

Late Addendum Report

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

a37 [SUB-FMC] Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held Friday 5 December 2014

SUBMITTED BY: Roads and Stormwater



Civic Leadership

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 1 Civic Leadership
 - 1.3 Delivering the objectives of this plan
 - 1.3.1 Council's organisation will be resourced to provide the essential services and support functions to deliver the objectives of this Plan
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 5 December 2014 are reproduced in the body of this report for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 5 December 2014 be received and noted; and
2. The Executive Management Team's recommendations be adopted as follows:

Agenda Items:

1. Committee Membership

That Andy Yeomans replaces Sam Dawson as the representative of the Caldera Environment Centre on the Floodplain Management Committee, effective immediately.

2. Review of Flood Controls for Short Term Caravan Park Accommodation

That the Guidelines - Flood Controls for Caravan Park Accommodation, Version 1.0 be adopted by Council.

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REPORT:

The Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 5 December 2014 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

Venue:
Mount Warning Room

Time:
9:00am

Present:
Cr Katie Milne, Danny Rose, Lindsay McGavin (TSC), Phil Buchanan (OEH), Brian Sheahan, Wayne Pettit (SES), Andy Yeomans, Paul Taylor, Max Boyd, Robert Quirk

Apologies:
David Oxenham, Steve Twohill, Iain Lonsdale, Felicia Cecil

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Brian Sheahan

Seconded: Robert Quirk

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held 24 October 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. The Committee noted the incorrect date of 27 October 2014 in the Minutes Document, and that the meeting did not achieve a quorum.

Business Arising:

At the request of Councillor Milne, Danny Rose provided a briefing to the Committee of the outcome of the Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, with respect to the 5 recommendations from 7 May 2014 Committee meeting.

Moved: Katie Milne

Seconded: Brian Sheahan

RESOLVED that the additional information provided to Councillors regarding the cumulative development scenario for the Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan be presented to the next Committee Meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. Committee Membership

Confirmation of alternative Caldera Environment Centre representative, Andy Yeomans.

Moved: Robert Quirk

Seconded: Katie Milne

RESOLVED that Andy Yeomans replaces Sam Dawson as the representative of the Caldera Environment Centre on the Floodplain Management Committee, effective immediately.

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2. Review of Flood Controls for Short Term Caravan Park Accommodation

This item addressed the draft Guidelines - Flood Controls for Caravan Park Accommodation that were deferred by Council for Committee advice, from the November 2014 Council meeting.

Previously a draft "Interim Policy" that dealt with the recommendations of a report from independent flood risk management consultants Molino Stewart for short and long term accommodation had been reviewed by the Committee. However no recommendations were made, as the October Committee meeting did not have a quorum.

All aspects of the "Interim Policy" dealing with long term caravan park accommodation have now been removed due to concerns raised by Council's Planning and Regulation Division. These aspects need a more thorough examination and consultation process before changes to current regulations can be adopted.

However those aspects relating to short term accommodation, mainly focussing around a proposed reduction of floor level for park owned relocatable homes and related structural measures, have been retained in a new "Guidelines" document.

In addition to this background, the Committee discussed the potential flood risk implications of the policy. The principle of reduced flood damage risk for short term accommodation was accepted, however there was considerable discussion about the potential implications for personal safety and compliance issues for park operators unlawfully using approvals for short term sites as long term accommodation. It was accepted that as Council's existing policies clearly prevent increases in the number of new sites for flood prone caravan parks unless they can demonstrate a high level evacuation route, and that this policy only relates to new or replacement structures on approved short term sites, the impacts on the SES and emergency response are not significant.

Moved: Robert Quirk
Seconded: Paul Taylor

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Guidelines - Flood Controls for Caravan Park Accommodation , Version 1.0 be adopted by Council.

Moved: Max Boyd
Seconded: Robert Quirk

RESOLVED that a list of recommendations be reported back to the Committee to ensure that caravan park owners are legally responsible for compliance with all flood related regulations, considering:

- duty of care for evacuation planning and emergency response
- implications for non-compliance with legislation and approvals, and
- Council's role and responsibilities.

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General Business:

1. 2015 Meeting Schedule

A draft quarterly meeting schedule was provided to Committee members. Friday was confirmed as the preferred day for meetings. Please provide feedback on these dates to Danny Rose.

2. Election of Chairperson

Danny Rose was nominated and unanimously voted as chairperson of the Committee.

3. 2015 National Floodplain Management Association Conference

Brisbane City Council is hosting the 2015 FMA Conference, and "Save the Date" flyers were distributed. Any Committee members wishing to attend need to notify Danny Rose by 19 December 2014, for budget consideration.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee will be held 6 March 2015.

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S COMMENTS:

1. Committee Membership

Nil.

2. Review of Flood Controls for Short Term Caravan Park Accommodation

Nil.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

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COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Code of Meeting Practice.

Terms of Reference - Reviewed by Council 21 August 2013.

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Not applicable.

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.

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