

MINUTES

BRUNY ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 98

Thursday 11 August 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Bruny Island Advisory Committee held at the Bruny Island Community Health Centre on Thursday 11 August 2016 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

| | | PRESENT | APOLOGY |
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| Chairperson | Cr Mike Percey | X | |
| Members | Mr Trevor Adams | X | |
| | Mr Alex Matysek | | X |
| | Mr John Kobylec | X | |
| | Mr Brendan Schmidt | X | |
| | Mr Bill Hughes | X | |
| | Ms Siobhan Gaskell | X | |
| | Mr Gerald McAfee | X | |
| | Mr Richard Clarke | X | |

COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Councillor Steve Wass
Councillor Flora Fox

COUNCIL OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Michelle Allen – Liaison Officer Governance and Property Services

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Gary Arnold – General Manager

APOLOGIES

Alex Matysek

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved John Kobylec / Seconded Gerald McAfee

That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016 as circulated be confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Pedestrian access over bridge

It was noted that Council has submitted a funding application under the Vulnerable Road Users Program and will advise the committee when notified of the outcome in August or September.

Postal Contractor

It was noted that Council has sent correspondence to the Police and Australia Post regarding issues with the postal contractor.

The Committee was informed that the local Police Officer has advised that Australia Post has permission to cross the roads. It was also stated that a lot of mail boxes are located on blind corners and other dangerous positions.

Response to Geoff Byrne's question

The Committee was advised that Daniel Smee Manager Governance and Property Services has provided Mr Geoff Byrne with a reply to his questions relating to the green waste and a copy of the email was attached to the Agenda.

Bus tour of Bruny

Michelle reported that the notes from the bus tour of the island on Thursday 28 July 2016 will be provided to the Committee shortly and then passed onto the relevant Council staff for comments.

Strategic Plan for Bruny

A discussion was held on the Draft document prepared by Friends of North Bruny. The Committee agreed that the current draft document would be superseded and that an overall Strategic Plan is required.

Moved Brendan Schmidt Seconded John Kobylec

That BIAC request Kingborough Council support an overall strategic plan for Bruny Island which requests a declaration of Bruny Island as an Area of Special Interest. The definition of an Area of Special Interest to be negotiated between local residents, Council and State Government as a part of the strategic plan for Bruny Island.

Carried unanimously

Bruny Island Amalgamating with Huon Valley Council

Gary Arnold reported that Council will not be passing Bruny Island onto Huon Valley Council (HVC) and that this survey from HVC has come about from a report that was produced in 2015 regarding the options of amalgamations.

Stormwater Charge

Farmers on Bruny are upset as they have to pay the Stormwater Charge several times because their properties have multiple titles which is similar to the Barretta Waste Levy.

Gary Arnold advised that these farmers could discuss the matter by contacting Council's Finance Manager.

Alonnah Hall

It was reported that the recoating of the Alonnah Hall has been completed and is of an unsatisfactory standard and will need redoing.

Michelle Allen will pass this information onto the Building Maintenance Officer.

Tourism Traffic

Michelle Allen reported that a new format is being created and will show a breakdown of the different categories and graphs of the information.

Road Safety Leaflet

A request was made to create a road safety leaflet that could be handed out at the Ferry. Siobhan provide a copy of a leaflet used in Western Australia.

Michelle will refer this matter to Council's Road Safety Committee to discuss further with the Department of State Growth.

Management of State Forests

The Group agreed that an invitation of be sent to the Premier Mr Will Hodgman and Mr Guy Barnett MP inviting them to attend a future meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bruny Island District School – Grade Six Students

The Students provided a presentation on what has been happening there over the last two month. This included:

- A disco to raise funds for the school trip to Canberra
- Designing and creating a bird sculpture to be installed at the front of the school
- Singing techniques workshop with Crescendo and a concert to be held in late September
- Quiz night on 2 September to raise funds for the Canberra trip
- Students are completing a mural for one of the walls at the School.

The Committee raised the question to the students of where is the best location for a bus shelter and it was suggested Simpsons Bay intersection.

Moved Bill Hughes Seconded Richard Clarke

That Council give a donation to the Bruny Island School for their Canberra trip.

