

Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 April 2012

Venue:

Canvas & Kettle Meeting Room

Time:

1.15pm

Present:

Cr Barry Longland (Chair); Cr Katie Milne; Terry Kane (Cabarita Beach-Bogangar); Rhonda James (Restoration Industry); Ian Rabbitts (Fingal Head); David Cranwell (Pottsville); Jane Lofthouse, Tom Alletson, Stewart Brawley (Tweed Shire Council).

Informal:

Cathey Philip (Minutes Secretary); Emily Whitehill and Jenna McLean (Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd); Caz McDougal (Kingscliff DuneCare Group); Dawn Walker (Fingal Head Community Association).

Apologies:

Richard Hagley, Ben Fitzgibbon (Office of Environment and Heritage); Lance Tarvey (Office of Environment and Heritage); Ian Hanson (NSW Land & Property Management Authority); Jason Pearson (Kingscliff); John Harbison (Mooball); Gary Thorpe (Hastings Point); Sebastien Garcia-Cuenca, Mark Kingston (Tweed Shire Council).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Cr Longland

Seconded: Cr Milne

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Tweed Coastal Committee meeting held Wednesday 14 December 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 8 February 2012 have not yet been submitted to Council and therefore cannot be adopted by Committee at this stage. Minutes will be submitted to the Committee at the June 2012 meeting.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

Standing Orders were suspended to allow representatives from Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd (KBR) to address the Committee.

A1. Tweed River Sand Extraction and Pipeline Route, Kingscliff Sand Nourishment - Consultation on EIS

Emily Whitehill and Jenna McLean consulted with members and others invited on the identified sand extraction area for the Area 5 and the most favourable pipeline routes to Kingscliff. The main purpose was to extract preliminary issues and concerns.

Minutes

Members asked various questions. Issues highlighted included sand compatibility and the impact on dune vegetation from laying of the pipeline along the foreshore.

A discussion took place regarding the options.

Jane noted that this was preliminary consultation for the Environmental Impact Study and that the Draft EIS would come back to the Committee and Council for consideration prior to public exhibition.

Emily, Jenna, Dawn and Caz left the meeting at 2.00pm

Resumption of Standing Orders:
Standing Orders were resumed.

Business Arising:

BA1. Chinderah Bug Farm - (BA7 14 December 2011 meeting)

Jane provided plans of the proposed seawater inlet for Chinderah Bug Farm.

Terry requested the status of the approvals for the pipeline be provided at the next meeting.

BA2. Management of Trees in Road Reserve - (A2 8 February 2012 meeting)

Jane provided further information on current and proposed management of roadside vegetation.

Council recently contracted Consultants to prepare a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan for the Shire, scheduled for completion in September 2012. Council's Works Unit, which has part funded the Project, will implement the Plan through incorporation into their management structure. All in-field staff will be consulted, briefed and provided with a booklet detailing the location of significant vegetation and the constraints on working within the road reserve.

As part of this Project Council has updated its database of Rare and Threatened (legislatively protected) roadside trees.

Other significant roadside trees will be noted and amended to the proposed Shire-wide TPO which may entail inclusion in a specific DCP under the new LEP.

Mark Kingston to provide further updates at future meetings.

BA3. Bank Erosion Pottsville (GB1 8 February 2012 meeting)

David referred to the signs he mentioned at the last meeting and advised that one has gone. There are concerns about the approach to the boat ramp and potential safety issues from continued erosion.

Jane to refer to Tom for investigation and action as required.

BA4. Blacks Creek - Kings Forest (BA5 8 February 2012 meeting)

Cr Milne raised the potential for water pollution from Acid Sulphate Soil runoff from the drain spoil. This should be followed up with Council EHO's as pollution issue.

Agenda Items:

A1. Tweed River Sand Extraction and Pipeline Route, Kingscliff Sand Nourishment - Consultation on EIS

Dealt with in Standing Orders.

A2. Coastal and Marine Knowledge Gaps and Priority Issues

Jane requested the Committee provide her with a list of priority issues to be forwarded to the NRCMA for consideration in Northern Rivers Catchment Acton Plan review within the Marine and Coastal Theme. These will be forwarded as part of the consultation process.

Items are:

- Pippies research - closure due to low numbers
 - Biodegradable bait bags - ways to encourage uptake by industry
 - Dissolvable fish hooks
 - Fish audits/surveys - fish stock levels
 - Regulation of diffuse water pollution from land uses
 - Marine litter collection
 - Research on catchment runoff and impacts on coastal and marine organisms
 - Water quality issues in Cudgen Lake
 - Long term impacts of catch and release fishery
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A3. Kingscliff Foreshore Protection Update

Jane provided an update on current activities, timeframes and grants provided by Office of Environment and Heritage.

- EIS Tweed River Sand Extraction and Pipeline - EIS in preparation
- Terminal seawall protection options and sand nourishment volumes for Kingscliff - draft report received, additional issues to be considered in accordance with recommendations from the NSW Minister for the Environment and NSW Coastal Panel
- Coastal Hazard Study - combined study with Byron Shire, brief to be sent out shortly
- Socio-economic Benefit Cost Analysis of Kingscliff Foreshore Protection and Planned Retreat options to be undertaken as part of the update of the Tweed Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)
- Coastal Processes Study for Kingscliff (linked to Coastal Hazard Study) to be completed by mid 2013.

- Update of Tweed Shire CZMP, commencing with Kingscliff compartment and finalisation of the Emergency Action Plan for Kingscliff
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4. Tweed DuneCare Coordinating Committee

Jane discussed various issues from the minutes of the Committee meeting held Thursday 22 March 2012. Copies of those minutes will be distributed at a later date.

Discussion on the successful reduction of Bitou bush within Tweed Shire. Still some patches of this weed evident but high priority for eradication.

General Business:

GB1. Update of the Tweed Coast Estuary Management Plan

Tom provided an update on community consultation undertaken to date on the Plan.

Tom read to the meeting the progress report from Hydrosphere Consulting and referred to the baseline ecosystem health assessment report.

Jane suggested a workshop to go through the 2004 Tweed Coast Estuaries Management Plan to provide the basis of a review of that plan and work out status of various actions.

GB3. Sailing Club Proposed Storage Site at Fingal Head

Ian raised the issue of the proposed storage facility for the Tweed Sailing Club adjacent to the entrance to the quarry car park, Fingal Head. Ian noted the potential for the site to clash with the quarry road intersection upgrade. Stewart noted that these were very preliminary discussions to establish whether this was a suitable site or not and no design work had been undertaken.

Ian advised that the issue would be discussed at the meeting of the Fingal Head Community Association that evening.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Tweed Coastal Committee will be held Wednesday 13 June 2012.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.