



ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

28TH June 2006

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2006 COMMENCING AT 11:20 AM HELD AT THE MACLEAY ABORIGINAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION, CLYDE AND FORTH STREET, KEMPSEY

PRESENT

Councillor Betty Green, (Chairperson), Norma Kelly (Durri Aboriginal Medical Service), Betty Mumbler (Community Member), Judy Blomfield (Community Member), David Kelly, (Durri Medical Centre), Tammy Newman (Booroongen Djugen), Drew Roberts (General Manager), Nolene Griffen (Burran Dalai), Lillian Greenup (Refs) and Debra J Morris (ALO).

APOLOGIES

Clr Jim Gribben; Tom Vermeulen, Director Shire Services; Guy Whelan, Manager Community Services and Lifestyle; Mary-Lou Buck; Gary Morris and Madeline Donovan.

1 Adoption of the Discussion of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee 3rd May 2006.

The minutes of the Discussion of the 3rd May were referred to the Council's Ordinary meeting on the 13th June 2006 and were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes be noted.

4 Business arising from the Minutes held 3rd May 2006.

4.1 Kempsey Assistance Patrol

Recommendation:

***Moved:Nolene Griffen
Seconded:Judy Blomfield***

That this matter be deferred to the next meeting

THIS IS PAGE 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH JUNE AND SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH AUGUST 2006

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MAYOR

4 Statement of Commitment Strategic Plan Matters

RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. B Green
Seconded: Tammy Newman*

That the matter be deferred to the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee

5 Naidoc Week Planning Committee

The NAIDOC Week Planning Committee meeting was held prior to the commencement of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee.

6 EEO Reference Group

ALO explained that this is a reference group for Equal Employment Opportunities Human Resources section. There are four (4) mandatory groups which are Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, People with Disabilities and People from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds.

The ALO is the Aboriginal representative on this group. The feeder group for internal issues are the Aboriginal Staff group. The Aboriginal Liaison Committee is the appropriate body for Community consultation.

There is a draft EEO Management Plan in place which is being circulated for comment with the relevant internal staff committees of Council.

Betty Green queried what is happening with the wider Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

The Shire wide strategy has been referred to Economic Development to work with the employment agencies etc, Debra will follow up status and provide a report at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

*Moved: Nolene Griffen
Seconded: Tammy Newman*

That Clr Green consults with The Economic Development section and provide an update on the wider Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

8 General Business

8.1 2005 Access and Equity Annual Report

Report noted.

8.2 Aboriginal Community Justice Group

Meetings have been held with the Aboriginal Community Justice Group. They are in the process of calling for applications for a Coordinator.

The next meeting was scheduled for July however due to conflicting priorities has been put over to August.

The Attorney General's Department is the overarching body for this project. An invitation be sent to Brad Delaney to attend the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting.

Discussions took place regarding the Goolawah project and a similar project happening over at Linga Longa at Wauchope and Drew Roberts advised that there is some interest from Juvenile Justice in Sydney for a project to happen here at Kempsey. Should the committee be supportive of this approach and invitation should be extended.

It has been suggested that a preliminary meeting be held in August 2006. A date for the next meeting will be set following this meeting.

8.3 Circle Sentencing Program

Victor Darcy is the Coordinator for this program and advice received to date suggests that the program has been successful since its introduction in February 2006.

Victor has been attending Rotary functions and other Non-Aboriginal meetings promoting the project.

There has been considerable interest and support for the project.

The Coordinator is a sitting member and can give an update at the next meeting.

Clr Betty Green informed members there is still some criticism out in the community in regards to the project.

It is suggested that this matter be deferred until the next meeting. An update will be provided at the next meeting by the Coordinator.

7 Evaluation

There was a quorum to address the issues but due to time constraints and Naidoc Week being only a week away it was felt that matters not dealt with be discussed at the next meeting. Overall a positive and productive meeting.

NOTE: Clr Betty Green on behalf of members

Thank you to the staff of the Macleay Aboriginal Housing Association for allowing the meetings to be held here and for providing Morning Tea and Lunch.

10 Next Meeting

All meetings will be the **last Wednesday of the month.**

11 Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.