

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 6th October 2009 – 12.00PM – 2.00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Kermode, Helen Paulsen
Cr. May, Cr. Cameron
Bruce Milles,
Margaret Lane, Frank Perna,

APOLOGIES: Joan Fitzsimmons, Stuart Holley, Cr. Steindl, Saskia von
Fahland

1. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 04/09/09 were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Bruce Milles, seconded Margaret Lane.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **Review of the Natural Environment Plan**

Further to the previous approval made at the August meeting regarding engaging the Reef Catchments to deliver the State of the Environment Report and allocating funds from the levy for this purpose, the committee proposed the following additional action:

Action: That the web-based component be included in the scope of work, and that levy funds be allocated for this purpose.

2. **Midge Point Shoreline Erosion Management Plan**

The committee discussed whether funding shoreline erosion management plans is within the scope for the natural environment levy. Based on the prior allocation of \$40,000 from the levy to part fund the SEMP, it was decided to progress with development of the plan, and to continue to seek funding from the state government to support this.

Action: Karen May will follow up with the Mayor regarding funding opportunities from the State Government

Action: Lisa will contact the DERM (EPA) to gain advice on developing a scope of works for the project and getting cost estimates from appropriately qualified consultants.

3. Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve Management Plan

The committee will consider allocating funding for on-ground works once the report has been finalised and adopted by Council, which is anticipated to occur by the December meeting

4. Land for Wildlife

Action: Lisa to meet with consultant Peter Alden and the catchment groups to determine a program of support activities for the Land for Wildlife Program now that the State Coordinator's role is no longer supported by Greening Australia.

5. Coastal project update

The committee received the report on this item, and expressed interest in attending the councillor briefing session where the community feedback receive to date will be discussed.

Action: Karen to investigate whether committee members can be invited to attend the councillor briefing scheduled.

Action: Lisa to circulate a copy of the presentation, should committee members be unable to attend the briefing session.

6. Land Acquisition

Action: Cr May to report back to the committee regarding potential land acquisition.

3. STORMWATER PROJECTS UPDATE

The written report provided by the Stormwater Officers was received by the committee.

4. FINANCIALS

Helen presented the revised budget spreadsheet.

Potential projects being considered for funding include: implementation of the individual beach management plans, implementation of the Sandfly Creek Environmental Reserve management plan, additional staff, an enforcement/ranger position, and implementation of actions coming from the Natural Environment Plan review.

Action: Committee to give further consideration to allocation of levy funds over the coming months.

Action: Lisa to provide a list of existing management plans to assist with funding allocation consideration.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Community Environmental Projects and Special Projects allocation**

The committee resolved to fund the following projects as **Community Environmental Projects**:

1. Coalport Community and Recreation Association – coastal fencing project.

\$5000

2. Pioneer State High School – wetland rehabilitation project.

\$5000

The committee resolved to fund the following projects as **Special Projects**:

1. Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries – De Moleyns Lagoon Project.

\$25,000 (from Mirani Special Projects Allocation).

2. Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association – African Tulip Project.

\$6,800 (from Sarina Special Projects Allocation).

3. Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association – Community Native Gardens Project.

\$24,595 (from Sarina Special Projects Allocation).

2. Review of State Coastal Management Plan

There is an information session being held in Mackay regarding the draft State Coastal Management Plan.

Action: Lisa to circulate details of this session to members, along with summary sheet provided by Sarina Beach Progress Association.

Meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

Next meeting December 1st 12-2pm Council Chambers