

MINUTES OF MEETING



BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 6 August 2015
Time	9.00am

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 6 AUGUST 2015

Minutes of the Biodiversity and Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 6 August 2015
File No: I2015/821

PRESENT: Cr S Richardson (Mayor), Cr A Hunter, Cr R Wanchap

Staff: Sharyn French (Manager Environmental & Economic Planning)
Angus Underwood (Team Leader Natural Environment)
Sandi Middleton (Sustainability Officer)

Community voting members: Joanna Immig, Luke McConnell, Peter Westheimer
Community non voting members: Chris Sanderson

Cr Simon Richardson (Chair) opened the meeting at 9.10 and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

APOLOGIES:

Donovan Adcock, Samala Heart, Kate Smillie

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of interest.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Committee Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Biodiversity and Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2015 be confirmed.

(Richardson/Hunter)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 5.1 Integrated Weed Management Strategy update
File No: I2015/503

Committee Recommendation:

- 1. That the Biodiversity and Sustainability Advisory Committee note the report.**
- 2. That the definition of integrated weed management and the objectives within the strategy be reviewed with further input from Committee members and suggested experts / others.**
(Westheimer/Wanchap)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

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Report No. 5.2 **Update report on Sustainable House Day, World Environment Day and Byron Zero Emissions Community Forum**
File No: I2015/644

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity and Sustainability Committee note this report, provide feedback or suggestions in relation to funding options for BZE and/or volunteers to help project manage the process, and to share the Sustainable House Day event with networks.

(Wanchap/Richardson)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 5.3 **Review of Committee's sub-working groups**
File No: I2015/785

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity and Sustainability Committee recommends that:

- a) **members of the Commercial Organic Waste, the Renewable Energy and the Carbon sub-working groups be informed that these sub groups will cease to be formed and members be invited to the Zero Emissions Byron (ZEB) working groups.**
- b) **the Biodiversity & Conservation Strategy Review sub-working group remain and be activated as required.**
- c) **members of the Sustainable Events sub-working group be informed that this sub group will cease to be formed and members be invited to attend Council's Festivals Round Tables meetings.**
- d) **the topic of sustainable events be an agenda item for the next Committee meeting and that Council's Events/Grants Officer be invited to speak.**

(Immig/Hunter)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

FURTHER BUSINESS

Staff provide at the next Committee meeting:

- an update on the Low Carbon Strategy and revisit Action 56 of the Strategy.
 - a report on the Rural Land Use Strategy.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.10am.
