

PRESENT

Members:

Amos Donovan (Bunyah Local Aboriginal Land Council)
Linda Olive (Hastings Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)
Gulwanyang Moran (Traditional Owner)
Benjahmin Moran (Traditional Owner)
William O'Brien O.A.M (Traditional Owner)
Kelly O'Brien (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Member)
Rhonda Anjilkurri Radley (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Member)
Jacob Thorne-Hall (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Member)
Wayne Anderson (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Member)
Mayor Peta Pinson
Councillor Lisa Intemann
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Community Inclusion Team Leader (Hayley Owen)

Other Attendees:

Governance Officer (Kirsty Callander)

The meeting opened at 1:32pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Latoya Smith (Bearlay Aboriginal Interagency), Group Manager Community (Lucilla Marshall), Community Inclusion Trainee (Jessica Green) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil - inaugural meeting.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil - inaugural meeting.

06 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Governance Officer provided a short presentation on the Code of Conduct of the Committee. A copy of the new Code of Conduct was circulated to the Group prior to the meeting on Monday 26 July 2021.

CONSENSUS:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Group note the Code of Conduct for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Committees.

07 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Peta Pinson welcomed the new Advisory Group and gave members the opportunity to introduce themselves. Each member provided a short introduction about themselves and who they represent.

The Advisory Group discussed the membership as it was unclear why some members were in the Traditional Owner category and who determined that they are Traditional Owners.

It was explained that every application, where the applicant lives in the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area, was recommended to Council to form the membership of the Advisory Group. In the application process it was up to the applicant to select which category they were applying for, and this is how the membership was formed. With this, there were four applications in the Traditional Owners category. Council resolved to

amend the Charter to represent the four applications received as it is not the role of Council to determine if the applicant is a Traditional Owner or not.

The Group agreed the wording of “Traditional Owner Representative” was confusing, and it was agreed by the Group to remove the word “Representative” from this membership category.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Group note the new membership and provide a short self-introduction to other members.
2. That the word Representative is removed from the membership title of Traditional Owner Representative.

08 ABORIGINAL ADVISORY GROUP CHARTER AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mayor Peta Pinson spoke to the Aboriginal Advisory Group Charter and the responsibilities of the Advisory Group.

It was discussed that the Group would like to Co-Design with Council and be involved with discussing Council’s plans and projects in the early stages, not get told what they will be after they are decided on.

There were concerns raised by the group that the Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) membership was vacant. It was explained that no applications were received for this membership. The Group asked for Council to write to Birpai LALC to ask them to put forward a representative for the Advisory Group membership.

The group discussed that Traditional Owners Group Guulaguba Barray Aboriginal Corporation be added to the membership. The Group asked for Council to write to Guulaguba Barray Aboriginal Corporation to ask them to put forward a representative for the Advisory Group membership.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Group note the Aboriginal Advisory Group Charter and the responsibilities of the Group.
2. That Council to write to Birpai LALC requesting the Board to put forward a representative who will hold the Birpai LALC membership on the Aboriginal Advisory Group.
3. That Guulaguba Barray Aboriginal Corporation be added to the membership.
4. That Council to write to Guulaguba Barray Aboriginal Corporation requesting the Board to put forward a representative who will hold the Guulaguba Barray Aboriginal Corporation membership on the Aboriginal Advisory Group.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Group acknowledged the Community Strategic Plan is on exhibition and requested that this be circulated to the Group by staff.

09.02 NAME OF GROUP

It was raised that as per the resolution from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 March 2021, the Group need to agree upon and finalise the name the at next meeting.

09.03 DEPUTY CHAIR

As per the Aboriginal Advisory Group Charter, the Deputy Chair shall be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative (voted in by Committee). This vote is to take place at the next meeting of the Group.

09.04 REGIONAL MAP

The Group expressed interest at workshopping a Regional Map of boundary borders at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:57pm.