

Minutes of the Tweed River Committee Meeting held Wednesday 10 August 2011

Venue:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

Time:

9.10am

Cr Milne opened the meeting by welcoming members and recognising the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held.

Present:

Cr Katie Milne (Chair); Ben Fitzgibbon (Office of Environment & Heritage); Martin Dobney (Action Sands Chinderah); Claire Masters (Tweed Landcare Inc); Kay Bolton (Fingal Head Community Representative); Max Boyd (Community Representative); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council).

Informal:

Cathey Philip (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies:

Cr Dot Holdom; Bob Loring (Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries); Richard Hagley (Office of Environment & Heritage); Robert Quirk (NSW Cane Growers' Association); Carl Cormack (NSW Maritime Authority); Pat Dwyer (Department of Industry & Investment NSW); Lance Tarvey (Office of Environment & Heritage); Rhonda James (Restoration Industry); Peter Baker (Tweed Agriculture Representative); Kyle Slabb (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council); Ian Hanson (NSW Land & Property Management Authority); Scott Petersen (Tweed River Charter Operators); David Oxenham; Sebastien Garcia-Cuenca, (Tweed Shire Council).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Max Boyd

Seconded: Cr Milne

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed River Committee meeting held Wednesday 8 June 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:

1. Project Application to Environmental Trust Education (Fish Care/Living with the River)

Tom advised that an application to Environmental Trust Education Grants for a river user education program was not successful.

A lengthy discussion was held on the best way to get the message out to everyone who uses the river on the importance of looking after it.

Tom to prepare a mock-up booklet similar to the successful "An Environmental Guide to the Tweed Coast" and bring it to the next meeting for further discussion.

It was also agreed that a number of pamphlets identifying different aspects of river use could be produced and handed out by Maritime Services officers and the community. The three important ones are:

- Values
- Threats
- Solutions

Ben mentioned an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage DVD he has seen and will obtain a copy to show the Committee.

2. Workshop with Councillors - Airport Water Quality and Cobaki/Terranora Catchment Plan

Tom discussed above and will advise final date when known. There was a discussion on how the workshop should proceed. Max asked if the Committee would be included in the workshop and Tom advised that it would only be with David, Jane, Tom and Councillors.

Troy Green attended at 10.15am

Max stressed the need to strongly explain that Council needs access to the data held by Gold Coast Airport Limited.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Troy Green, Council's Director Technology and Corporate Services, to explain to the Committee how cuts to the Tweed River management were determined. In summary, money was withdrawn as there were several years of lack of expenditure on projects.

Troy distributed two sheets of data for the Committee's information.

There was a wide-ranging discussion on the budget, Council's 7 Year Plan implementation, asset management funding and Council's ability to fund community expectations.

Troy recommended the Committee looks at money that hasn't been spent and make arrangements for it to be utilised.

Tom will provide a detailed presentation of all projects in the program at the next meeting.

Troy Green left at 10.45am

Tom's workload is to be firmly considered before new projects are initiated.

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Resumption of Standing Orders:

Standing Orders were resumed.

Agenda Items:

1. Waterway Zoning in LEP and Biodiversity DCP

Mark gave a detailed presentation on the draft LEP 2012 - Revised Environmental Strategy. This was followed by questions and answers.

Max congratulated Mark on the work he was doing and its achievements.

2. NSW Coastal Conference Field Trip - Terranora Creek

Tom advised that the Committee is invited to attend the NSW Coastal Conference Field Trip and that he would forward the full details by email. The date is 10 November 2011.

3. Tweed Landcare Inc. Contribution

Tom advised that a contribution of \$4,000 has been made to Care Group Procedures Manual as a community donation.

4. World Rivers Day

Tom advised that Sunday 25 September is World Rivers Day and he is hoping to have a planting day at Duroby Creek - this will depend on time constraints.

5. Wake Study Update

There was not sufficient time to present an update on this project. It will be carried over to the next meeting.

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6. Urban Stormwater Quality Management Plan

There was not sufficient time to present an update on this project. It will be carried over to the next meeting.

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General Business:

1. Classic Boat Regatta

The Tweed River Classic Boat Regatta will be held on Friday 14 to Sunday 15 October. The regatta plans to use the Old Fingal Boat Harbour as the lunch spot on Saturday 15 October to give the general public the chance to have a close look at the classic boats. It is proposed that signage be erected noting that boats will be allowed onto the beaches on the swimming side for the duration of this time (maximum 4 hours). There were no concerns expressed about this by the committee.

2. Bush Futures Presentation

To be presented at a future meeting by John Turnbull.

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed River Committee will be held Wednesday 12 October 2011 .

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.