

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

a2 [SUB-AAC] Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held Friday 4 November 2005

Venue:

HACC Activities Room, Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

Time:

10 a.m.

Present:

Lesley Mye	Tweed Shire Council
Max Boyd	Aministrator, Tweed Shire Council
Kathleen Lena	Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council
Clare Gray	Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council
Maureen Logan	Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council
Jackie McDonald	Tweed Wollumbin AECG
Dot Holdom	Community member
Russell Logan	entrelink/TBLALC
Tom Alletson	Waterways and Coast Co-ordinator, Tweed Shire Council

Apologies:

Janette Saunders
Chris Morgan
Geoff Edwards
Clarence Phillips

The Chair was declared vacant and nominations were called. Russell Logan was nominated and unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

Mr Logan opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and paid respect to Elders past and present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Dot Holdom

Seconded: Max Boyd

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 7 October 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

Business Arising:

Item from Meeting held 5 August 2005

2. Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Management Plan

Mr Alletson provided an update on the Cobaki and Terranora Broadwater Management Plan. The Committee nominated Dr Ian Fox as their preferred consultant for the Plan. Dr Fox will draft a Terms of Reference for the Project to be presented to the Committee for comment.

Mr Alletson provided an update on the Oxley Cove area of Banora Point. A draft plan of management will be prepared with a proposed redevelopment of the area into a recreational area. A copy of the draft plan will be presented at a future meeting.

Business Arising:

Item from Meeting held 7 October 2005

2. Letitia Spit Road

The Letitia Spit Road Summit will be held on 8 November 2005 at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre from 3.30pm. Mr Tom Alletson and Administrator Max Boyd have both forwarded their apologies.

Item from Meeting held 5 August 2005

3. Gift to Tweed Shire Council from the Indigenous Community

Ms Mye has contacted Mr Grantly Paulson regarding the bark gift.

The Committee discussed the issue and agreed that Ms Clare Gray will contact another local Indigenous artist for a gift of a bark commemorative message to be completed.

Items from Meeting held 6 May 2005

8. Entry Points to Tweed Shire

Council resolved on 17 August 2005

“That Council amends all signage that identifies the entry points to the Tweed Shire to include the Aboriginal welcoming of the Bundjalung Dialects be referred to the General Manager to investigate the impacts and report back to Council.”

Mrs Kath Lena, Ms Clare Gray, Mrs Maureen Logan, Mrs Dot Holdom, Administrator Boyd and Mr Russell Logan have tabled photos of the entry to the Tweed Shire on the Tweed Bypass. The Committee will discuss appropriate wording at the next meeting.

7. Inclusion of Traditional Clan Names

Council resolved that the recommendation by the Operations Committee

"that Council amends all place name signs that use Aboriginal words to include the traditional clans of the Tweed."

be referred to the General Manager to organise a discussion with representatives of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and report to Council on the logistical and financial implications.

Ms Mye contacted Mr Bill Bainbridge – Tweed Heads and District Historical Society to access the information regarding Indigenous names and meanings. This information was distributed to committee members present for discussion at the next meeting.

Item from Meeting held 5 August 2005

4. Upgrade of the Old Border Caravan Park

Ms Mye called for interested members to participate in the Public Art Advisory Committee panel convened to assess applications for the Indigenous Place Making Project.

Item from meeting held 1 April 2005

3. Tugun Bypass

Ms Jackie McDonald the committee member on the Tugun Bypass, tabled correspondence to the Minister for Planning, from Save Our Lakes and Heritage (SOLAH).

Administrator Boyd reiterated that many traditional Aboriginal Sites had already been lost and that significant Cultural and Heritage Sites should be preserved as much as possible.

The Committee agreed that the Cultural, Heritage and Environmental values threatened by the Tugun Bypass are of grave significance and encourage all interested bodies to correspond with the Minister for Planning.

General Business:

1. Twin Towns Walk of Fame

The Committee discussed the desire for local Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to be recognised in this project. It was suggested that submissions of suitable candidates should be sent to Mr Alan Black, the project organiser.

2. Development Control Plan No 17 – Cobaki Lakes

Ms Clare Gray enquired if we had any feedback regarding the Development Control Plan No 17 – Cobaki Lakes. Administrator Boyd informed committee that Tweed Shire Council is still awaiting information from Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council regarding this issue.

3. Amendments to June 2005 Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Mrs Dot Holdom brought to the attention of the committee that in June 2005 a recommendation was made to council as follows:

“Resolved that the Committee endorses the two names of Burrugah and Gabay as suggested by the Elders and descended Traditional Owners and the Land Council and recommends that Council adopt these for use in a street in the Bogangar area”.

The committee agreed that the location Bogangar should had been Casuarina.

