



Yorke Peninsula Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bush Camping Working Party

Held on Wednesday 18th January 2017
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 3.10pm

1.2 PRESENT

Councillors, Naomi Bittner, Adam Meyer and Scott Hoyle

Mayor Ray Agnew

Roger Brooks	Director Development Services
Mick Cartwright	Manager Development Services
Phil Herrmann	Senior Compliance Officer
Stephen Goldsworthy	Operations Manager
Wendy Story	Visitor Information Services Coordinator
Maddy Pulling	Minute Secretary

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.4 APOLOGIES

Cr Tania Stock and Anne Hammond

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 14th December 2016, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

ITEM 2 VISITORS TO THE MEETING

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Mr Bill Brady dated 11/1/2017 was tabled. The correspondence was a complaint regarding the RV 'friendliness' of the Yorke Peninsula. Mick Cartwright informed the Party that he phoned Mr Brady to discuss his correspondence. Mr Brady explained he thought that he had read this information in a recent RV publication. Mick Cartwright explained that the Yorke Peninsula Council is very welcoming of the RV sector and well-appointed with RV facilities, offering affordable nightly stay options in Councils bush camping locations and highlighted the recent addition of new camp locations.

The Wanderer Publication, January 2017 edition was tabled. Mick Cartwright informed the Party that he personally phoned Roger Hogben to thank him for writing the positive article promoting Councils 21 bush camping locations. The Party requested correspondence be sent to Roger Hogben, formally thanking him for writing the article and requesting if it possible for Council to have access to a digital version of the article to use for Councils promotional purposes.

ITEM 4 DEBATE AGENDA

4.1 Discussion ensued regarding bin requirements. The Party discussed the option of bin modules versus the placement of temporary skip bins in peak holiday periods. Phil Herrmann reported that he considers it is necessary to supply bin facilities for campers so that rubbish is not dumped or left at camp locations or on road sides.

Stephen Goldsworthy advised the four (4) bin modules have been costed at approximately \$2,000 each. The Party determined that modules containing four (4) bins should be set up in town locations, close to existing dump point facilities. The bins and dump points would become centralised 'stations' within Councils townships - attracting campers into the townships and encouraging campers to use local businesses and services. The Party also discussed the ongoing cost benefits of locating the bins on the current bin collection circuit, rather than having a contractor service the bins in each individual camp location at an additional cost.

Consideration should be given to factoring in additional dump points to assist with servicing the bush camping sector.

The Party adjourned the discussion on identifying suitable bin locations and dump points until all items of the Agenda have been discussed.

Stephen Goldsworthy advised the cost to install fencing at the respective locations;

The Bamboos	\$4,181
Tipara	\$5,000

Stephen Goldsworthy advised the approximate cost for one (1) Enviro toilet is estimated to be \$28,500. The Party discussed which camp site would benefit the most from the installation of a toilet facility.

4.2 Wendy Story updated the Party on the progress of the bush camping photography competition and outlined the promotional schedule for the competition. The competition closes on 29th January 2017 whereby digital entries will be circulated to the Bush Camping Working Party and a decision on the winner will be made at the February 2017 meeting.

Discussion ensued about running the competition on an annual basis and possibly introducing other categories to the competition.

4.3 Phil Herrmann provided statistical bush camping data to the Party. Phil advised the bush camping sites have been well utilised over the busy holiday period and that Rangers continue to engage with campers educating them about purchasing online camping permits. The Rangers have not expiated any campers for not having a permit, alternatively Rangers advise campers to contact the VIC to purchase a permit. Wendy Story

commented that there is often an influx of calls to the VIC from campers wanting to purchase a permit once the Rangers have patrolled the camp sites.

Phil Herrmann also advised that he has extended several yearly permits, allowing campers to remain camping in the same location - beyond the fixed six week period as stated in the terms and conditions.

4.1 The Party resumed discussion on identifying suitable bin locations and possible dump points.

The bin module locations combined with some preferred additional dump point sites were identified as suitable centralised locations to service the following camp sites;

Township	Servicing Camp Locations	Dump Point Consideration
Maitland	The Gap, Bamboos, Tippara	Suitable
Port Victoria	Warultee	
Minlaton	Barkers Rocks, Port Minlacowie	Suitable
Warooka	Len Barker Reserve, Burners Beach	
Corny Point	Gravel Bay, Swincers Rocks	Suitable
Corny Point/Warooka	Gleasons Landing, Daly Head	
Warooka	Foul bay Boat Ramp, Sturt Bay	
To Be Confirmed	Mozzie Flat	
Edithburgh	Wattle Point, Goldsmiths	
To Be Confirmed	Parara	

Stephen Goldsworthy to contact current contractor to see if additional costs would be associated with the collection of rubbish from the listed towns and to consult with the relevant local Progress Associations regarding the placement of the bin modules.

Mick Cartwright to provide the Party with a cost for a dump point facility.

4.5 Discussion ensued regarding budget expenditure and the facilities/works which will better enhance the camp locations.

Cr Scott Hoyle moved Cr Naomi Bittner seconded

It is recommended that Council endorse the budget expenditure of;

- \$12,000 for the installation of 6 bin modules,
- \$9,000 for fencing at Tipara and The Bamboos,
- \$50,000 for the installation of two (2) Enviro toilets to be sited at the Parara and Port Minlacowie bush camping locations.

CARRIED

4.4.1 Matters Raised

Nil

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding budget considerations and the costs associated with the installation of additional dumps points. The Party agreed the costs for dump points needs to be determined for consideration in the 2017/2018 Council budget.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

8th February 2017

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.48pm

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Chairperson – Mr Adam Meyer
Wednesday, 8th February 2017