

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Kelly King (Community Representative)
Paul Dawson (Community Representative)
Anthony Thorne (Community Representative)
Jane Evans (Community Representative)
Michelle Love (Community Representative)
vacant (Community Representative)
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Other Attendees:

Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Senior Economic Development Officer (David Archer)
Engagement Officer (Alex Gray)

The meeting opened at 8:32am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Haydn Oriti, Kate Wood-Foye and Kellon Beard be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 12 May 2021 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

06 RESIGNATION OF ROSS CARGILL & PETER HALLIWELL

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Note the recent resignation of Steering Group members Ross Cargill & Peter Halliwell.
2. Formally thank Ross Cargill and Peter Halliwell for their commitment and contribution to the Economic Development Steering Group.

07 PORT MACQUARIE AQUATIC FACILITY CONCEPT

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Note current efforts to seek community feedback on the Port Macquarie Aquatic Facility concept design
2. Encourage feedback from individual networks and the opportunity to provide input by 20 June 2021.

08 NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Remplan updated the Group on some of the emerging themes and directions stemming from recent community engagement (workshops and survey data), noting 17 and 18 June 2021 on-line workshops will finalise the initial engagement phase, before drafting of the new Economic Development Strategy commences.

The Group also provided further input on local economic development objectives and future vision.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Note emerging themes from recent community engagement to inform a new ten-year economic development strategy, with further engagement to take place via on-line workshops;
2. Note next steps in the drafting of a new Strategy, acknowledging the draft will not be available for Council consideration and public comment until after 4 September 2021 Local Government Election.

09 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EDSG MEMBERSHIP TERM

Item deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 10:05am.