

Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Wednesday 8 June 2011

Venue:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room, Murwillumbah

Time:

1.00pm

Present:

Cr Katie Milne (Chair); Terry Kane (Cabarita Beach-Bogangar); Ian Rabbitts (Fingal Head); Ben Fitzgibbon and Richard Hagley (Office of Environment and Heritage); Lance Tarvey (NPWS); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Stewart Brawley (Tweed Shire Council)

Apologies:

Rhonda James (Restoration Industry); Gary Thorpe (Hastings Point), Jason Pearson (Kingscliff), David Cranwell (Pottsville), John Harbison (Mooball); Cr Barry Longland, David Oxenham, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Terry Kane

Seconded: Lance Tarvey

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee meeting held Wednesday 13 April 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:

BA1. Pottsville Foreshore Issues

A letter has been forwarded to the Pottsville Community Association from Stewart Brawley, Manager Recreation Services, in response to issues raised.

BA2. Kingscliff Foreshore Update

Erosion has returned to the southern corner of Kingscliff Beach, moving the nourished sand away from that section of the beach. This may be due to a temporary rotation of the beach in response to the current weather and swell conditions relating primarily to the La Niña event. A large swell is predicted for the next week which may potentially impact further on the stability of the temporary, emergency works.

It should be noted that the works are in accordance with the intention of the adopted Tweed Coastline Management Plan for protection of Kingscliff foreshore from coastal erosion hazard.

BA3. Coastal Health Protection

Discussion on the potential to increase the protection of the heath vegetation at Bogangar. Further investigations needs to be undertaken to establish if it fits within the Dwarf Graminoid Heath Endangered Ecological Community.

BA4. Critical Marine Habitat Study

Jane to follow up with NRCMA on the status of the report and any recommendations.

BA5. Marine Parks

Cr Milne requested that staff find out the status of the Federal Government's Marine Park legislation and see if there is a possibility for a presentation on same to the Committee.

Agenda Items:

A1. Draft Coastal Erosion Development Control Plan

The submission period closed on 31 May. There were 15 submissions. The Consultant is currently reviewing the submissions and it is anticipated that final changes to the document can be reported to the August Council meeting and it be recommended for adoption.

The submissions mostly dealt with the loss of land value and uncertainty around the position of hazard lines and realisation of impact from sea level rise.

A2. Tweed DuneCare Coordinating Committee - Minutes of meeting held 26 May 2011 Minutes noted.

Discussion on the need to remove the wake board rail out of Sponsors Lagoon and further restrict access from Fingal Head Boat Harbour to the Lagoon.

A3. Tweed Coastal Projects Update

- Hastings Point signs – Tom provided further detail on the proposed signage location and design.
 - Review of Coastal Estuaries Management Plan. Tom advised that tenders had closed and the project would commence shortly.
 - Sand extraction, Tweed River for Kingscliff sand nourishment – a contractor will shortly commence required studies for this project.
 - NSW Coastal Conference – call for paper and poster abstracts closes 1 July.
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General Business:

GB1. Seaside Development Creek Access

There was a query about the proposed development of a viewing platform and access point to Cudgen Creek as part of the Seaside development. These concepts had been developed in consultation with Council staff and in accordance with the *Cudgen Creek Recreation and Public Access Plan, 2008*.

GB2. Fingal Road Upgrade

Ian requested an update on the status of Fingal Road upgrade in particular reference to the Lagoon Road junction. Ian was advised to request an update from the Manager Works.

GB3. Lakes Drive Pontoon

Cr Milne requested an update on the status of the Lakes Drive pontoon. Tom advised that Council is seeking quotes to replace the pontoon with a structure better suited to the location and funding needed to be sought.

GB4. Compostable Bait Bags

Cr Milne enquired about the use of compostable bait bags. Council undertook a trial several years ago in conjunction with Tweed Bait but this was not taken up at the time. Sascha Piotrkowski, Council's Environmental Education Officer, to be requested to follow up on this initiative.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coastal Committee will be held Wednesday 10 August 2011 at 1.00pm.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.