
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Karen Archer (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)
Rob Hamilton (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)

Other Attendees:

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)
Tricia Bulic (Director Community & Economic Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)

Guests:

Tracie Sanim (Group Manager Community Engagement & Planning),
Matt Rogers (Director, Development & Environmental Services) - part meeting

The meeting opened at 8.30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Peter Besseling, Joy Corben and Belinda Richardson be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 1 July 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee members note the information outlined in ITEM 06 - 06.05.2015. and ITEM 08 - 01.07.2015 in the Business Arising from Previous Minutes report and the verbal update provided at the meeting.

06 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION - SIX MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL

CONSENSUS:

That the good progress being made with implementation of the Economic Development Strategy Actions be noted.

07 PLANNING FOR THE HANDA SISTER CITY VISIT

CONSENSUS:

That the plans for the Handa Sister City visit from 18 - 21 August 2015 be noted.

08 BUSINESS ENQUIRY MANAGEMENT

CONSENSUS:

That the proposed approach to improving Council's business enquiry management be noted and supported.

09 PLAZA CARPARK SHORT STREET

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Express strong support for the activation of the Port Macquarie foreshore.
 2. Note that Council's 2013-2016 Economic Development Strategy highlights the importance of this activation - both in aiming to create 'vibrant and desirable places' and as specifically referenced in Action 8 of the Strategy.
 3. Ensure that any development on the site must be consistent with the vision outlined in the Port Macquarie Foreshore Master Plan, the Town Centre Master Plan and the Port Macquarie Hastings Development Control Plan.
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10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.01 Funding of Pre-construction Activities for Major Infrastructure Projects:

Ross Cargill inquired as to the process for the funding of pre-construction activities for major infrastructure projects (such as the Lake Rd upgrade), and the options for securing state and federal government funding for these works.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the General Manager's explanation of Council's planning and budgeting approach to preconstruction activities and on-going efforts to encourage other levels of government to consider funding for these works (rather than their approach to date of only funding 'shovel ready' projects) be noted.
 2. That the need for ongoing advocacy by Council and EDSG members be noted.
 3. That the Group Manager Economic Development distribute further information on the current status of Lake Rd project progress.
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The meeting closed at 10.00am.