



Yorke Peninsula Council

Coastal Management Strategy Working Party

Minutes of the Meeting of the Coastal Management Strategy Working Party

Held on Wednesday 19 January 2022
Via Zoom Video Conferencing
commencing at 4.00pm
(Subject to confirmation)

MINUTES

ITEM 1

1.1 WELCOME

Chair Cr Naomi Bittner welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 4.01pm.

1.2 PRESENT

Mayor Darren Braund

Councillors (Cr) Naomi Bittner and Kristin Murdock

Stephen Goldsworthy

Operations Manager

Phil Herrmann

Senior Compliance Officer

Letitia Dahl-helm

Environment Officer

Deb Furbank

Ranger

Sarah Wuttke

Minute Secretary

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

1.4 APOLOGIES

Cr Roger Johns

Roger Brooks

Director Development Services

1.5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

All in favour that the minutes of the Coastal Management Strategy Working Party meeting held on 9th June 2021, be confirmed as a true record.

ITEM 2 VISITOR TO THE MEETING

Nil

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Parliamentary Inquiry Report

Letitia advised the Working Party of the recommendations of the Natural Resources Committee as a result of their inquiry into the use of off-road vehicles in South Australia, particularly the findings related to coastal areas.

ITEM 4

4.1 Review of Public Consultation for Section Three: Council Border (Federation Park) to Hickeys Point

Deb provided the Working Party with an update on the community feedback for this section. The Working Party will provide a final review of the submissions and amendments over email.

Subject to this review, the Working Party support that Section 3, along with Section 1 and 2, be reported to Council with the recommendation that the Coastal Management Strategy be endorsed.

Action: Sarah to distribute community submissions and proposed amendments to the Working Party.

4.2 Community Proposal: Seasonal closure of south-west section of Flaherty's Beach to vehicles

Letitia provided information of the experience of the City of Onkaparinga and Adelaide Plains Council, for management of vehicle impacts to Hooded Plovers on beaches, and considerations for Yorke Peninsula Council were discussed.

Action: Letitia to submit to the Corporate Management Team (CMT) the request of the Working Party that the proposal for seasonal closure be further discussed at an Elected Member Workshop.

4.3 Speed limit review on beaches

Stephen advised the Working Party that he would like to develop a plan to be submitted to Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), the agency responsible for speed limits on beaches. Considerations and current limitations were discussed.

Action: Stephen to discuss the proposed plan with CMT.

4.4 Implementation of Strategy recommendations

Stephen, Deb, Letitia and Nick Hoskin (Operations Coordinator) met recently to review all recommendations and identify opportunities for implementation, such as Customer Service

Requests, Council budget, community groups that have identified projects they would like to implement, and projects that require grant funding.

A number of recommendations have been implemented, or are in progress, due to grant funding opportunities that have been made available to Council over the last three years, including: Drought Communities Programme; Commonwealth Bushfire Recovery Funding; Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program; and Landscape SA Northern and Yorke Coastal Action Plan Grant Funding.

A large proportion of the recommendations may be funded under the Landscape SA Priorities Fund, with the Minister for Environment currently reviewing the application made by Landscape SA Northern and Yorke, on behalf of Yorke Peninsula Council and other stakeholders, including the coastal councils of the Legatus Group.

4.5 Funding opportunities

Continuing from the previous item, Letitia advised the Working Party that Council has been successful in its application to the State Government's Recreational Fishing, Boating and Camping Facilities Grant Fund to install six toilets at six coastal bush camping locations, as recommended in the Strategy

Whilst grant opportunities have been fruitful in recent times, generally they are limited in availability and therefore Council will continue to include coastal management in its budget review and bids. Discussion occurred regarding the increased popularity of bush camping and increased visitation to Council's coastal areas over the last two years, and the implications to resourcing.

4.6 Future of Working Party

Stephen asked the Working Party and in particular, the Councillors, what they think is the way forward for the Working Party.

The suggestion by the Councillors and Mayor was to cease the Working Party at completion of the current term of Council, however propose a new Working Party be established for the new term, that encompasses all coastal management issues (not only development/implementation of the Strategy).

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Working Party thanked Deb for her excellent work and expertise over the last couple of years in developing the Strategy.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be confirmed.

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.59pm.

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Chairperson – Dr Naomi Bittner