt campaign they were a big supporter
- Catherine also thanked Craig, Coralie and the Tourism Team
- Shoalhaven Tourism has won State Awards
- The Riverfest event has been a success because of all that are involved

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

4. Tourism Manager's Update

File 1490E

MOTION: Moved: Clr Tribe / Second: Catherine Shields

RESOLVED that the Tourism Manager's Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Note: Kristy Mayhew provided a presentation of Marketing Strategy

5. Tourism Events & Investment Specialist Update File 1490E

MOTION: Moved: Matt Cross / Second: Matthew Forbes

RESOLVED that the report regarding Tourism Events & Investment Specialist Update be received for information.

CARRIED

Note: Shannan Perry-Hall provided a presentation on the Event Strategy

6. Private Functions on Public Reserves (Weddings) Update File 8180E

MOTION: Moved: Clr Tribe / Second: David Goodman

RESOLVED that a Working Group be established to review the policy and make appropriate recommendations to Council, comprising of the following members Clr Tribe, David Goodman, Stephen Bartlett and Lynn Locke.

CARRIED

7. Visitor Information Centres Update File 11726E

MOTION: Moved: Clr Tribe / Second: Matt Cross

RESOLVED that the report regarding Visitor Information Centre be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Next Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group Meeting File 1490E

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Lynn Locke

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group be held in Ulladulla on 24 October 2016.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Additional Item – Future Meeting Times

MOTION: Moved: David Goodman / Second: Lynn Locke

RESOLVED that all future meetings of the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group commence at 5.00pm.

CARRIED

10. Additional Item – New Membership – Nomination – Jo Thomas

Note: A report is being submitted to Council on 26 July 2016 in relation to a new nomination for membership from Jo Thomas.

11. Additional Item – Movable River Pontoons

Note: the Group was advised that Council is sourcing 12-18 movable pontoons which will be placed along the river for events.

12. Additional Item – Northern Shoalhaven Sporting Complex

Note: Staff advised that the Northern Shoalhaven Sporting Complex is out on exhibition.

13. Additional Item – Email regarding Air B&B

Note: the Group discussed generally holiday accommodation options like Air B&B. It was noted that:

- Shoalhaven has always allowed the renting out of dwellings (without DA consent)
- State Government is undertaking a review because concerns have been raised in many locations not only by operators but also by residents living near rental properties.
- There is a clause in our LEP has been adjusted to enable to Council to step in and require consent in problematic circumstances where there is an amenity impact.
- Council had not previously wanted to implement a system of regulation for the 4000+ holiday homes in Shoalhaven given the role they play in our tourism economy.
- Council has made a submission to the current State Government Inquiry into short term rentals
- It was agreed that the STAG do not consider any formal position until the outcome of the Inquiry.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.58pm.

Lynn Locke
CHAIRPERSON