



Manning Estuary Coastline and Catchment Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Thursday 19 February 2015 at 8am

in Council's Administration Centre

Welcome and apologies: Cr David Keegan, Greg Crisp, Laura Black, Brian Hughes

Endorsed

Present: Cr Robyn Jenkins (Chair) (CrRJ), Richard Pamplin (RP), Ric Slatter (RS), Shaun Reynolds (SR), Kirsty Hughes (KH), Bill Nelson (BN), Elaine Pearce (EP), Daintry Gerand (DG), Mayor Paul Hogan (MPH), Tina Clemens (TC), Andre Uljee (AU)

Observer: Liz Siverths (Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club)

Previous Minutes:

Endorsed

Business Arising:

- a. Farquhar Reserve Beach approval update
 - TC advised that there was no change from her previous advice on this matter.
 - RP advised that he had contacted Steve Wills from Crown Lands (Newcastle) to see whether there was any update to Tina's previous advice and was unable to obtain a response.

Correspondence:

Nil

General Business:

- RS (OEH) – advised that the 15/16 coast & estuary grants were open for applications and encouraged Council to apply.
- TC (Crown Lands) – reminded those wishing to undertake works on Crown land that they need approvals in place prior to undertaking works (need to allow a few months to obtain approval).
- EP (OBBSRG) – report provided as follows:

OLD BAR BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT GROUP INC.
REPORT TO ESTUARY COMMITTEE- FEBRUARY 19, 2015

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN –

*In his media release –September 26. 2014, Rob Stokes states the government has agreed to certify the Greater Taree CZMP **SUBJECT TO MINOR***

AMENDMENTS –the Old Bar community is vitally concerned with the outcome and we ask how are those amendments progressing?

TRIGGER POINTS –

In that press release the minister states the CZMP “prepared by Worley Parsons”. Is this the 2013 Worley Parsons Coastal Zone Management Plan which is presented on council website, which clearly defines “Trigger Points”?

In email Nov.21 to E.Pearce it is stated

- I would suggest that to say the trigger point at Old Bar is 18m, is misleading. As you are aware there is property in Old Bar that is much closer than 18m to risk.

In email Nov.26 it is stated

- The Hazard Definition Study completed by Royal Haskoning is the most recent data we have.

If the CZMP which is to be certified by the State Government states certain Trigger Points one would expect that to be the Trigger Points to be used, not information contained in a Hazard Definition Study which is part of an Amendment which State Government has been advised by the NSW Coastal Panel to refuse.

Clarification of this point would be appreciated by the community of Old Bar, which community our group represents.

ELAINE PEARCE, PRESIDENT, OLD BAR BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT GROUP INC.

- AU (RMS) – Advised that the Regional Boating Plan is soon to be released for Taree/Great Lakes region
- Bill Nelson (FIMG) – Advised that following the success of the dredging of Harrington Lagoon and the adjacent turfing that the Harrington Chamber of Commerce are seeking grants to add improvements to this area. Bill also advised that the Farquhar entrance has moved some 400-500m south since it was opened in the north.
- DG (Manning Coastcare) – Advised that they have been working on re-gen plans with Council. Daintry also advised that they have been involved with the working group that has been established to determine the future use of the recently closed Crowdy Head Primary School and that the desire is to transform it into an educational centre in partnership with the Purfleet-Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- SR (NSW Fisheries) – Advised that he is currently filling in for Martin Angle and that the commercial fishing reforms will come through following the State election.
- RP (GTCC) – Advised that Laura Black will no longer be attending MECCAC meetings as they now come under GTCC’s Service Delivery Group and that Paul de Szell, Executive Leader Service Delivery will instead be attending.

Meeting closed at 8:40 am

Future Meetings: 21 May

20 August

19 November