

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Mike Cusato
Karen Archer (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)
Rob Hamilton (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Belinda Richardson (Independent)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)

Other Attendees:

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
Peter Cameron (Group Manager Strategic Land Use Planning) - part meeting
Jane Ellis (Destination Management Coordinator)
Renaë Tate (Economic Development Officer)

The meeting opened at 8.35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Peter Besseling (Mayor), Councillor Trevor Sargeant, Professor Heather Cavanagh, Jill Follington and Craig Swift-McNair be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 6 May 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 11 - 03/12/2014 - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN

Item to be tabled at the EDSG Meeting on 1 July 2015.

ITEM 11 - 04/02/2015 - UPDATE ON BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY

To be removed.

ITEM 08 - 06/05/2015 - HANDA SISTER CITY VISIT

That Group Manager, Economic Development to liaise with Handa Sister City Sub-Committee on plans for the August Handa delegation visit.

ITEM 09 - 06/05/2015 - DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT - TRENDS AND FEEDBACK

To be removed.

06 ECO-TOURIST FACILITIES - 12 MONTH REVIEW

The Group noted the background to this issue as briefed by Matt Rogers, Director Development & Environmental Services, and asked questions.

CONSENSUS:

That Council staff investigate the possibility of re-wording Clause 7.14 (2) (a) in LEP 2011 (regarding minimum lot sizes for Eco-tourist facilities) to see whether eco-tourist facilities may be permissible where a dwelling already exists or is already permissible.

07 DESTINATION RESEARCH PROJECT OUTCOMES

The Group noted the presentation by Jane Ellis, Destination Marketing Coordinator and asked questions.

CONSENSUS:

That the research summary report be provided to the Economic Development Steering Group when finalised by My Travel Research.

08 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP BUSINESS RULES

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group Business Rules be adopted as drafted.

09 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The Group noted the progress in implementing the Economic Development Strategy and asked questions. In particular, the Group noted the positive discussions and planning being undertaken in/around the Wauchope town centre.

CONSENSUS:

That the monthly update be noted.

10 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY - WAVE 2 2015 APPROACH

The Group considered the proposed approach to supplementary questions for the August business confidence survey and provided feedback.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group endorsed the approach to Wave 2, 2015 Business Confidence Survey.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 10.05am.