

# Minutes of Meeting

## Extraordinary Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue	Council Chambers, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 16 November 2023
Time	11.30am



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### EXTRAORDINARY BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 16 NOVEMBER 2023

#### Minutes of the Extraordinary Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 16 November 2023

**File No:** I2023/1815

#### PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr S Ndiaye	Present, online
	Cr P Westheimer	Present
	Cr S Balson	Present
	Cr M Lyon	Present
Staff:	Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)	Apology
	Sharyn French (Manager Environmental & Economic Planning)	Present
	Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator)	Apology
	Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)	Present
	Caitlin Weatherstone (Project Officer-Koala)	Present
	Claudia Caliarì (Biodiversity Projects Officer)	Present
	Sharyn French	Minute Taker
Community Representatives:	Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare)	Apology
	Liana Joseph	Absent
	Lindsay Murray	Present
	Martin Brook	Absent
	James Jackson	Present
	Stephen Millard	Absent
	David Milledge	Present
	Leonard Cronin	Apology
Guests	Jane Wickers, Earthscapes	Present, online
	Greg Shanahan, Earthscapes	Present, online

*Cr Westheimer (Chair) opened the meeting at 11.34am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.*

#### ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK:

Cr S Ndiaye, Greg Shanahan (Earthscapes), Jane Wickers (Earthscapes)

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#### APOLOGIES:

Leonard Cronin, Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare), Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy), Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator).

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of interest.

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### ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Report No. 3.1      Confirmation of minutes from the 21 September meeting**  
**File No:              I2023/1629**

#### Committee Recommendation:

**That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed.**

(Westheimer/Balson)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

*Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September were noted, and the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 October 2023.*

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

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### STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

**Report No. 4.1      Flying-fox Camp Management Plan Review - Draft**  
**File No:              I2023/1362**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee**

- 1. Provide feedback on the FFCMP parts A and B by 21/11/2023. (Note: the draft plan will be sent to committee members on 07/11/2023).**
- 2. Supports the draft Report being presented to Council for Public Exhibition.**
- 3. Notes the draft Report and thanks those involved in delivering it.**

(Balson/Westheimer)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.2      Future Discussion Items for the Biodiversity Advisory**  
**Committee**  
**File No:              I2023/1767**

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report and requests the following future report items:**

- Ways to prevent wildlife death on roads**
- Nonlethal control methods for Dingoes**
- Follow up on the introduction of the Nature Repair Market Bill**
- Council land managed for biodiversity conservation – distribute existing information to Committee and a future meeting presentation by David Milledge**
- Update on Varroa Mites**

(Balson/Westheimer)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.3**      **Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update**  
**File No:**            I2023/1358

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the update on current projects and programmes being undertaken by Council staff.**

(Westheimer/Jackson)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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**Report No. 4.4**      **Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer quarterly report, July to September 2023.**  
**File No:**            I2023/1660

**Committee Recommendation:**

**That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report.**

(Milledge/Westheimer)

*The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.*

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*There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1.31pm.*