

MINUTES OF MEETING



BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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| Venue | Council Chambers, Station Street, Mullumbimby |
| Date | Monday, 12 March 2018 |
| Time | 3.15pm |

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

12 MARCH 2018

Minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 March 2018 **File No: I2018/372**

PRESENT: Cr C Coorey, Cr J Martin, Cr S Ndiaye, Cr A Hunter

Staff: Sharyn French (Manager Environmental and Economic Planning)
Chloe Dowsett (Coastal and Biodiversity Coordinator)
Clare Manning (Biodiversity Officer)
Andy Erskine (Open Space Technical Officer)
David Royston-Jennings (Corporate Governance Officer - item 4.1)

Community: Peter Westheimer

Guest: Peter Ryan, Alison Ratcliffe, Bella Allan

Cr Coorey (Chair) opened the meeting at 3.23pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

APOLOGIES: Luke McConnell, Shannon Burt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

Peter Westheimer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Report No 4.3. The nature of the interest being that he is a member of Brunswick Valley Landcare.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the first meeting of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee therefore there are no previous minutes for adoption.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

STAFF REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report No. 4.1 Committee Induction
File No: I2018/385

Committee Recommendation:

1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee confirm the Constitution for this Committee, in accordance with Council Resolution 18-114 with the following change:
 - Amend name of committee under section 3 to Biodiversity Advisory Committee
2. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee recommend to Council that an Expression of Interest (EOI) process be held to invite three new community members.
3. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee receive a presentation on Byron Shire Council's Code of Conduct once the three new Committee members have been selected.

(Ndiaye/Martin)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 4.2 **Integrated Pest Management Strategy and other Environmental Projects**
File No: I2018/375

Committee Recommendation 4.2:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee recommend that Council support the revised project timetable for the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Option 1 for the Integrated Pest Management: Directions Document, Policy and Strategy.

(Coorey/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.3 **Brunswick Valley Landcare**
File No: I2018/377

Committee Recommendation 4.3:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee recommend that Council:

1. Consider the allocation of \$15,500 as part of the forward budget process 2018/19 (alongside other Council program and budget priorities) to support the Brunswick Valley Landcare, Landcare Support Officer position for 1 day per week to continue to deliver the Land for Wildlife Program and respond to customer enquiries.
2. Work with Brunswick Valley Landcare to review the location and needs of the locality groups to determine what level of support can be provided.
3. Invite Brunswick Valley Landcare to nominate a representative to be a committee member on the Biodiversity Advisory Committee.
4. Write to Local Land Services and relevant Ministers advocating the work of our local Landcare networks and to seek their support to maintain funding for community support.

(Ndiaye/Coorey)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.4 **Future Meeting Agendas**
File No: I2018/390

Committee Recommendation 4.4:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee consider the future meeting schedule in Table 1 of this report and recommend to Council that all meeting dates be amended to a Monday, starting at 3.15pm as follows:

- 9 April
- 4 June
- 8 October
- 10 December

(Ndiaye/Martin)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5pm.