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the names “Burrugah” (which means Ocean) and “Gabay” (which means Honey Bee) be referred to Council’s Planning & Development Division for use for future street names in the Bogangar area.

Motion: That the word Bogangar be changed to Casuarina in the minutes of the June Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting in both the Resolved put to the Council from the committee and the Recommendation from Council to the committee

Moved: Dot Holdom
Second: Kathleen Lena

Carried

4. White Hall Lodge

Mrs Lena, Ms Gray and Ms Mye have been consulting with the owners of White Hall Lodge and researching possibilities of community participation in this establishment . An application for funding under the Crime Prevention Strategy has been prepared.

5. International Volunteers Day – 7 December 2005

Maggie Groff from Tweed Shire Council requested an Elder to perform Welcome to Country at the Murwillumbah Auditorium – 7 December 2005. The committee endorsed Mrs Kathleen Lena to provide the Welcome.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held on 2 December 2005, 10am at the Activities Room, HACC Centre, Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

The meeting closed at 1.00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

3. Amendments to June 2005 Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Regarding Item 3 of General Business, Council Minute Number 494 of 17 August 2005 reflects the original minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and thus uses the locality Bogangar. This resolution will need to be rescinded and a new resolution passed.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

3. Amendments to June 2005 Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting minutes

That Council resolves:

1. That the part of Council's resolution 494 of 17 August 2005 which reads

"That the names "Burrugah" (which means Ocean) or "Gabay" (which means Honey Bee) be referred to Council's Planning & Development Division for use for future street names in the Bogangar area.

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be rescinded.

- 2. That the names “Burrugah” (which means Ocean) and “Gabay” (which means Honey Bee) be referred to Council’s Planning & Development Division for use for future street names in the Casuarina area.**
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b2 [SUB-TDAC] Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Disability Access Committee Meeting held Thursday 16 February 2006

Venue:

Activities Room, HACC Centre, Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

Time:

2.00 pm

Present:

Administrator Max Boyd, Ron Douglas, Maggie Groff, Stephen Pollitt, Graham Williams, Vic Sparks, Una Cowdroy, Julie Lewin, Pam Veness (Minutes)

Apologies:

Barbara Carroll, Milena Morrow, Gail Martin

Election of Chair:

Ron Douglas was nominated by Vic Sparks. Julie Lewin seconded the nomination. Mr Douglas accepted the nomination. Mr Douglas was elected by unanimous vote.

Election of Vice Chair:

Milena Morrow was nominated by Stephen Pollitt. Ron Douglas seconded the nomination.

Ms Morrow was absent and not able to accept or decline the nomination

Ms Morrow was elected by unanimous vote.

Ms Groff will contact Ms Morrow to advise the election results and seek Ms Morrow's acceptance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Una Cowdroy

Seconded: Vic Sparks

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Shire Council Disability Access meeting held Thursday 15 December 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

Item from Meeting held 17 February 2005

9. Mobility Map

Responses or quotes have not been received. Discussion was held on possible options to complete the map. Ms Groff will investigate and report back to the Committee.

Administrator Boyd left the meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Item from Meeting held 17 February 2005

7. Footpath Access – Kennedy Drive

Referred to Road Safety Officer – report not yet received.

Item from Meeting held 21 April 2005

5. Powell Street Pedestrian Crossing, Tweed Heads

Referred to Road Safety Officer – report not yet received.

Item from Meeting held 16 June 2005

2. 'Missed Business' - How to attract more customers by providing better access to your business"

The document is being prepared. A draft document will be made available for the next meeting.

Item from Meeting held 16 June 2005

6. Murwillumbah Bowls & Sports Club

MR CAMERON REPORTED THAT A BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS MET THE LICENSEE ON SITE AND DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESSIBLE UNISEX TOILET.

Item from Meeting held 18 August 2005

4. Footpath Obstructions - Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South

Mr Douglas and Ms Groff met with Mr Don Buckley, Director of Environment and Community Services, on 21 December 2005 to discuss the matter. Following visitation by Regulatory Services staff the obstructions have been removed.

Item from Meeting held 18 August 2005

7. Disability Access Awards

The working party will comprise Ron Douglas, Julie Lewin, and Stephen Pollitt. Ms Morrow has previously indicated her willingness to participate in the working party. The Working Party will meet on 20 April 2006, at 1.00 p.m. in the Buchanan Room, to commence formulation of an award process.

Item from Meeting held 20 October 2005

2. Wommin Bay Hostel - Request for Boardwalk and Viewing Platform

This project will be managed within the Recreation Services Unit.

Item from Meeting held 20 October 2005

4. Pram Ramps, intersection Florence Street and Wharf Street, Tweed Heads

A pram ramp has been installed at the intersection of Brett Street and Powell Street.

