



Yorke Peninsula Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bush Camping Working Party

Held on Wednesday 13th April 2016
In the Council Chambers
57 Main Street Minlaton commencing at 3pm
(Subject to confirmation)

ITEM 1

1.1 WELCOME

Chairman Adam Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 3.11pm.

1.2 PRESENT

Councillor Tania Stock, Scott Hoyle, Adam Meyer, Naomi Bittner

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Roger Brooks | Director Development Services |
| Phil Herrmann | Senior Compliance Officer |
| Wendy Story | Visitor Information Services Coordinator |
| Stephen Goldsworthy | Manager Assets and Infrastructure |
| Anne Hammond | Manager of Business and Public Relations |
| Maddy Pulling | Minute Secretary |

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.4 APOLOGIES

Michael Cartwright

1.5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - for confirmation.

Roger Brooks moved Cr Tania Stock seconded

That the minutes of the Bush Camping Working Party meeting held on 24th February 2016, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

ITEM 2 VISITORS TO THE MEETING

2.1 Ms Sarah Ahlin and Mr Chris Thomas from the Department Environment Water Natural Resources (DEWNR) discussed the positive and negative aspects of having the National Parks camping assimilate to an online booking system. The following comments were noted:

- Bookeasy is a multifaceted online booking system which can be tailored to suit the needs of the operator, i.e. Yorke Peninsula Council.
- Educate the public in the lead up to moving to an online system.
- Options with Bookeasy to set up camping grounds (online) with a certain amount of sites, when the purchaser books online the system deducts the site from the original amount of camp sites.
- Whilst DEWNR positioned additional signage to educate the public of the move to 'online booking', it wasn't particularly effective. DEWNR advised giving consideration to the placement of signage and the use of additional, temporary core-flute signs.
- Try an integrated approach when setting up camp sites and its facilities. Offer different facilities at different campsites and look at identifying opportunities to upgrade these facilities over time.
- Create a promotional/catchy phrase to assist with launching/educating the public of the new on line system.
- Give consideration to creating designated, numbered camp sites so that campers can choose what type of camp site suits them.
- Building fire safety compliance would be required with the establishment of designated camp sites.
- Decide what sort of 'experience' you want to create for your visiting campers.
- Bookeasy has increased revenue for DEWNR.
- DEWNR offered to work in partnership with Council.

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Port Minlacowie has never been authorised for camping by Council. The land is in Councils care and control, pursuant to our bylaws, Council needs to resolve if camping will be permitted on that land. Phil Herrmann discussed the possibility of putting a future recommendation to Council, to give consideration to authorising camping at Port Minlacowie.

ITEM 4 DEBATE AGENDA

4.1 Anne Hammond, Manager of Business and Public Relations discussed the options for launching the 'Go Live' – online booking system. Anne suggested once a 'Go Live' date has been established, writing to Progress Associations and stakeholders to advise of the changes. Include media releases with York Peninsula Country Times, social media and websites. Liaise with YP Tourism to connect with intrastate tourism.

4.2 It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 3pm. It was agreed by the party that monthly meetings are necessary.

4.3 The financial figures were discussed. Stephen Goldsworthy suggested an account/job number needs to be established for the purpose of allocating bush camping expenses and revenue, thus reflecting accurate figures in the future.

4.4 It was discussed that the implementation of the Bush Camping Action plan is to assist the Bush Camping Working Party to achieve certain objectives within timeframes. It is an evolving document which can be altered when objectives have been achieved. The Party analysed the Action Plan and requested some minor changes. Due to time restraints, the Party has only discussed up to number 6 of the Action Plan. Discussion of the Action Plan will need to resume at the following meeting.

4.4.1 Matters Raised

Stephen Goldsworthy discussed the prospect of creating small designated camp sites along the Walk The Yorke trail for the purpose of walkers being able to set up camp for an overnight stay. Discussion will ensue at the following meeting.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

11th May, 2016 at 3pm.

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.52pm

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Chairperson – Mr Adam Meyer
Wednesday, 11th May, 2016.