Carried unanimously

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE

There were no questions on notice from the Committee.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions on notice from the public.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no questions without notice from the Committee.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions without notice from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| Ragwort program | <p>The ragwort program is still operating with fairly good success in terms of the amount of ragwort being removed from the island via the free skip bin. The amount of ragwort in the landscape still fluctuates as the weed responds to climate variations, disturbances etc.</p> <p>There are also still small pockets across the island where landowners fail to treat their ragwort effectively or in a timely manner. Council staff are still targeting these areas.</p> <p>The ragwort program will be reviewed over the coming month to ensure that it is the most cost effective and efficient way of responding to the weed.</p> | Will this program continue into the future |
| Cat control | <p>Environmental Health Services and Compliance sections have commenced drafting of by-laws and seeking legal advice.</p> <p>Kaylene is identifying cat owners on Bruny Island for direct consultation in By-law development. Any help from BIAC would be greatly appreciated!! We estimate from BI survey there are roughly 80 domestic cats on the island from around 55 permanent dwellings, but to date we have only identified a handful of cat owners.</p> | The question was raised is this a focus on feral cats or does it include domestic cats as well? |
| Weed control (Management Strategy) | Council received a great response from stakeholders during the consultation period. The draft has been finalised and will be submitted to Council for endorsement. | Noted |
| Roadside Slashing – State | Generally there is only one roadside | Noted |

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| Roads | <p>slash per year.</p> <p>However when there has been a higher growth Council may undertake additional slashing on selected roads to keep roadsides under control or to further improve sight distances or aesthetics where our budget permits.</p> | |
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PLANNING STRATEGIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| New Kingborough Planning Scheme | Planning Commission is conducting hearings into the proposed State Planning Provisions. Once these are determined, Council must prepare a Local Planning Schedule 9(includes zoning maps).. | Noted |
| Strategic Community Planning for Bruny Island | To date, Council's response to this has been the preparation and regular update of the Tourism Strategy. No broader community planning exercise (dealing with social, health and economic aspects) is proposed at this stage. | Discussion to supersede the Friends of North Bruny draft Future Direction Plan and recommend that Council support a Strategy Plan for all of Bruny. |
| Waste Management Strategy | Council has funds in this year's budget to develop a Waste Management Plan for Kingborough. | Noted |

SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| Abbeyfield project | The local group is still seeking to conduct an independent survey to determine the need on Bruny for aged accommodation or whether there might be alternative solutions to the Abbeyfield model. A recent grant application was unsuccessful and they are exploring other options. | <p>Noted</p> <p>It was noted that the Abbeyfield Group had a report in the latest Bruny News</p> |
| Council activities | <p>Council is assisting with the inaugural Bruny Island Art Prize in terms of materials and resources and curatorial advice for the exhibition, also providing the venue which is the Alonnah Hall.</p> <p>Council is providing advice, venue (Alonnah Hall), exhibition assistance and resources for the Bruny Island Bird Festival.</p> | Noted |

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| North Bruny Master Plan | This draft plan has been recently publicly advertised and comments are being received by Kristine Ancher at Council. | Gary Arnold advised that this is not a Council document and has not been endorsed by Council. A Recommendation for Council to support a Strategic Plan for all of Bruny. |
| Public toilets - Alonnah | Money is available in the budget to construct a toilet block at Alonnah, further work is required to identify a suitable location. | Ideal location would be halfway between the park and pontoon. The Manager of Engineering Services has to select a position for the toilets |
| Alonnah pontoon | Minor repair works will be undertaken on the Alonnah pontoon in the next couple of months. This will include some repairs to the embankments, restricting access to some exposed steelwork and some seating. | Noted |
| Adventure Bay foreshore path | Continuation of the Adventure Bay Foreshore path is planned to be undertaken prior to the summer months and will be undertaken in conjunction with the community | Noted |
| Pedestrian Bridge Bruny Main Road | A submission was put forward for the Vulnerable Road User program for grant funding for this project. Council is yet to be advised if this has been successful | Council should be notified in August/September of the outcome of application IT was suggested that a footpath leading up to the bridge be included in the grant application. |
| Coolangatta Road | Ms Boyle is still undertaking investigations into the issues. | To be followed up with Sarah Boyle |
| Adventure Bay Road – Bligh Creek to East Cove | This project is still underway. | Noted |
| Litter and dog bags | There are no dog litter bins or bags on Bruny. | Add item back onto the Agenda. Gary Arnold advised that is a major cost and will need to be addressed in the Waste Management Strategy. |
| Lunawanna Hall | The public toilets located at this hall need upgrading. | |
| Adventure Bay Hall | It was reported that the recoating of the Alonnah Hall has been completed and is of an unsatisfactory standard and will need redoing. | |

