



Notice of Ballina Shire Council Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting of Ballina Shire Council will be held in the Ballina Shire Tuckeroo Room (Committee Room), 40 Cherry Street Ballina on **Thursday 9 February 2017 commencing at 5.00 pm.**

Business

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting
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7. General Business
 - a) Shaws Bay Coastal Zone Management Plan
 - b) Plan of Management for Waterfalls
 - c) Coastal Recreational Pathway Project
 - d) Angels Beach Drive
 - e) Cabbage Tree Island Bridge Repairs – Status Report
 - f) Local Government Elections
 - g) Aboriginal Community Recognition

8. Business Without Notice
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10. Meeting Closure

Access to the meeting room is via the ramp off Cherry Street. The main access to the Council's Customer Service Centre is closed at this time.

Paul Hickey
General Manager

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting

The Committee has previously determined its preference to having a rotating Chair for each meeting. It is recommended that a Chair be nominated for this meeting.

2. Attendance and Apologies

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016 were distributed to members on 23 June 2016. A copy of the Minutes is included with the Agenda.

It is recommended that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of that meeting.

It is noted that the Committee meetings scheduled to be convened on 11 August, 13 October and 8 December 2016 were not held due to a lack of members in attendance.

5. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

NIL

6. Deputations

NIL

7. General Business

a) Shaws Bay Coastal Zone Management Plan

Ballina Shire Council is about to embark on a series of actions from the Coastal Zone Management Plan to improve the Shaws Bay precinct for the health of the ecosystem and our community.

The progressive actions to be undertaken (as noted below) are explained in further detail in the attached information sheet.

Action 1: Control bank erosion and siltation into the bay

Action 2: Dredging

Action 3: Improve Compton Drive Foreshore

Action 4: Expand Pop Denison Park.

b) Plans of Management for Waterfalls

Council has recently made a decision to liaise with members of the Ballina Shire community and government agencies to gather information to assist the preparation of a plan of management for Killen and Tosha Falls. The location of these falls is identified in the attached aerial photos.

It is acknowledged that natural features in the landscape, such as Tosha and Killen Falls, may potentially have significant cultural values for our Aboriginal and broader communities which should be recognised in any plan of management which may be adopted.

The Committee is invited to consider Council's proposal and provide any feedback which members consider may assist the preparation of the two draft plans. Alternatively, the Committee may wish to nominate particular knowledge holders within community with whom Council might further consult.

It is noted that Council has also invited feedback in relation to this project from Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council. We will also be conducting a search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) administered by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to determine if the two waterfalls hold recorded values.

Submitted for the Committee's consideration.



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Killen Falls Location Map

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Tosha Falls Location Map

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c) Coastal Recreational Pathway Project

Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis and consultant, Ian Fox will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an update regarding this project.

d) Angels Beach Drive

Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis and consultant, Ian Fox will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an update regarding this project.

e) Cabbage Tree Island Bridge repairs – status report

A status report regarding the proposed repair works to this structure will be provided at the meeting.

f) Local Government Elections

Members are aware that the local government election was held in Ballina Shire on 10 September 2016. The following were elected as Ballina Shire Councillors:

Mayor	A Ward	B Ward	C Ward
Cr David Wright	Cr Phillip Meehan Cr Nathan Willis Cr Stephen McCarthy	Cr Jeff Johnson Cr Sharon Cadwallader Cr Keith Williams	Cr Ben Smith Cr Eoin Johnston Cr Sharon Parry

At its inaugural meeting held on 29 September, the newly elected Council appointed individual Councillors as representatives to each of the Council's committees. Councillors Jeff Johnson, Nathan Willis and Stephen McCarthy have been appointed to Council's Aboriginal Community Committee.

This item is submitted for the information of Committee members.

g) Aboriginal Community Recognition

The Committee has previously agreed to make this a standing item on its agendas, to provide opportunities for discussion.

Committee members are invited to present specific ideas for how Council and the shire's Aboriginal community can continue to work together to strengthen our relationship.

8. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and/or questions to be presented by Committee members.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Thursday 13 April 2017**.

10. Meeting Closure

**MINUTES OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM IN COUNCIL'S
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE
AT 5.00PM ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2016**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Lois Cook, Elder
Marcus Ferguson, Community Member
Susan Anderson, John Bappa Cook Foundation

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor, Councillor David Wright

Others in Attendance

Mr Desmond Anderson (observer)
Paul Busmanis, Engineering Works Manager, BSC
Ian Fox, Council Heritage Consultant
James Brideson, Natural Resource Officer, BSC
Steve Barrier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities, BSC

Apologies

Troy Anderson, John Bappa Cook Foundation

2. Appointment of Chairperson for the Meeting

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

3. Declarations of Interest

Marcus Ferguson noted his role with Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council in relation to some of the items on the Agenda.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2016, being the most recent meeting of the Committee, were accepted by consensus as a correct record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

6. Deputations

There were no deputations to the meeting.

