MINUTES

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 96

Thursday 14 April 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee held at the Bruny Island Community Health on Thursday 14 April 2016 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Mike Percey		
Members	Mr Trevor Adams		
	Mr A Matysek		
	Mr John Kobylec		
	Mr B Schmidt		
	Mr Bill Hughes		
	Ms S Gaskell		Х
	Mr G McAfee		
	Mr R Clarke		

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE

Mr David Reeve – Executive Manager Engineering Services Mr Ian Holloway – Executive Officer

IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Armstrong MLC Sarah Boyle (Department of State Growth) Andrew Hargrave (Department of State Growth)

APOLOGIES

Ms Siobhan Gaskell

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Schmidt leave of absence for June 2016 Mr Adams leave of absence for June 2016

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved Mr Adams / Seconded Mr Schmidt

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2016 as circulated be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS:

Councillor Percey advised on the release of preliminary details from the Australian Renewal Energy Agency as to \$2.9M for the provision of solar panels/batteries for approximately 40 residences on Bruny. TasNetworks will be conducting public forums at a later time.

Mr Reeve – Executive Manager Engineering Services:

Mr Reeve outlined Council's engineer activities on Bruny Island. The draft capital works budget for 2016/17 included funding for resheeting Cloudy Bay Road and Council's section of Lighthouse Road. In addition an assessment is being made to ascertain if the extension of the Adventure Bay Road footpath from the shop to Quiet Corner can be funded in2016/17. The remaining capital project was further works on the Alonnah pontoon.

Discussion was held on the importance of the provision of a separate walkway at the bridge on Bruny Main Road at Alonnah between School Road and the hotel.

Moved Mr Adams Seconded Mr Hughes

That the Committee recommend to Council that a funding application be made under the Vulnerable Road Users program for funding of a separate pedestrian walkway at the Bruny Main Road bridge between School Road and the Alonnah hotel.

Carried unanimously

Concern was raised regarding the postal contractor on Bruny Island driving on the wrong side of the road causing numerous 'near misses'. The Committee requested that the matter be referred to the Kingborough Road Safety Committee for further investigation.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE

At the time of preparation of the agenda there were no questions on notice from the Committee.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

At the February 2016 meeting, Councillor Grace asked the following question:

How much is the cost to Council of day labour for rubbish collection on the Island?

Response: The majority of litter collection is undertaken by the contractor.

However from time to time it is necessary for Council staff to empty

bins. The cost of this work is not specifically identified within Council's accounting system.

At the February 2016 meeting, Mr Bill asked the following question:

Will the sealing of Harvey Road be considered in the 2016/2017 budget?

Response: The sealing has not been listed in the preliminary capital works

schedule for 2016/2017.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nil

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
Ragwort program	No further advice	Noted
Cat control	Ms Kaylene Allen to attend future meeting to brief the Committee on the cat control programme for the Island.	Noted
Weed control	The draft Weed Management Strategy has been released for public comment.	Noted
Roadside Slashing – State Roads		Concern was raised as to the service level for roadside slashing and spraying along State roads.
		The Executive Manager Engineering Services to investigate and report to Committee.

PLANNING STRATEGIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
New Kingborough Planning Scheme	No further advice.	Noted
Strategic Community Planning for Bruny Island		Mr Schmidt reported that the Friends of North Bruny are currently contacting community groups on the Island with the view of developing a strategic community plan for the Island.

SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
Bruny Island Ferry issues	Ms Boyle advised that MAST had issued the previous instruction in relation to the number of lanes on the ferry. Ms Boyle to refer the matter to MAST for further advice.	Noted
	The Department will be gathering data over the next eighteen months or so to help make a decision in relation to the next ferry contract. A decision on the future contract / replacement ferry won't be made for at least another two years.	
Abbeyfield project		A funding application has been made by the Community Committee for funding to further investigate the feasibility of an Abbeyfield complex on the Island.
Council activities	Council's Media/Communications Officer has been in contact with the Bruny News to discuss increasing Council's media advice to residents.	Noted.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
North Bruny Master Plan	No further advice	Noted
Adventure Bay Road linemarking	Advice sought from the Dept of State Growth.	Ms Boyle advised that Department will undertake linemarking during the summer of 2016/17

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
Speed limit - Main Road at Lunawanna	Awaiting advice from Department	The reduction is not now considered necessary to provide consistency in speed limits.
Sealing of roads	Advice sought from the Dept of State Growth – awaiting advice.	Ms Boyle outlined the project associated with the sealing of the Bruny Main Road at the Neck. Design works/investigations have commenced with the major issue being associated with protection of the penguin population.
		Funding for the project has been allocated in 2017/18 & 2018/19 forwarded budgets with construction likely during the winter of 2018.
Public toilets - Alonnah	No further advice	Noted
Alonnah pontoon	As advised by Mr Reeve, funding has been allocated in the draft capital works program for 2016/17.	Noted
Adventure Bay foreshore path	The footpath will now be considered for listing in the draft capital works budget submitted to Council.	Noted
Pedestrian Bridge Bruny Main Road	Advice to be provided by Ms Boyle from Dept of State Growth following her inspection.	See recommendation to Council relating to funding option for the provision of separated walkway.
Coolangatta Road	Ms Boyle advised that the issue of road maintenance of State managed roads is currently being considered. This includes DSG and Parks & Wildlife roads.	Noted
Litter and dog bags	Refer to question on notice	Noted.
Adventure Bay Road – Bligh Creek to East Cove	Mr Reeve advised that he would investigate the issues of increased traffic usage and report back to the Committee.	For discussion at future meeting.

TOURISM PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
Proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off	Ms Boyle advised that Departmental staff are currently photographing and documenting all signs on Bruny and will work with Council to standardise and improve signage on the Island.	Noted
Bruny Island Tourism Strategy	Amended draft strategy provided to members.	
Recreational Vehicles on Island	Strategy to be developed for inclusion within Tourism Strategy	
Tourism traffic	Mr Hargrave advised: • 15-20% growth in traffic on	
	Bruny in last 2 years.	
	Bruny is mirroring other areas in State for tourism growth.	
	 Over last 5 years only 1 crash on Lighthouse Road involved a Tasmanian licensed driver. 	
	Rate of tourism increase is likely to rise in line with current trends.	
Destination Action Plan (DAP)	Ms Boyle responded to a question from Mr Matysek that the local community groups would be consulted as part of the DAP process to gather input on public infrastructure matters.	
	BIAC members also wish to participate in the meeting to discuss the Bruny Island DAP scheduled for May 2016.	

LIAISON WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Item	Background and Current Situation	Committee Advice
Management of State Forests	Advice provided to members via email prior to meeting.	Concern as to the lack of regeneration of coupe on Clennetts Link (10B?). Request advice from Forestry Tasmania as to intentions.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Nil

CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.