



Yorke Peninsula Council

Coastal Management Strategy Working Party

Minutes of the Meeting of the Coastal Management Strategy Working Party

Held on Wednesday 17th January 2018
In the Council Chambers
57 Main Street Minlaton commencing at 3.30pm
(Subject to confirmation)

MINUTES

ITEM 1

1.1 WELCOME

Chair Cr Naomi Bittner welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 3.33pm.

1.2 PRESENT

Councillors (Cr) Naomi Bittner and Alan Headon

Mayor Ray Agnew

Stephen Goldsworthy

Phil Herrmann

Deb Furbank

Sarah Wuttke

Operations Manager

Senior Compliance Officer

Ranger

Minute Secretary

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

1.4 APOLOGIES

Cr Scott Hoyle

Cr John Rich

Roger Brooks

Director Development Services

Michael Cartwright
Letitia Dahl-helm
Max Barr

Manager Development Services
Natural Environment and Sustainability Officer
Team Leader Yorke District, Natural Resources Northern
and Yorke (NRNY)

1.5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cr Alan Headon moved Cr Naomi Bittner seconded

That the minutes of the Coastal Management Strategy Working Party meeting held on 8th November 2017, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

ITEM 2 VISITOR TO THE MEETING

Fabienne Dee – Community Ranger, NRNY
See Item 4.1

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

ITEM 4

4.1 NRNY – Update on grant application to review the Conservation Assessment of the Northern and Yorke Coast and preparation of the Coastal Action Plan

Fabienne Dee from NRNY apologised on Max Barr's behalf for his not being able to attend the meeting, and provided the Working Party with an update on the grant application.

NRNY developed the project scope for the plan; however, as they came closer to submitting the grant application the smart farm objective and plan did not line up, so as a result of the criteria not being met, the application was not submitted. NRNY are looking at submitting this project again when the next grant opportunity is available.

Fabienne Dee shared that the District Council of the Copper Coast and the District Council of Barunga West Council support the application for the grant and the development of the action plan. Fabienne Dee relayed that both councils are attending meetings to discuss funding support. Further, having both council's on board will make for a stronger application when the next opportunity is available.

The project concept that NRNY has developed will be emailed to the Working Party for their information. Fabienne advised when other funding is available Max Barr and Fabienne Dee will bring the project concept back to the Working Party for further discussion.

4.2 Presentation – Coastal Management issues and examples on coastal land under Council's ownership, care and control

Letitia Dahl-helm prepared a presentation to provide the Working Party with an example of how the Recreational Strategy (bush camping sites) format can be applied to a township. The township example provided was for Hardwicke Bay and example issues and areas were identified as follows:

- unplanned beach access - public making short-cuts and a blow-out path developed;
- unplanned stairs – Progress requested them and Council installed them without any thought to whether it was the best location or not, away from native vegetation and animals;
- informal tracks to beach;
- unauthorised beach access;

- vehicle access point maintenance – washing out in winter;
- dominance of weeds;
- receding fore dune – eroded in storms;
- threatened species management – i.e. Hooded Plovers in front of BBQ gazebo; and
- facilities / Asset Management – i.e. toilet blocks on coastal land.

The purpose of the presentation was to give an example of how the Working Party could breakdown each parcel of land and identify the issues.

4.3 Workshop – Western Australian Government ‘Coastal Planning and Management Manual – Planning for Coastal Management’

The Working Party went through the Western Australian Government ‘Coastal Planning and Management Manual – Planning for Coastal Management’ (the Manual), mainly focusing on the section Planning the Plan and its six (6) sub-sections; Purpose and Scope, Identifying Tasks, Project Management, Community Consultation, Timing, Reporting and Approvals Processes, and Budgets and Funding. Each sub-section was discussed using examples from Council’s coastal towns and parcels of land. Discussion then ensued as to how the Working Party would go about starting to plan its plan. The Working Party discussed the most effective way of categorising the Peninsula when beginning community engagement, which would be in geographical chunks, starting on the east and working the way around.

An idea was put forward that when it comes to project management a steering committee be developed to undertake the work and carry out the day-to-day management, and feed information back to the Working Party, with meetings held less regularly.

A suggestion was made that a mission statement be developed to start with to show what the Working Party want to do and achieve, and how we go about it.

Discussion about the Budget and Funding, sub-section of the Manual, led to a discussion regarding what the Working Party thought could be put forward as the proposed budget for the development of the management plan.

It is recommended that a three (3) year proposed budget of \$60,000 per financial year be put in place for the project, commencing in the 2018-2019 financial year.

Cr Naomi Bittner moved Cr Alan Headon seconded.

CARRIED

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Deb Furbank stated that over the Christmas and New Year break, the Daly Head camping facility was full, with a good crowd and the site looking amazing, as was the case with many more sites across the Peninsula.

Following on from the bush camping site discussions, protecting our coastlines and dunes was discussed, with Phil Herrmann mentioning that unauthorised access and damage to our dunes and coastlines is an offence under Council’s By-laws, and could be something that the Working Party might look into in the future.

Deb Furbank offered to help facilitate the next meeting, this to be discussed with Letitia Dahlhelm.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 February 2018. Time to be confirmed.

ITEM 7 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.36pm.

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Chairperson – Mrs Naomi Bittner

14 February 2018