
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Turner (Chair)
Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Brian Barker
Chris Denny
Kate Ford
Beric Henderson
Jennifer Hutchison
Simon Luke
Director Strategy and Growth
Group Manager Community Place
Glasshouse Venue Manager

Other Attendees:

Sandra Wallace (Community Participation Manager)
Skye Frost (Community Participation Officer – Creative Spaces)

The meeting opened at 8:03am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology from Stacey Morgan and Willhemina Wahlin be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 6 June 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

08 Request for Additional Funding by the Australia Day Working Group

The Committee noted that a report on reviewing existing committees, working groups and future activities will be presented at the August 2018 meeting.

The Committee noted that a report regarding the allocation of funds for cultural elements and activities and how they contribute to the visions and strategies of the Cultural Plan 2018 – 2021 be presented at the August 2018 meeting.

06 CULTURAL PLAN REVIEW

The Committee discussed the June 2018 Council resolution on the Cultural Plan and the amendments to the Vision that were made, to read “Our region”, instead of Great Port Macquarie.

The Committee discussed the vision and asked if they were able make changes to the “Our region” through the submission phase of the Cultural Plan (now) or during the review of the submissions. This will be discussed again when the group review the submissions.

Chris Denny strongly expressed that the Committee’s put in a great deal of thought to ensure that the vision and strategies aligned.

The Committee raised questions on what is going to be recognised, “Our Region” or “Internationally Recognised – Greater Port Macquarie”.

Simon Luke expressed disappointment on the lack of appreciation on the time and effort the Cultural Steering Group put into the development of the draft Cultural Plan.

The Committee agreed that individuals and groups should be encouraged to put in submissions on the draft Cultural Plan.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Cultural Steering Group note the recent Council resolution on the Cultural Plan Review and subsequent actions.
 2. That the Cultural Steering Group members individually write to Councillors expressing views about the process prior to reviewing submissions on the draft Cultural Plan.
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07 MONTHLY DRAFT PUBLIC ART POLICY AND MASTER PLAN REPORT

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the outline of the Public Art Policy & Master Plan project and the project status.

08 MONTHLY ARTWALK REPORT

Council presented to the Committee the history of the ArtWalk event since 2016 (+2017, 2018).

Brian Barker congratulated Council for the event and allowing public involvement.

The Committee discussed the challenges around the rules of use on the Town Green.

The 2018 event was discussed .

Some suggested improvements to the ArtWalk Event included additional food stalls, satellite events and extending the program over a number of days. The challenge is managing growth while maintaining the intimacy.

It was suggested that Artwalk be developed as a flagship event with Cultural outcomes. This is to include high quality (Australian and internationally) art/projects to stimulate further growth and create capacity with locals.

The Committee also discussed the event developing local art talent and recognising artists worth along with the impacts the event has on economic development.

The Committee agreed that ArtWalk is the best/unique event that should be leveraged and has great potential.

Cr Geoff Hawkins enquired on the infrastructure required and the costs. Discussions were also held on the brand to help identify who we are.

The Committee discussed the economic value of culture.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Cultural Steering Group note the recent Council resolution on ArtWalk 2018 – Post Event Report.
2. That Council commence internal discussions regarding 2018 event plan.
3. That Council hold discussions with cultural and CBD businesses about developing ArtWalk 2019.
4. That Council report on how to utilise vacant buildings, the cost of new digital projectors for better outcomes for Artwalk at a future meeting.
5. That Council report on its role to develop cultural outcomes and how this can be delivered at a future meeting.

09 MONTHLY BICENTENARY WORKING GROUP REPORT

Councillor Rob Turner congratulated the Bicentenary Working Group on the work done on the Bicentenary Strategy and Bicentenary Event Overview.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group

1. Note the progress to date of the Bicentenary Working Group.
2. Endorse the Bicentenary Strategy and 2018 Bicentenary Event Overview.
3. Request Council to allocate \$15,000 from the Bicentenary Activities Fund for the operation of a quick grant fund pool to support community-led Bicentenary activities of up to \$3,000 per event/project to enable agility without being limited to the 2 rounds of the community grant program in August/February.
4. The Cultural Steering group in principle endorse the draft logo for the Bicentenary activities.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 9:01am.