

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 2nd October 2013 – 12.30 – 2.30 PM

Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Cr Jones, (chair)
Stuart Holley, Lisa Kermode, Peter Cluff,
Di Williams, Saskia von Fahland, Rod McFadzen Kerri
Woodcock,

APOLOGIES: Cr Morgan, Joan Fitzsimmons, Bruce Milles, Gerard
Carlyon, Peter Alden

1. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 6th August 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved – Kerri Woodcock

Seconded – Di Williams

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following items were reported:

ACTION: Investigate purchasing process and arrange appropriate works for \$1900 from Friends of Slade Point Reserve. In progress

ACTION: Catchment groups to meet with Natural Environment Coordinator to discuss re-funding the Land for Wildlife Project. In progress

ACTION: Catchment groups to meet with Natural Environment Coordinator to discuss re-funding the Landcare Support Projects. In progress

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Coasts and Communities project/coastal activities update

The committee received a detailed report on this item.

Additional items discussed included:

Cr Jones mentioned the recent Slade Point Reserve fencing project, and suggested that people are jumping the fence and walking across the land. This will be investigated and consideration given to installing signage to the nearest official access track, or creating an additional pedestrian access track in this location.

2. Land for Wildlife Program

The committee received an update on this project.

3. Landcare Group support projects

A detailed report from SLCMA was received.

PCL did not submit an update for this period, due to staff being on leave.

Di Williams read a report on the nursery/plant propagation activities.

4. Special projects updates

An update was provided on the Sarina Community Native Garden Project as per the agenda.

5. Community Environmental Grants

Two applications received. - Wild Mob
- Mackay Conservation Group

The committee discussed both applications.

Motion: That the WildMob application be funded as it aligns with both the aims of the Schools Program and the Coasts and Communities Program as well as linking with the Reef Guardian Council and Schools Programs. It will provide on ground results in terms of weed control and marine debris removal on Brampton Island, as well as activities at local beaches and increased awareness of the values and threats to our coasts. In funding this pilot project, it is recognised that the provision of ongoing funding for this activity is not considered appropriate.
Moved Stuart Holley, Seconded Lisa Kermode.

Motion: That discussions be held with Mackay Conservation Group, with a view to facilitating their working with Council to promote the values of the spit, identify gaps in research and assist with implementation of management plan activities. Moved Stuart Holley, Seconded Di Williams

Note: Cr Jones declared a conflict of interest relating to the Mackay Conservation Group as she is a current member of the group.

6. Significant Tree Register

Recent additions were noted

Members were encouraged to access Council's website to determine if the mapping function was operating correctly.

5. FINANCIALS

Reports were noted.

It was considered that spending for this period was on track

6. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Peter Cluff thanked Stuart Holley for his contribution to the Committee.
2. The committee discussed the grant funding guidelines and noted that:
 - it is possible to fund projects for more than one year (e.g. as has been done with the Ruellia control program),
 - there are other opportunities for funding bigger projects, and
 - potential applicants are encouraged to discuss their ideas with the Coordinator prior to submitting an application.

These points will be reiterated in the guidelines/advertising material.

Meeting closed 1.25 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd December - Council Chambers 12.30-2.30pm

7. UPDATED ACTION LIST

Actions arising from previous meetings

Action: Natural Environment Coordinator to investigate purchasing process and arrange appropriate works regarding Slade Point Reserve and funds from the former Friends Group. In progress

Action: Catchment groups to meet with Natural Environment Coordinator to discuss re-funding for LFW program. In progress

Action: Catchment groups to meet with Natural Environment Coordinator to discuss re-funding for Landcare support programs. In progress

Action: Environment Levy brochure to be updated. In progress