

**MINUTES OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE TUCKEROO ROOM IN COUNCIL'S
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
AT 5.00PM ON TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2014**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Lois Cook – Elder

Troy Anderson – John Cook Foundation

Apologies

Marcus Ferguson

Mark Moore

Nita Roberts

Councillor Keith Williams

In Attendance

Mayor, Councillor David Wright

Councillor Sue Meehan

Councillor Paul Worth

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services (from 5.25pm)

Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

2. Appointment of Chairperson for the Meeting

The Committee has previously agreed to operate with a rotating Chairperson. On this occasion, Troy Anderson was nominated to chair the meeting and he duly accepted the role.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items on the Agenda.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 were accepted, by consensus, as a correct record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

- a) Aboriginal Welcome - Members discussed the options which had been presented in the report concerning potential Welcome or Acknowledgement Statements for use in Council publications.

A consensus was not able to be achieved concerning the preferred wording. It was agreed that this matter will be resubmitted for the Committee's future consideration.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations to the meeting.

7. General Business

- a) Coastal Pathways Projects – Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis and consultant, Ian Fox were unable to attend the meeting. John Truman briefly outlined that construction work associated with the western shared path is progressing well.

Mr Anderson indicated that, as a registered stakeholder, community members have contacted him expressing concern in regard to some aspects of the project.

Mr Truman encouraged Mr Anderson to use the ongoing consultation arrangements that are in place to raise any issues relating to the work. Mr Truman also indicated that staff will be pleased to provide a briefing concerning the pathways projects to a meeting of the JALI Local Aboriginal Land Council Board, if invited to do so.

- b) Community Projects – The information contained in the report was received and noted.
- c) Proposed Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy – The information contained in the report was received and noted.
- d) NSW Heritage Grants Funding Offer – Aboriginal Heritage Project.

The Information contained in the report was received and noted.

Members indicated their enthusiasm for this project as a means of highlighting the Aboriginal cultural values and significance of the East Ballina coastal area.

- e) Cabbage Tree Island Services and Infrastructure – The information contained in the report was received and noted.

John Truman provided additional advice to the meeting which confirmed that Council has a role in maintenance or upgrading of water, sewer and

road infrastructure on Cabbage Tree Island only when requested to carry out work on a contract basis by the State Government.

In terms of water supply, it was noted that there is only one meter recording the total usage of all the dwellings and other facilities on the Island. Concern was raised that the single meter makes it difficult to assess whether leakage is occurring within the reticulation, as well as understanding the actual points of usage.

The Committee agreed that Council write to the Member for Ballina, Don Page requesting that he make representations to relevant Ministers seeking a greater commitment of State Government funds toward repair and improvements to the access bridge to the Island and the internal road system.

8. Business Without Notice

Steve Barnier advised that notification had been received of Ms Denise Duroux's resignation from the Committee. At this stage it is unknown whether Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service will seek to nominate a new representative.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The documents which have recently been on public exhibition for community feedback were noted.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held at 5.00pm on Thursday 9 October 2014.

Agendas will be distributed to Committee members prior to that meeting. Any matters which members wish to have considered for inclusion in the next agenda should be emailed to Council by 26 September.

11. Meeting close

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.20pm.