



Yorke Peninsula Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bush Camping Working Party

Held on Wednesday 14th June 2017
In the Council Chambers
57 Main Street Minlaton commencing at 3.30pm
(Subject to confirmation)

ITEM 1

1.1 WELCOME

Chairperson Adam Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 3.34pm.

1.2 PRESENT

Councillors, Naomi Bittner, Tania Stock, Adam Meyer and Scott Hoyle

Mayor Ray Agnew

Mick Cartwright Acting Director Development Services

Phil Herrmann Senior Compliance Officer

Stephen Goldsworthy Operations Manager

Anne Hammond Manager of Business and Public Relations

Wendy Story Visitor information Services Coordinator

Maddy Pulling Minute Secretary

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.4 APOLOGIES

Roger Brooks

1.5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - for confirmation.

Cr Adam Meyer moved Cr Tania Stock seconded

That the minutes of the Bush Camping Working Party meeting held on 12th April 2017 as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

ITEM 2 VISITORS TO THE MEETING

Nil

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence dated 24th April 2017, from Don Sarah was tabled. The correspondence expressed concerns in relation to the an incident at Easter, whereby the CFS and SAPOL were called to the designated camp location of Foul Bay to extinguish a fire, reportedly to have been caused from the hot coals left behind by a campers camp fire.

Cr Meyer advised that he would not make comment in relation to the correspondence because he attended the incident whilst on duty with SAPOL. It was acknowledged by the Party that Don Sarah does a lot of work to take care of Foul Bay. Phil Herrmann advised that a Council Ranger attended the fire incident at Foul Bay. The Party agreed it is not necessary to implement any changes to camping and camp fire permit conditions. The Rangers will continue educating campers and enforcing the rules and conditions in regard to bush camping and camp fires. Phil Herrmann to make contact with Don Sarah to advise him of the new weekend Ranger who will be overseeing the bush camping and making regular visits to Foul Bay.

ITEM 4

4.1 The Easter bush camping figures and graphs were presented. Phil Herrmann advised, as there were so many campers and it took considerable time to check the bush camping permits and to educate campers on obtaining permits. The figures confirmed that Easter was a busier holiday period than Christmas 2016. Wendy Story advised staff processed 90 camping permits from the VIC on the Thursday prior to Easter long weekend. Mick Cartwright advised that all campers who had not obtained a permit, did so after a visit from the Ranger. The total figure for bush camping permits from September 2016 to date is \$56,000. The Party are extremely pleased with the result.

4.2 Mick Cartwright advised he has commenced consultation with the Lessee's of the Minlaton Town Oval in regard to the location for the dump point facility. The Minlaton Progress Association have advised that they are happy with the location. Consultation will continue with other Lessee's.

4.3 Stephen Goldsworthy advised he has consulted with all communities in regard to the bin placement, with exception to Minlaton. The Edithburgh community has indicated some concerns in regard to the bins overflowing and the timing of rubbish collection. It was agreed with the Edithburgh community to trial the bins for a period. Stephen advised he is still waiting to hear back from the Warooka Progress Association. The bin framework/stands have been made and the signage is underway. Cr Meyer commented that the Warooka Oval is leased by the Sports Club, not the Progress Association and that may be the reason Council has not had a reply in regard to the bin placement. Mick to follow up with Property Tenure Officer to confirm who the leaseholder of the Warooka Oval is and advise Stephen Goldsworthy so that he can complete the consultation. Stephen Goldsworthy consulted and asked the Party if they would prefer a certain coloured bin lid for the bin banks. The Party responded by saying that the standard red lid will be satisfactory.

4.4 Mick Cartwright confirmed the Blackwood Heritage survey report has been received, for the installation of the Enviro toilets at Parara and Port Minlacowie. The report states that Council must have an observer present at the sites whilst work is underway. The planning consent has been completed and the process will now move forward. Stephen Goldsworthy commented that the Berry Bay toilets have been functioning really well and there has been no need to pump the toilets since they were installed. Mick also commented that the waste control approval has been approved for the toilets.

4.5 Mick Cartwright advised that public consultation for the road side signage has been completed. The planning consultant will have the report ready next week. The report will then

be presented to the Development Assessment Panel and then to the Development Assessment Commission for concurrence.

4.6 Stephen Goldsworthy advised that discussions are currently being held with relevant staff to determine the establishment or the combination of coastal infrastructure meetings in conjunction with the BCWP. It was noted that Cr Headon would like to be part of coastal infrastructure meetings.

Cr Meyer requested an overall operating figure for bush camping be presented to the Party for consideration in the 2017/2018. Stephen Goldsworthy to present figure to the Party. Stephen Goldsworthy indicated he would like Council to take advantage and apply for some grants and use some of the 2017/2018 bush camping budget allocation to try and help facilitate these grants. Stephen Goldsworthy to determine future infrastructure improvement costs and submit the Party for consideration on the 2017/2018 budget.

4.4.1 Matters Raised

Nil

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Anne Hammond presented eight online bush camping surveys which have been received since the commencement of the online bush camping permits.

Stephen Goldsworthy asked the Party if consideration should be given to entering bush camping in the 2019 South Australia Tourism Awards. Cr Bittner enquired from Anne Hammond how many staff hours it takes to complete a submission. The Party discussed the pros and cons of making a submission and concluded that the amount of hours and financial cost to Council does not warrant any of the possible outcomes. Stephen Goldsworthy advised that it might be beneficial to just enter the 2018 local tourism awards, which the Party were in agreement to.

Cr Hoyle shared a newspaper article called 'Leisure wheels lead the kings of our roads' published in the 16th April 2017 Sunday Mail, referring to Yorke Peninsula as being a great coastal retreat. It was agreed by the Party that this is great publicity for bush camping.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

9th August 2017 at 3.30pm

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.47pm

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Chairperson – Mr Adam Meyer
Wednesday, 9th August 2017