TOURISM PROMOTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| Proliferation of signs at the Adventure Bay turn-off | Ms Boyle is still undertaking investigations into the issues discussed at the April meeting and will attend future meeting to update members. | Noted |
| Bruny Island Tourism Strategy | This strategy will be updated once the two DSG projects are completed (Destination Action Plan and Visitor Engagement Strategy) and when the end of financial year visitor numbers are released by Tourism Tasmania. | Noted. |
| Recreational Vehicles on Island | A report has been commissioned and a Councillor workshop on this will be held on 15 August. A draft report will be subsequently prepared and circulated for comment. | Noted |
| Tourism traffic | Council maintains a record of traffic numbers at Roberts Point and this will continue to occur. | Noted |
| Destination Action Plan (DAP) | A final draft is being prepared by the consultants and is expected soon. | Noted |

LIAISON WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

| Item | Background and Current Situation | Committee Advice |
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| Management of State Forests | Concern as to the lack of regeneration of coupe on Clennetts Link (10B?). Request advice from Forestry Tasmania as to intentions. Still waiting on advice. | The Group agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Guy Barnett MP and the Premier Mr Will Hodgman inviting them to attend a meeting of BIAC. |
| Bruny Island Ferry issues | DSG is still undertaking investigations into the issues discussed at the April meeting. The Premier is convening a meeting to discuss community issues relating to the ferry contract. | Meeting held at Council on Wednesday 10 August to discuss the expression of interest for |
| Sealing of State roads | Ms Boyle is still undertaking investigations into the issues discussed at the April meeting and will attend future a meeting to update members. Project is now available on Dept of State Growth website: www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/bruny-island-neck-improvements Two trial penguin culverts (pending approvals) to be installed at the neck around August 2016. | Correspondence to Sarah Boyle on the outstanding DSG issues requesting timeframes or updates on their completion. |

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| Line Marking Adventure Bay Road | DSG to undertake line marking in summer 2016/17. | A request was made that this matter be kept on the Agenda until completed |
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MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The Committee agreed that a letter be sent to Ian Holloway to formerly thank him for his work and support over the years.

CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 11.15am

To: 'Geoff Byrne'
Subject: RE: BLAC

Hi Geoff,

Please see a response to your questions below:

- (a) Did full Council sanction this decision or has it been made by those who have delegated authority? – The decision was not one that required referral to Council and was made at an officer level.
- (b) Do Councillors agree that burning of such volumes is contrary to the conditions applied to local residents? – The burning off was not in contravention of Council's By-law as the Depot is not in a residential zone. A permit was obtained from the local Fire Brigade to undertake the burn and this option is similarly available to local residents who live outside of the residential zone.
- (c) If waste is to be burnt in the future is there any need to restrict the waste to be weed free and void of tree limbs/stumps etc. – The preferred option is to mulch and reuse the waste, hence the need for restrictions. However, there would still be a need to restrict limbs and stumps even if it was planned to be burnt to avoid a situation in which the fire burns for an unreasonable length of time.
- (d) Can Council explain how such a method of disposal assist with environmental protection, particularly when other more sustainable options are available? There is an environmental impact associated with all methods of disposal and this needs to be weighed up against factors such as cost and available resources. The decision taken to burn the waste was the most practical available under the circumstances at the time.
- (e) Or has it been done as simply the easiest and cheapest way out? And if this is the case, will Council now allow residents to utilise this method on their properties? The provisions of Council's Health and Environmental Services By-Law allow material to be burnt on properties outside of the residential zone and having an area of no less than 2000 square metres and providing that the material is burnt in a manner that is not unsafe (plus any necessary permits required from the Tas Fire Service).

In regard to the waste currently at the Depot, it is our intention to transport this back to Barretta for mulching as a "back-load" using trucks on their return run from the Island.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Regards,

Daniel Smee | Manager Governance & Property Services | Kingborough Council