

MINUTES OF MEETING



BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Monday, 11 November 2019
Time	3.15pm

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11 NOVEMBER 2019

Minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, 11 November 2019

File No: I2019/1842

PRESENT: Cr C Coorey, Cr J Martin, Cr S Ndiaye (from 3.30pm)

Staff: Chloe Dowsett (Coastal and Biodiversity Coordinator)
Liz Caddick (Biodiversity Officer)
Karen Love
Phil Warner
Kim Rogers (Minute Taker)

Community: Peter Westheimer
Luke McConell

Invited Guest: David Milledge

Cr Coorey (Chair) opened the meeting at 3.22pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Bundjalung Country.

APOLOGIES:

Shannon Burt, Sharyn French, Greg Shanahan and Margaret Greenaway

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 Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11 February and 17 June 2019 be confirmed.

(Coorey/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Note: The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June where there was no quorum, were noted The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February were confirmed with the Committee Recommendations adopted by Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 March 2019, resulting in Resolutions 19-115 to 19-119.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Committee Recommendation:

That Council change the order of business to deal with Report 4.5 next on the Agenda.

(Coorey/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 4.5 **Byron Bay Bypass - Environmental Compensation Options over and above project requirements**

File No: I2019/1488

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee recommends:

- 1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee wait until direction is received from Commonwealth Government regarding compensation required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act and reconsider at the next meeting.**
- 2. That staff investigate resources required for a Mitchell's Rainforest Snail expert to identify alternative suitable habitat sites in the Shire for compensatory restoration (preferably on Council managed land).**
- 3. Undertake a community awareness campaign in the vicinity of the Byron Bay Bypass and around the coastal plain, to help identify existing Mitchell's Rainforest Snail habitat areas and promote conservation of this species on private land.**

(Ndiaye/Coorey)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 4.1 **Biodiversity Conservation Strategy**

File No: I2019/1734

Committee Recommendation:

- 1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee members provide preliminary feedback on the draft Strategy by 22 November 2019.**
- 2. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee review the draft Biodiversity Strategy following expert peer review prior to the strategy going to Council for public exhibition.**

(Coorey/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.2 **Wildlife Road Strike**

File No: I2019/1757

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee notes this report.

(Coorey/Westheimer)

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The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.3 **Brunswick Valley Landcare Support Officer report September 2019**
File No: **I2019/1817**

Committee Recommendation:

1. That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee note the report.
2. That Council staff investigate and update the Committee about approvals and resources required to remove taro infestation from Saltwater Creek, and follow up with Tamara Smith's office regarding funding.

(Coorey/Ndiaye)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

Report No. 4.4 **Minutes of previous meetings held 11 February 2019 & 17 June 2019**
File No: **I2019/1825**

Committee Recommendation:

That the Biodiversity Advisory Committee note the minutes of 11 February and 17 June 2019 meetings.

(Coorey/Westheimer)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.05pm.