

Minutes of Meeting

Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Thursday, 20 April 2023
Time	2.00pm



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BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 20 April 2023

File No: I2023/563

PRESENT: Cr S Ndiaye, Cr S Balson, Cr P Westheimer, Cr Lyon

Staff: Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)
Sharyn French (Manager Environmental and Economic Planning)
Chloe Dowsett (Coast & Biodiversity Coordinator) joined at 2:38pm
Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Team Leader)

Community: Dave Rawlins (Brunswick Valley Landcare)
Lindsay Murray
Leonard Cronin
David Milledge
James Jackson
Stephen Millard

Guest: Gerard Bisshop joined at 2:50pm

Cr Westheimer (Chair) opened the meeting at 2.06pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

APOLOGIES: Liana Joseph, Caitlin Weatherstone (Project Officer-Koala), Pete Boyd (Biodiversity and Agricultural Projects Officer), Claudia Caliarì (Biodiversity Projects Officer), Martin Brook

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 Biodiversity Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 February 2023**

File No: I2023/382

Committee Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2023 be confirmed with a correction to add Cr Balson to the present list.

(Balson/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2023 were noted, and the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 March 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 **Biodiversity and Agriculture Projects and Operations Update**
File No: **I2023/74**

Committee Recommendation:

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

(Ndiaye/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Cr Balson voted against the motion.

Report No. 4.2 **Future Discussion Items for Biodiversity Advisory Committee**
File No: **I2023/499**

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report.

(Ndiaye/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.3 **Community Member Presentation - Gerard Wedderburn-Bishop - Carbon Sequestration for Byron Bay**
File No: **I2023/310**

Committee Recommendation:

- 1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes the report and thanks Gerard Wedderburn-Bisshop for his presentation.**
- 2. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes that the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and the Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 has been referred to the Federal Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2023.**
- 3. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee supports a Notice of Motion on point 2 to the May Council Planning Meeting and seek stakeholder feedback to include in Council's submission prior.**

(Ndiaye/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.02pm.