

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 1st June 2010 – 12.00PM – 2.00PM

Botanic Gardens meeting room

ATTENDANCE: Cr. Christensen, Cr. Steindl
Lisa Kermode, Stuart Holley
Frank Perna, Saskia von Fahland, Tessa MacDonald
Joan Fitzsimmons

APOLOGIES: Cr. May, Cr. Cameron, Helen Paulsen, Margaret Lane,
Bruce Milles

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held 13/04/10 were accepted as a true and correct record.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**1. McReady Creek**

A report on the tenure and trusteeship arrangements was provided by Stuart Holley. A map was circulated. The area was gazetted as a reserve for beach protection and coastal management on 20/6/2003. There is a joint trusteeship between council and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

2. Potential purchase of land

An update was provided at the meeting regarding two potential property purchases.

Cr Cameron to further discuss her nomination at the August meeting. The committee considered that this parcel was unlikely to meet the criteria for land acquisition.

Action: The criteria for land acquisition to be circulated to committee members

Action: Cr Steindl to provide further information on an additional potential property purchase at the next meeting.

Action: Committee to consider further potential land acquisitions to be discussed at the next meeting in the context of Natural Environment Plan recommendations.

Action: Reef Catchments to be invited to provide an update on the NEP review and be involved in discussions about potential land acquisitions, at the next meeting.

3. Coastal project update

Stuart Holley provided an update on the status of Council considering adopting the beach plans. No progress has been made since the last meeting.

Action: Stuart Holley to liaise with councillors about setting up further community consultation meetings by the end of June.

A report on current on-ground activities was provided to the committee.

The recent works at Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve were discussed. Stuart Holley will be responding to the Federal Government about EPBC matters and has recently met with representatives of the Mackay Conservation Group.

Stuart Holley advised that he is looking at signing an alternative route for use in the shorebird season.

2. STORMWATER PROJECTS UPDATE

A written report was received.

Action: Information on the proposed timelines for the Gooseponds Catchment Management Plan to be provided at the next meeting.

3. FINANCIALS

Funding for 2010/11 was discussed and the following recommendations/comments were made:

Account number for NEP review project to be set up and funds allocated as agreed, including set up and annual running costs.

\$5000 to be allocated to an education campaign on activities that lead to the degradation of the natural environment (including riding motorbikes and clearing vegetation).

Special projects allocation for 2010/11:

48000 \$1,000
48001 \$3,000
48002 \$10,000
48003 \$10,000
48004 \$3,000
48006 \$10,000
48007 \$3,000
48008 \$3,500
48009 \$3,000
48010 \$1,000
48011 \$4,000
48012 \$5,000
48013 \$1,500
48014 \$1,000
48015 \$5,000
48017 \$1,000
48018 \$2,000
48019 \$8,000
48024 \$0
48025 \$0
48029 \$50,000
48030 \$50,000
48032 \$3,000
48038 \$20,000

Other

15807 \$0
48026 and 48027 combined to be general management plans \$15,000
48028 \$80,000
15815 \$30,000
15600 \$40,000

Capital projects \$300,000 allocation.

Action: Cr Christensen to be provided with more information on the Land for Wildlife Program.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Catchment groups to meet with Lisa re possible assistance with the Land for Wildlife Program.
2. Action list to be circulated with minutes.
3. Sarina and Mirani projects for next year need to be allocated.
4. Consider funding weed management projects through MRPMG if relevant.

Meeting closed 1.55pm

Next meeting August 3rd 12-2pm Council Chambers.