

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Sharon Griffiths (Chair)
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Matt Rogers (PMHC)
Tim Molloy (PMHC)
Dan Croft (PMHC)
John Hough (Community Rep.)
Alan MacIntyre (Community Rep.)
Patrick McEntee (Community Rep.)
Anthony Day (SES Rep)
Ray Richards (SES Rep)
Kate Browning (OEH)

Other Attendees:

Jesse Dick (PMHC)
Garry Fajks (SES)

The meeting opened at 3.05pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Gordon Cameron (PMHC) and Graeme Sayer (Development Industry Rep.) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS

That the Minutes of the Hastings LGA Floodplain Sub-Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2014 be confirmed, subject to the following amendments to the attendance register:

- Alan MacIntyre be noted as being present,
- Alan Taylor be noted as being absent with apology
- David Felsch to be removed from attendance register due to resignation
- Alan Taylor to be removed from attendance register due to resignation
- Inclusion of reference to the presentation provided by SES

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

John Hough advised that the current status information provided under item 07.03 of the Business Arising From Previous Minutes was in relation to another flood gate on the property owned by K. Basset. Advice was provided at the meeting that a Development Application (DA) for the flood gate referred to by John was being assessed by Council staff and that it was currently on exhibition.

Cr Griffiths made mention of the presentation by Steve Laurence at the previous meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The information contained in item 05 - Business Arising From Previous Minutes report be noted subject to:
 - a) Confirmation on the action being undertaken for the flood gate on the property owned by K. Bassett,.
2. The Committee acknowledge Steve Lawrence's time and effort in preparing and presenting to the previous meeting.

06 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN ACTION STATUS

The committee discussed various aspects of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan Actions Status document.

CONSENSUS:

The PMHC Floodplain Management Plan Action Status document to be updated as follows:

1. Hastings Floodplain Risk Management Plan (2014):
 - a) Items 4 & 5: to include a sub-task on public notification and community feedback.
 - b) Item 8: to include a reference to explore voluntary purchase funding availability.
 - c) Item 10: OEH to confirm whether house raising in a floodway's is permissible for grant funding.
 - d) Item 11: SES have obtained relevant software licenses and are currently working on producing inundation mapping and incident management plans for critical areas. A MOU is in place with MIDROC to provide a technical officer as part of the Incident management Team.
2. Camden Haven Floodplain Risk Management Plan (2004):
 - a) Item 5: SES have completed the Camden Haven Local Flood Plan. The Hastings Local Flood Plan is currently under review and is expected to be completed in 2015.
 - b) Item 6: Action table to include a list of roads to be upgraded in the Camden Haven.

07 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS LGA DRAFT FLOOD DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS

There was general discussion on the various aspects of the Draft Flood Development Control Policy/Development Control Plan including the following:

- Flood level for Pacific Highway Upgrade. The level for the new construction to be checked and advised to Cr Griffiths.
- Patrick McEntee questioned whether a register of flood affected Development Applications (DA) could be kept by Council to monitor development within the floodplain.
- Flood Compatible Materials: Review new building standard for flood compatible materials.
- Flood warning time. The SES noted in relation the required 8 hours warning on page 43 that it is not possible for the SES to advise on flood warning times, particularly in relation to overland flooding. Flooding definition should be amended to refer to riverine flooding for flood warnings
- Shadow development. Alan Macintyre noted that a definition of shadow development is missing. Alan suggested non obstructive rather than shadow development.
- Sections 6.8 to 6.10 relating to development types should be reordered to make it clear that new residential development is not permissible.

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- Review Hastings Floodplain Management Study page 43 re ability to evacuate by walking.
 - Boundary adjustment provisions on page 43 should be reviewed for rural areas.

CONSENSUS:

That members submit comments on the draft Flood Policy to Council by the 30 January 2015 and that the Subcommittee consider an updated draft policy at a meeting in February 2015.

08 MERGER OF FLOOD AND COAST & ESTUARIES SUB-COMMITTEES

There was general discussion on the various aspects of the merger of the Floodplain & Coasts & Estuaries Sub-Committees.

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The Committee provide in-principle support for the merger of the Hastings LGA Coast & Estuaries Sub-Committee and the Hastings LGA Floodplain Sub-Committee.
2. Sub-Committee meetings occur on a minimum 6 monthly basis (either 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3pm) occurring in March and September, with more frequent meeting occurring on an "as-needs" basis.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS**09.01 North Shore Staging Area:**

Cr Griffiths asked if there was provision being made for a safe parking area on the North Shore that could be used for car parking in a flood event. Anthony Day advised that an area of high ground has been identified on the North Shore as a staging area as part of an incident action plan being prepared by the SES.

09.02 Emergency Alert System:

Anthony Day (SES) advised that the Emergency Alert System was continuing to evolve following some initial issues with the extent of notifications issued by the system in an emergency.

09.03 Department of Primary Industry Infrastructure Productivity Report:

Cr Griffiths noted the existence of flood studies prepared by the Department of Primary Industries. Kate Browning advised the studies relate to making primary industries more resilient to flooding.

09.04 Building Community Disaster Resilience Workshop:

Cr Griffiths provided the Committee with information on the workshop she attended at Taree.

09.05 Annual Status Reports on Floodplain Management Plan Implementation:

It was noted that reports on the status of Floodplain Management Plan implementation are provided to Council as part of the reporting via the Sub-Committee to Council.

09.06 NRMA Flood Mapping:

Cr Griffiths requested a copy of the NRMA flood mapping for the Hastings LGA.

09.07 Oakes Crescent Flooding:

A copy of reports on Oaks Crescent Flooding issues to be provided to Cr Griffiths.

The meeting closed 5.11pm.