

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Paul Dawson (Community Representative)
Anthony Thorne (Community Representative)
Kate Wood-Foye (Community Representative)
Hadyn Oriti (Community Representative)
Jane Evans (Community Representative)
Michelle Love (Community Representative)
Kellon Beard (Community Representative)

Other Attendees:

Chief Executive Officer (Dr Clare Allen)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Senior Economic Development Officer (David Archer)
Marisha Ewart (Guest)

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Cr Geoff Hawkins and Kelly King be noted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 14 July 2021 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising From Previous Minutes schedule be noted.

06 NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Members of the Group provided comment and asked questions on the draft Strategy documents shared prior to the meeting. Noting strong interest and recent conversations, it was agreed the draft Housing Strategy be discussed at a future meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Note the updated draft Economic Development Strategy 'on a page' and performance measures and provide feedback.
2. Note further updates would be shared with the Group prior to presentation of the draft Strategy to Council for public exhibition.
3. The Draft Housing Strategy be listed for discussion at a future meeting.

07 COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY

The Group discussed the current local economic environment, noting many different 'speeds' and severe COVID-19 impacts on some industries. A range of potential further initiatives were discussed, including help to get businesses on-line and the PMH Cares program.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group note the impact of the escalating NSW COVID-19 crisis on local business and industry, and Council efforts to encourage the local community to #supportlocalpmh.

08 UPDATE ON BUSHFIRE AND COVID-19 RECOVERY PROJECTS

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group note the significant body of projects delivered and in-progress to support our region's recovery from bushfires and COVID-19, as reported to the 4 August 2021 Council meeting.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 RESIGNATION - STUART BATE

The Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development advised the Group that Stuart Bate (Community Representative) had tendered his resignation and that Marisha Ewart was invited to join as a guest to maintain contact with the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the resignation by Stuart Bate and acknowledge his significant contribution to the Steering Committee and as President of the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.