

# **Minutes of Meeting No.5 - Point Plomer Road, South Crescent Head Community Reference Committee**

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**Meeting held:** Thursday, 18 March 2004 at 5pm - Kempsey District Hospital

**In Attendance:** Cr John Bowell, Cr Terry Hunt, Ms Polly Thompson, Ms Mary-Lou Buck (Ms Buck had to leave after making her presentation to the Committee), Mr Gary Hamill, Ms Margo Johnston, Ms Madeleine Mainey, Mr Roger Fergusson, Ms Michelle Chapman.

**Apologies:** Mr Chris Dockrill, Mr John Kelly

## **Proceedings:**

### **1. Welcome and Adoption of Minutes of Meeting #4**

The minutes for Meeting # 4 were adopted.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Ms Mary-Lou Buck sought permission without notice to make a short presentation to the Committee about a number of matters that she felt were of great significance to the Committee and it's future deliberations. The Committee agreed to hear Ms Buck, who was given 10 or 15 minutes in which to make her presentation.

Ms Buck's main concerns could be summarized as:

- The local aboriginal community does not support, in the strongest possible terms, the sealing of any part of Point Plomer Road.
- There is much demonstrable support for this 'no tar' position and against the development application which is to be submitted by Kempsey Council.
- Disagreement with the following findings detailed in the 19<sup>th</sup> February Minutes of the Committee:
  - removal of Aboriginal Relics
  - employment of an Aboriginal Council Representative
  - affordability of studies to identify Aboriginal heritage

The Committee noted Ms Bucks concerns but determined that a majority of the matters raised were not issues that the Committee had any authority to deal with.

In terms of the findings of the Committee as detailed in the 19<sup>th</sup> February minutes, it was noted that the findings concerning these matters were determined after careful

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consideration and in close consultation with the one attending Aboriginal representative.

### **3. Group Work**

Michelle Chapman facilitated a discussion on permissible uses within the study area.

**The following uses within the 7 (d) zone were considered appropriate with development consent first being obtained (it is recommended that all other current permissible uses should be prohibited):**

Dwellings, tourist facilities (as defined at last meeting – cabins and camping only), utility installations, agriculture, home occupations, roads.

**The following uses within the 7 (f1) zone were considered appropriate with development consent first being obtained (it is recommended that all other current permissible uses should be prohibited):**

No uses other than existing rustic camping areas and any toilet facilities required to support existing camping areas.

**The following uses within the 7 (f2) zone were considered appropriate with development consent first being obtained (it is recommended that all other current permissible uses should be prohibited):**

No uses other than existing rustic camping areas and any toilet facilities required to support existing camping areas.

### **4. Point Plomer Road**

Most committee members prepared a brief summary of their position on the proposed sealing of part of Point Plomer Road for the meeting and for submission to the facilitator who will consider these when preparing the draft Council report.

Each member was given the opportunity to summarise their position on the proposed sealing of Point Plomer Road and notes were taken on relevant issues by the facilitator.

In summary, the Committee unanimously agreed that the road needs work to improve its safety. A majority of Committee members believe the road should be retained as a gravel road.

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## **5. Additional Studies**

It was determined that the following additional studies were needed and that these in turn could recommend additional studies or work within that field if required

### **A. Literature review of existing studies/reports on threatened and endangered flora and fauna within the study area.**

There are a number of existing studies on threatened and endangered flora and fauna within the study area which need to be obtained by Council and reviewed. The Koala Preservation Society's letter to the Committee dated 26 January 2004 was noted by the Committee and it is possible that following a comprehensive literature review a Koala Plan of Management for the study area could be recommended or other measures formulated to ensure the protection of endangered and/or threatened species.

### **B. Coastal Processes and Land Use Impact Study.**

A study is needed which considers the environmental impact of permissible development, especially with regard to ground water quality, wetland quality and established vegetation communities and which makes specific recommendations concerning on-site sewage disposal capacities, acceptable storm water disposal options and human carrying capacities/ development densities.

### **C. Aboriginal Heritage**

Kempsey Council has a 1980's study of local Aboriginal Heritage prepared by 'ANUTECH', which comprises a map and written documentation, but which is not available as a public document. The existing study is used by Council staff to assist in development assessment and advice to applicants. In consultation with the Land Council and Aboriginal Elders this study should be reviewed and updated.

### **D. Landscaping, Signage and Property Entrance Design Quality DCP.**

Detailed landscaping provisions are required for new developments to ensure adequate screening of developments from Point Plomer Road and retention of existing significant vegetation.

Existing contributory human elements within the Point Plomer Road landscape such as property entrance treatments, signage design and building and construction materials also need to be addressed.

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The Development Control Plan should include recommended plant species including their height and planting requirements and whether landscaping mounds are appropriate and it should provide advice on preferred entrance and signage treatments and building materials, where these will be visible from Point Plomer Road.

#### **6. Proposed final committee meeting**

The last committee meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 at which a draft report on the Committee's findings and recommendations to Kempsey Council on planning controls within the study area, prepared by the facilitator, will be discussed.

#### **7. Meeting Concluded**

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.45pm.