



Yorke Peninsula Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bush Camping Working Party

Held on Wednesday 14th December 2016
In the Council Chambers
57 Main Street Minlaton commencing at 3pm
(Subject to confirmation)

ITEM 1

1.1 WELCOME

Chairperson Adam Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 3.04pm

1.2 PRESENT

Councillors, Naomi Bittner, Adam Meyer and Scott Hoyle

Roger Brooks	Director Development Services
Mick Cartwright	Manager Development Services
Phil Herrmann	Senior Compliance Officer
Stephen Goldsworthy	Operations Manager
Anne Hammond	Manager of Business and Public Relations
Carolyn Wakefield	Communications and Engagements Officer
Wendy Story	Visitor Information Services Coordinator
Maddy Pulling	Minute Secretary

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.4 APOLOGIES

Cr Tania Stock

1.5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - for confirmation.

Cr Adam Meyer moved Cr Naomi Bittner seconded

That the minutes of the Bush Camping Working Party meeting held on 9th November 2016, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

ITEM 2 VISITORS TO THE MEETING

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Rose Collett dated 7/12/2016 was tabled. The correspondence was raising issues with the bush camping sites and advised Council to consider installing dump points to improve the bush camping facilities. The Working Party discussed the logistics/feasibility of installing dump points connected to toilet facilities at camp locations.

ITEM 4 DEBATE AGENDA

4.1 Roger Brooks advised that any toilet installation must meet the Australian Standards requirement and therefore any new facilities would need to be designed with disabled access.

Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of installing dump points to toilet facilities at bush camping sites. It was raised that there is no electricity at the camp sites and therefore it may be difficult to install dump points.

Stephen Goldsworthy suggested information signage could be erected advising campers to use dump point facilities before going to bush camping locations.

Stephen Goldsworthy to present costings of toilet facilities at the January 2017 meeting. The Working Party has agreed to continue monitoring the new Berry Bay toilets to ensure the facility can cope with the high volume of use over the Summer holiday period and then give consideration to installing toilets at the bush camping locations.

4.2 Stephen Goldsworthy presented costings for a five bin module/framework at approximately \$1,200 with a total of approximately \$2000 - \$2500 which would be inclusive of the bins and installation/concreting etc. The ongoing costs of emptying the bins needs to be considered.

Stephen advised that Council currently hires skip bins and locates them at Marion Bay and Berry Bay over the busy holiday periods to assist with controlling higher volumes of rubbish. The Party discussed the cost effectiveness of hiring skip bins versus the ongoing costs of installing bin modules.

Discussion ensued about the probability of placing a five bin module at the entrance point of each camp location rather than within the camp site and setting up additional bottle recycle bins/cages.

Mick Cartwright suggested that The Party waits until the end of the busy holiday period whereby information of camping/visitor numbers combined with the average nightly spend can be used to assist the party in determining budget spending.

Cr Bittner requested that the graph and pie chart information be presented with a dollar value.

4.3 Discussion ensued about the requirement of having a camping permit to camp on beaches. Consideration may need to be given to gazetting beaches such as Parsons and Wauraltee Beach. Any decision about formalising beach areas for camping purposes needs to be considered in conjunction with the Coastal Vehicle Management Access Strategy to ensure that private land/beaches are identified. Further discussion on the matter to ensue at the February 2017 meeting.

4.4 Anne Hammond presented the 'best bush camping photo' competition framework. The competition will be conducted through Facebook. All entries are submitted via the Yorke Peninsula Facebook page which will support the promotion of the bush camping facilities and the new online permit system.

Anne will speak with the Brooke Liebelt from Yorke Peninsula Tourism to see if the competition can be promoted through her radio segment and also make contact with the Yorke Peninsula Country Times to see if they would like to do a story on the competition.

The competition photo entries will be circulated amongst the Elected Members via email, whereby the winner will be determined at the February 2017 Bush Camping Working Party meeting. The winner of the competition will receive a yearly camping permit.

Stephen Goldsworthy suggested incorporating the promotion of the newly installed bush camping signs in conjunction with the competition. Carolyn Wakefield will arrange some photos of the new signs with scenic backdrops to post on Councils Facebook page.

Cr Adam Meyer moved Cr Naomi Bittner seconded

That the Yorke Peninsula Council's bush camping photography competition be endorsed and commence as per the presented framework.

CARRIED

- 4.5 The Working party were in agreeance with the content of the Bush Camping Working Party Terms of Reference.

Cr Naomi Bittner moved Cr Scott Hoyle seconded

That the Bush Camping Working Party endorse the Bush Camping Working Party Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

- 4.6 Discussion ensued about the content of the Camping on Council Land Policy, specifically the requirement of permit holders to take their own toilet facilities to camp locations that do not provide public toilets.

Cr Naomi Bittner departed the meeting at 4.07pm.

Discussion ensued about the difficulty in enforcing the toilet requirement.

Cr Adam Meyer moved Cr Scott Hoyle seconded

That the Camping on Council Land Policy be amended to remove any reference to the requirement for campers to take their own toilet and present to the January 2017 Council meeting for adoption.

CARRIED

- 4.7 As determined in **Item 4 - 4.2**, further discussion and decisions on the direction of budget considerations will take place at the January 2017 meeting.

4.4.1 Matters Raised

Nil

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Phil Herrmann advised that staff will be inspecting bush camping sites and continue to educate campers about the new online permit system. A number of patrols will be conducted between Christmas and New Year. Discussion ensued about the amount of additional hours Rangers are doing to patrol the bush camping sites.

Mick Cartwright confirmed that the development application for the entrance signage has been submitted to DPTI and that Council is now required to do a Statement of Effect for each of the signs. Mick explained that the application is noncomplying and therefore could take another 6 months before an outcome is determined.

Carolyn Wakefield to circulate draft promotional material for the new bush camping signage to The party as per discussions in **Item 4 - 4.4**.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

18th January 2017

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.38pm

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Chairperson – Mr Adam Meyer
Wednesday, 18th January 2017