Items from Meeting held 15 December 2005

1. Lupino's Hair Salon - Tweed City Shopping Centre

Ms Groff advised that the ramp is being remodelled. A window sign will be installed advising "Wheelchair Ramp Available on Request".

2. Disability Access Budget

Discussion was held on the budget and planned expenditure items.

3. Australia Post - Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah

Mr Douglas and Ms Groff met with Mr Don Buckley, Director of Environment and Community Services, on 21 December 2005 to discuss the matter. Mr Douglas advised the postal contractor has indicated a smaller truck will be used in the future.

4. Footpath Obstruction - Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah

Mr Douglas and Ms Groff met with Mr Don Buckley, Director of Environment and Community Services, on 21 December 2005 on this matter. Mr Douglas advised that the scaffolding has since been removed.

General Business:

1. Regional Access Committee Report

No report received.

2. National Disability Advisory Council

Ms Groff reported the advice received from the National Disability Advisory Council regarding the non-compliance of private property buildings and the mechanism for lodging complaints. The Council advised that the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission should be consulted. This body has advised that only an aggrieved individual is entitled to make a complaint under the Disability Discrimination Act.

3. Disability Action Plan

Ms Groff advised that the updating and implementation of the Plan has not been able to be resourced internally.

Moved: Julie Lewin

Seconded: Una Cowdroy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide the funds to employ a consultant to update and implement the Disability Action Plan.

Carried unanimously

4. Disability Parking

The Committee discussed the issue of policing the use of specifically marked disability parking spaces by those not entitled to do so. The Road Transport Authority (RTA) Mobility Parking Scheme provides for a licence-style card that includes a photograph of the eligible person and this should be visible in the windscreen of the vehicle.

On public property, it is the responsibility of Regulatory Services staff or Police to enforce the regulations. Heavy fines apply for parking illegally in spaces reserved for people with disabilities.

In instances where the misuse has occurred on private property, such as shopping centres, the suggested recourse is to advise the centre manager or owner.

It was noted that the disability parking spaces on the ramp providing access to the Murwillumbah Civic Centre are regularly used by vehicles not displaying the required permit. Ms Groff will investigate and report back to the Committee.

5. Footpath Access - Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah South

The Committee discussed the lack of footpath access near Greenhills Lodge Retirement Village. Ms Groff will investigate and report back to the Committee.

6. Uki Resident's Association - Public Meeting on Access

Ms Lewin advised that UKIRA, the Uki Resident's Association, has proposed to hold a public meeting to discuss access issues within the village area. Ms Lewin will report back to the Committee on progress.

7. Young People with a Disability in Nursing Homes

Ms Groff advised that the Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG) is to spend \$244 million over five years assisting young people to move from residential aged care facilities.

The program will initially target people aged under 50. The program will also provide cost-effective alternative residential care services for some younger people with disabilities, improve support services for those who continue to stay in residential aged care and may assist younger people who are at risk of entering nursing homes.

8. Census 2006 - Australian Bureau of Statistics

Ms Groff advised that the 2006 Census will contain a question regarding disabilities in order to present more accurate statistics of the population with mobility or care issues. Preliminary results should be available by 2007.

Correspondence:

1. Northcott Society – Advice of 2006 Scholarships – information distributed to Committee
2. Mrs M. Wallace – concerned regarding the lack of access to business premises in Murwillumbah. Ms Groff will respond outlining Council's efforts with the "Missed Business" campaign.
3. Greenway Drive, Tweed Heads South – Footpath access between Amber Drive and Traders Way. Ms Groff advised that the developer would be required to install a footpath as part of the development consent.
4. Mrs H. Keogh - Eyles Avenue, Murwillumbah. Ms Groff advised that the extension of the footpath will be listed for inclusion in the next Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan program.
5. Ms Sonia Sharp – Lack of disability facilities at Murwillumbah Memorial Pool Complex and disability toilets on the Tweed Coast. Ms Groff has responded with advice regarding the beach wheelchairs at Kingscliff and Pottsville, and the facilities at Kingscliff and South Tweed Indoor Pools, a list of disability accessible toilets in Tweed Shire and a MLAK key.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Tweed Shire Council Disability Access Committee will be held on 20 April 2006 in the Buchanan Room, Buchanan Street, Murwillumbah.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Item 3 of General Business Disability Action Plan

This issue has not been able to be resourced internally for a considerable amount of time.

Item 4 of General Business Disability Parking

Regulatory Services and Road Safety Officer are taking steps to resolve this issue.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

3. Disability Action Plan

That Council obtains a quotation for the upgrade and implementation of the draft Disability Action Plan and if the price is within resources of the current Tweed Shire Council Access Budget, the Director Environment and Community Services appoints a consultant to proceed with the work.

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