

THE MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM, ON WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021**COMMENCING AT**

10.00am

PRESENT:

Clr Geoff Pritchard (Councillor Delegate), Sue Bulger – Elder (Chairperson), Rhonda Casey – Director of TKNIC, John Casey – Director of TKNIC, Lorna Casey – Director of TKNIC, Craig Wilesmith, Mary Greenhalgh – Brungle/Tumut LALC, Coral Bulger – AECG, Meegan Cameron.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa McAuliffe – Community Development Officer (Council Delegate), Tracy Wiggins – Manager Community Services (Council Delegate), Brook Penfold – Coordinator Governance & Risk

ABSENT:

Shirley Marlowe – Community Transport (Deputy Chairperson), Margaret Berg – Elder, Shane Herrington, Lenard Connolly – Community Health, Pat Connolly – Elder, Sonia Piper – Elder, Mary Williams – Community Rep., Bernadette Radford – Director of TKNIC, Sandra Casey – Director of TKNIC.

BY TELEPHONE:

Nil

1. APOLOGIES

Winnie Bulger – Tumut High School and Stan Russell – Coe-ee Cottage.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**AL04/21 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2021 be received.

Mary Greenhalgh/Craig Wilesmith

CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING

NAIDOC Week celebrations and activities postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions to be held during 2021 September School Holidays.

Draft Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is currently with Reconciliation Australia for review. The RAP will be brought back to the committee when received.

Council established a RAP Working Group (RWG) to lead and guide Council in the development of the RAP. The RWG responsibilities include developing, creating understanding, accountability, and ownership by Council staff to ensure adoption,

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implementation, reviewing and updating of Snowy Valleys Council Reconciliation Action Plan.

The RAP working group is formed by Two Aboriginal Liaison Committee Representatives (elected by the committee) and identified Council positions that have actions assigned to the position outlined in the RAP.

The committee elected Shirly Marlowe and Meegan Cameron as representatives of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee to join Council RWG at the June 2021 committee meeting.

At the June 2021 Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting the committee discussed possibility of adding remuneration to Elders who deliver 'Welcome to Country' as an action to the RAP and asked Council delegates to discuss this with relevant staff and advise at the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting.

The committee were advised that remuneration was included in Councils Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy and therefore did not require inclusion in the RAP.

The committee reviewed the Terms of Reference at June 2021 meeting, and the document was sent to governance for review.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MATTERS – AUGUST 2021

AL05/21 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on Aboriginal Liaison Committee matters.

Sue Bulger/Craig Wilesmith

CARRIED

4.2 Review - Memorandum of Understanding Between Aboriginal Community of Snowy Valleys and Snowy Valleys Council

The committee reviewed the **Memorandum of Understanding Between Aboriginal Community of Snowy Valleys and Snowy Valleys Council** and the following agreed changes have been included in the document;

Snowy Valleys Council agrees to:

2. As part of the process of unity, Snowy Valleys Council agrees to celebrate declared Aboriginal ceremonies and events, including NAIDOC Week, *Reconciliation Week*, *Sorry Day*, and *Citizenship Ceremonies*.

The Local Aboriginal Community agrees to:

3. Conduct a flag raising ceremony as a part of NAIDOC Week at *Council's Customer Service Centre's in Tumut and Tumbarumba*.

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Snowy Valleys Council agrees to:

4. Involve Aboriginal people in appropriate civic events *such as Australia Day celebrations and Citizenship Ceremonies* which Snowy Valleys Council arranges and coordinates.

Snowy Valleys Council agrees to:

7. Develop a greater community understanding of Aboriginal culture in the Snowy Valleys Council by fostering opportunities for Aboriginal cultural tourism *and providing culture awareness through local Aboriginal Communities*.

Snowy Valleys Council agrees to:

9. Undertake appropriate community *consultation and* planning to address social, economic or cultural disadvantage experienced by local Aboriginal people in the Snowy Valleys Council.

The Local Aboriginal Community agrees to:

9. Provide input into community *consultation and* planning to address social, economic or cultural disadvantage experienced by local Aboriginal people in the Snowy Valleys Council.

Snowy Valleys Council and the Local Aboriginal Community:

10. Acknowledges that to be fully effective the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be the head policy and provide the way for subordinate policy as required between Local Government and the local Aboriginal Community. *The signatories required for the MoU shall include the Mayor, CEO, the Chair and Deputy Chair of both The Brungle - Tumut LALC and Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation (TKNIC).*

The document with recommended changes is to be forwarded to Governance for their review.

4.3 Review - Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy

The Committee reviewed the **Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy**. No recommendations were made and therefore the policy is to be considered without any changes.

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AL06/21 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Accept the Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy

Sue Bulger/John Casey

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION:

2. That Council place the Aboriginal Protocols and Practice Policy on public exhibitions for a period of 28 days

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Sue Bulger/John Casey
CARRIED

4.4 Kosciusko National Park Aboriginal Archaeology Collaborative Project - La Trobe University (attached)

Committee members expressed their concerns that the timeframes were so tight that it was not possible to submit a submission.

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AL07/21 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Authorise Cllr Pritchard to raise this topic at tomorrow's Council meeting due to the importance of the project to the Snowy Valleys Council LGA and the Indigenous Communities represented.
2. Recommend Council seek an extension to the deadline for a submission to this project.

Sue Bulger/John Casey
CARRIED

4.5 Request for membership to Aboriginal Liaison Committee from applicant

After detailed discussions regarding the membership application, the committee were unable to recommend Council approve the membership application as there are currently no vacancies available for membership and therefore recommend Council to notify the applicant of the outcome.

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AL08/21 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Recommend to Council that membership to the Committee is declined due to there being no vacant positions.
2. Recommend Council notify applicant of decision.

Mary Greenhalgh/John Casey
CARRIED

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5 GENERAL BUSINESS

The committee had discussions regarding Significant Aboriginal Sites in the Snowy Valleys LGA and requested, if possible, that Council provide such map that identifies Crown Land parcels that have been identified as Significant Aboriginal sites.

6 NEXT MEETING

20th October 2021.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

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**THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
IN THE VIA VIDEO LINK, ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021****COMMENCING AT** 9.08am**PRESENT:** Steven Walker (Chairperson), Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh (External Member), Melissa Tooke (External Member), Cate Cross (Councillor), John Larter (Councillor), Phil Swaffield (National Audits Group), Brad Bohun (Crowe Horwath).

James Hayes (Mayor), Matthew Hyde (Chief Executive Officer), Shelley Jones (Executive Chief of Staff), Susanne Andres (Chief Financial Officer), Brook Penfold (Coordinator Governance and Risk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Holton (Executive Director Community and Corporate), