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**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL - MEETING TASK SHEET**

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**ACTION ITEM - Council Meeting - 19 March 2020**

**TITLE: Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2019**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2019 be received and noted.

**MEETING RESOLUTION**

**ALTERNATE MOTION**

**Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor)**

**Cr Katie Milne (Mayor)**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2019 be received and noted with inclusion of the attendance of Cr Chris Cherry.

The Motion was **Carried**

***VOTE FOR*** - Cr Katie Milne (Mayor), Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor), Cr Pryce Allsop, Cr Reece Byrnes, Cr Ron Cooper, Cr James Owen, Cr Warren Polglase

***VOTE AGAINST*** - None

***ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE*** - Nil.

## **Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2019**

### **Venue:**

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

### **Time:**

9.00am

### **Present:**

Rhonda James (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Tom Alletson; David Cranwell; Robert Quirk; Sam Dawson; Jonathan Yantsch; Lindy Smith; Bill Hoskins; John Harbison; Bill Fenelon; Hamish Brace; Jane Lofthouse; Stewart Brawley.

### **Apologies:**

Marama Hopkins, Ben Fitzgibbon, Ian Berger, Peter Comerford, Carl Cormack.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Moved: Hamish Brace**

**Seconded: David Cranwell**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee meeting held Wednesday 9 October 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, subject to:

- An amendment to Minute BA2, noting that there is a need to allow for tidal and floodplain vegetation retreat, as well as expansion and enhancement.
- Note that in the minutes there are two items numbered BA2, where the second should be BA3.

### **Business Arising:**

- Round Mountain Jet Boat Track. Tom advised that Council has not received any complaints or reports of water being discharged from the jet boat track to Christies Creek. There was discussion of local reports that water has been discharged to the creek. It was acknowledged that the issue is not significant due to the relatively minor possible scale of boat track water volume compare to that of the surrounding catchment.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **A1. Tweed Estuary CMP Update**

A summary of the exhibition and submissions received was provided, including the nature of objections received to the proposed character zones. The numbers of responses and the rough split in terms of support for or objection to the document was summarised.

The submission from Roads and Maritime Services was presented.

Tom provided an update of the possible timing for completion of the project.

- If comments from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Environment, Energy and Science) (DPIE - EES) are received by the end of January 2020, it will be possible for the consultant to finalise the document and provide a copy to TCWC by the end of February. This would allow a ~ 2 week review period prior to the next TCWC meeting on 11 March.

- The TCWC will be requested to recommend the document to Council for adoption at this meeting, following which a report to Council recommending adoption of the CMP will be finalised.
- After Council has adopted the CMP, it will be sent to the Minister for Local Government for certification.
- It was noted that there is no certainty regarding the receipt of final comments from EES by the end of January.
- In this case, it was agreed by the committee that the document should be finalised, referred to the TCWC in March, and then onto Council as outlined. EES would then have a further chance to review and seek amendments to the document upon submission for certification.

**Moved:** Lindy Smith

**Seconded:** Sam Dawson

**RESOLVED** that the CMP finalisation proceed to completion with submissions received up until the end of January 2020. If the NSW Department of EES submission not received, that these be sought at time of certification.

## **A2. Tweed Coastline CMP Scoping Study Update**

Jane provided an overview of the Scoping Study noting that a risk assessment was done across all the known threat categories and the knowledge gaps identified.

A number of future studies were identified for future stages of the coastal program development.

Other possible studies put forward in the meeting included a marine vegetation study for the coastal estuaries and sand movement study to look at sand infill over time in the lower estuaries, particularly Cudgera Creek.

**Next meeting:** Requested that the inundation statistics provided in the NSW Government report be presented at the next meeting.

## **A3. Draft Climate Change Policy**

Tom presented the draft climate change policy that is being developed by a team within Council led by the Director of Sustainable Communities and Environment.

The committee provided a significant number of comments on the draft which were recorded and will be incorporated into the draft policy.

## **A4. Curlew and Fox Management Activity - Tweed Coast**

### *Curlews*

Jane reported that some curlew young appear to have structural problems due to a lack of insects in their diet. People are being advised to ensure any supplementary feeding is appropriate.

### *Foxes*

Monitoring for foxes and wild dogs continues in public bushland along the coast. Fewer numbers are being recorded on wildlife cameras, with a hotspot identified by fox detection dog at Hastings Point. Trapping will be undertaken.

## **A5. DPI Fisheries Marine Estate Management Strategy Projects**

Jonathan Yantsch provided an update on a number of projects being implemented in the Tweed by DPI Fisheries through the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS).

The projects described focus on water quality - one of the nine MEMS initiatives.

1. Marine Vegetation Strategy – prioritising areas for protection and management to allow marine vegetation to retreat/expand under the influence of sea level rise.
2. Bank Management Strategy – developing a decision support tool to aid selection of best management approaches to estuary foreshore stabilisation
3. Reviewing the Tweed Domestic Foreshore Structure Strategy.
4. Floodplain Strategy:
  - Provide landowners with information on land use and management
  - Identify Acid Sulfate Soil pollution hotspots
  - Identify future tidal inundation and land use constraints
  - Infrastructure limitations
  - Floodplain drainage management options short/long term

Robert Quirk noted the need to ensure management recommendations from MEMS floodplain projects are cognisant of ASS best management approaches already developed and applied in the Tweed.

### **General Business:**

- GB1. Environmental monitoring of Crown Land leased to Gold Coast Airport
- Crown Lands have advised that they cannot supply data relating to environmental monitoring on areas managed/leased by Gold Coast Airport. Council will need to request information to be supplied by the Airport.
- GB2. Lifetime Achievements
- Noted that Jane was presented with a lifetime achievement award at the NSW Coastal Conference.
  - Council was awarded the inaugural Green Globes Lifetime Achievement Award for environmental management.
- GB3. Completion of the log retaining wall at Mooball Creek was acknowledged.
- GB4. The risk of fish kills in the river, both in freshwater reaches due to low flow and low dissolved oxygen, and in estuarine reaches following rain due to runoff from ASS was discussed.
- GB5. Powerboat use in Kerosene Bay was reported, with a request for compliance and education.

# Minutes



**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Tweed Coast and Waterways Committee will be held 11 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**

Nil.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Nil.