7. General Business

a) Coastal Recreational Pathway Project

Paul Busmanis and Ian Fox provided an update concerning construction works associated with this project.

The section of pathway between Sharpes Beach carpark and Flat Rock carpark is largely complete. The construction contractor is currently redeploying to commence work on the pathway between the Flat Rock Tent Park and the Angels Beach carpark.

As this section of work nears completion, Council staff will then carry out improvements to the Angels Beach carpark and formalise the 'entry node' to the coastal recreational pathway.

The section of the proposed pathway adjacent to Flat Rock Tent Park is to be realigned further to the east, as determined by a recent decision of the Council, and will be subject to a variation to the existing AHIP.

Ian Fox distributed to each attending member of the Committee, being the Registered Aboriginal Parties to the project, a copy of Dr Knuckey's recently completed draft report relating to his assessment of heritage impacts for the section of the proposed shared path between Skennars Head Road and Pat Morton lookout, referred to as Shared Path East.

On behalf of Dr Knuckey, Ian Fox invited each of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to review the draft report and provide feedback within twenty eight days, should they wish to do so.

b) Angels Beach Drive

Stage 2 of the Angels Beach Drive improvement project, involving curve correction north-east of Prospect Bridge, is soon to be completed.

Paul Busmanis advised that the project will soon move to Stage 3, involving the installation of a roundabout and ancillary works at the intersection of Angels Beach Drive and Links Avenue.

Very recently, Council received the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) which authorises the work to proceed. One of the requirements of the AHIP is for Council to arrange for carbon dating of shell samples to be taken from the adjacent Chickiba Creek midden.

The Committee was also informed that for those employees and contractors working on this stage of the project, Aboriginal cultural training has recently been provided as part of the induction process.

c) *Cabbage Tree Island Bridge Repairs*

Paul Busmanis provided an update concerning this project, with the scope of works now having been confirmed by the consulting engineer.

The elements will involve repairs to the bridge abutments, decking and railing, and funding has been sourced for these works. Weather permitting, the work may be completed by the end of June.

Committee members enquired about the possibility of including replacement signage to the Island, as well as improved pedestrian access linking the bridge and an area adjacent to the Primary Health Post and the nearby school.

Paul indicated that he would hold further discussions with Jali representatives to determine the preferred works, and then see whether RMS funding can be made available.

d) *Lennox Head Vegetation Management Plan (Coastal)*

James Brideson provided an overview of the draft plan and also spoke about what has been achieved through weed abatement strategies employed under the management plans which are to be replaced.

Noting that Jali LALC has already been consulted in the preparation draft management plan, James indicated that feedback from community and key stakeholders will be welcomed up until the end of June. Afterwards, there will be a formal public exhibition period for the draft plan prior to its presentation for adoption by the Council.

During discussions, members of the Committee indicated their desire for the placement of an additional waste bin within the Council-owned reserve

adjacent to the Patches Beach beach access. Further, that they will appreciate Council's consideration of the provision of public toilets within this reserve, to replace those that used to be there.

Following consideration by staff, a report will be brought back to the Committee concerning these matters.

e) *Aboriginal Community Recognition*

The meeting Chair, Lois Cook spoke on this item, suggesting that Council is not doing enough to recognise Aboriginal heritage within the Shire. Further, that this lack of recognition is insulting to Traditional Owners. The brief items listed in the Agenda formed the basis of Ms Cook's comments.

It was suggested that these matters warranted additional discussion when more Committee members are in attendance. It was agreed the matter will be retained as a standing item in future meeting agendas to enable that discussion, when considered appropriate.

8. Business Without Notice

a) *Lois Cook* - advised that a friend is soon to visit her, who is an accomplished musician. She enquired about the possibility of hiring a function room at the Ballina Surf Club to enable a musical recital, with the casual hire charge for the facility being waived.

Steve Barnier advised of the need for a Council resolution to be obtained for a hire charge waiver, if Ms Cook wishes to proceed with a booking of the facility.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held at 5.00pm on Thursday 11 August 2016.

Any items proposed by Committee members for inclusion in the next meeting agenda should be forwarded to Council by no later than 28 July 2016.

10. Meeting close

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting concluded at 6.40pm.