Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 6 October 2020

Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 10 November 2020

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held via Teams webcast video link on Tuesday 6 October 2020 commencing at 3:03pm

Present:

Cr Peter Moran (Chairperson) Councillor, Shellharbour City Council Cr Robert Petreski Councillor, Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Ms June Lowe Community Representative
Ms Jodi Edwards Community Representative
Mr Barry Bird Community Representative
Ms Kayla Williamson Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff Group Manager Community Connections

Ms Bonnie Hittmann Manager Community Life
Ms Christine Matesic Corporate Meetings Officer

1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mayor, Councillor Marianne Saliba, Councillor Moira Hamilton and Community Representatives Iriaka Ross, Richard Davis and Aunty Lindy Lawler.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Lowe

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

CARRIED

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3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 4 August 2020

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Williamson

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2020 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Staff Reports and General Business

5.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Recruitment Update (11542942)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Lowe

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the ACLO Recruitment Update report.

CARRIED

5.2 Bass Point Reserve Conservation Management Plan Update (11542943)

Ms Edwards expressed concerns that the Native Title Claimants did not receive the invitation to provide input into the CMP and would like further information about the whole community engagement process.

Action - The subject was Taken on Notice and further information will be provided back to the AAC on this matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Bird / Petreski

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. receive and note the Bass Point Reserve Conservation Management Plan Update report.

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2. be informed by the Community Life team at their earliest convenience of whom was invited to participate in the community consultation (including names of Elders), who attended the consultation workshops, and any other information deemed relevant in relation to this project.

5.3 NAIDOC Celebrations 2020 (11542944)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Moran

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the NAIDOC Celebrations 2020 report and that further information be provided to the Committee as it becomes available.

5.4 Public Art Advisory Panel (11542945)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Bird / Petreski

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Public Art Advisory Panel report.

5.5 Stop Work at Reddall Reserve Play Facility, Lake Illawarra (11542946)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Bird

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. receive and note the Stop Work at Reddall Reserve Play Facility report and that a follow up to the AAC committee be provided.
- 2. Note that the Aboriginal Cultural and Heritage toolkit be sent to committee members and that it be further reviewed at the next meeting to consider ways of improvement.

6. Items for Information and General Business

Cr Moran informed the committee that Councillors have recently been advised that Ordinary Council meetings will be return back to the Chamber from the next scheduled meeting on 20 October 2020. Committee meetings are yet to be determined.

Ms Edwards asked if Council is any closer to the Interpretive Centre being established? The Group Manager Community Connections responded that following a meeting with Frasers a further update will be provided to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

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Ms Edwards provided comments in regards to Council's employment processes and suggested that they could be improved to make them more inclusive for Aboriginal people. The Group Manager Community Connections advised that Council will be embarking on an overarching HR Diversity and Inclusion Strategy that will improve employment processes and also invited the Committee members to email the Manager Community Life with any examples of best practice that could be implemented in the short and longer term futures

7. Next Meeting

8 December 2020

Meeting closed at 4:52pm