



ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

15TH AUGUST 2007

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2007 COMMENCING AT 10.35AM AT KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CORNER ELBOW AND TOZER STREETS, WEST KEMPSEY.

PRESENT

Councillor Betty Green (Mayor), Clr J Gribbin, Betty Mumbler, Judy Blomfield, Harold Smith, Graham Quinlan, Margaret Ridgeway, Robert Mumbler, Jamie Donovan and Melanie Booth (minute taker)

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

- 1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee held on the 5TH July 2007.**

RECOMMENDATION

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That the minutes of the Discussion of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting held on the 5th July 2007 with the exception of Item 2.8.2 be adopted.

- 2 Business arising from the meeting of the 5th July 2007**

2.1 Wutuma Aboriginal Keeping Place

Clr Green advised that Council has agreed to a twenty (20) year lease of the Wutuma site. This will assist the Wutuma Committee with their funding application.

2.2 Kempsey Assistance Patrol (KAP)

Melanie Booth advised the meeting that the NSW Attorney General's Department has finalised the agreement with the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council for the operation of the Kempsey Assistance Patrol.

It is envisaged that the patrol will commence services in September 2007.

2.3 Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ's)

Melanie Booth advised the meeting that a report will be forwarded to the September 2007 meeting of Council requesting that the Alcohol Free Zones be established for a one (1) year period.

Once this is formally adopted by Council, arrangements will be made for replacement signage and the public notified through the media.

2.4 Aboriginal Knockout – Kempsey October Long Weekend.

Melanie Booth advised that preparations for the Aboriginal Knockout to be held on the October Long Weekend are still progressing.

The organising Committee have until Friday, 7th September 2007 to meet all of Council's conditions. If they do not meet these conditions no approval will be issued.

2.5 Local Government Cultural Award

Clr Green advised that the presentation of the Gumnut was for winning the 2007 Local Government Cultural Award for the East Kempsey Cemetery project and it was meant to be presented at the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield***

That this matter be deferred to the next meeting to determine an alternative time for the presentation.

2.6 Local Government Network Conference

Clr Green advised that Council has resolved that Clr Gribbin and one (1) other representative from the Aboriginal Liaison Committee attend this conference in Coffs Harbour.

Nominations are still being sought from interested parties to attend, with nominations closing on Friday, 24th August 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Bob Mumbler
Seconded: Clr Green***

1. That the representative from the Aboriginal Liaison Committee be determined after the closing of Expressions of Interest by ballot.
2. That in the event of their being more than two (2) Expressions of Interest that the successful person be determined by Ballot.

3 Statement of Commitment Action Plan**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Betty Mumbler*

That the review of the status of the issues contained within the Statement of Commitment Action Plan be deferred to the next meeting.

4 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference Report**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Clr J Gribbin
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

5 Kempsey Shire Council Corporate Strategic Plan- Aboriginal Meeting-Update**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Judy Bloomfield
Seconded: Betty Mumbler*

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

6 Crime Prevention Matters**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

7 Social Plan Action Plan 2004-2009**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

8 Reconciliation Matters/ Projects**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That this matter is dealt with in General Business as part of the NAIDOC Week debrief.

9 EEO Reference Group

Clr Green advised the meeting that Bob Mumbler is now the representative on Council's EEO Reference Group since the departure of Debra Morris from the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position.

RECOMMENDATION

*Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield*

That the information be noted.

10 General Business

10.1 NAIDOC Week Debrief

Clr Green advised that the NAIDOC Week Debrief was originally set down for Wednesday, 8th August 2007, however due to lack of attendance the meeting did not proceed.

Clr Green also advised that we require more representation from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities in the organising of the event. This is to ensure that it is an event that reflects what the community wants not Council wants.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Betty Mumbler
Seconded: Bob Mumbler***

That Certificates of Participation be presented to the NAIDOC Week Organisers in appreciation of the events they conducted.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Betty Mumbler
Seconded: Jaime Donovan***

That the presentations be made at the October Council Meeting.

Jamie Donovan advised that whilst some areas were organised well that there still appeared to be a bit of miss organisation and not helping each other on various days.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Jamie Donovan
Seconded: Judy Bloomfield***

1. That Council contact the organisers at Port Macquarie and Bowraville on how they have managed and organised their NAIDOC Week events.
2. That the Flag Raising Ceremony commence at 10.30am.
3. That transport be arranged to ensure that the nominated speaker attends the event.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Bob Mumbler***

1. That the next meeting of the NAIDOC Week Committee be held in October after the commencement of the new Aboriginal Community Development Officer.
2. That this meeting will be a community wide meeting to gauge the interests of the community.

10.2 Aboriginal Liaison Officers Replacement.

Melanie Booth advised that the previous Aboriginal Liaison Officers position has been advertised as a Community Development Workers – Aboriginal Designated Position.

Applications for the position close on Friday, 24th August 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

***Moved: Clr B Green
Seconded: Jamie Donovan***

That the job application process be passed onto Jamie Donovan at Centrelink for distribution through the Aboriginal Employment System.

10.3 Guri Home Modifications

Graham Quinlan advised that he is attending today's meeting to seek answers as to why Kempsey Shire Council is no longer taking on the auspice of the Guri Home Modifications Service.

Clr Green advised that the reason was due to Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care and insurance issues and therefore we are not in a position to take on the auspice.

The full reasons behind this decision can be read in Council's Business Paper of the 14th August 2007.

11 Evaluation

The meeting was a productive meeting with new members wishing to become involved.

12 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee will be held on Wednesday, 10th October 2007 at 10.30am.

13 CONCLUSION:

There being no further business the discussion concluded at 11.35 pm.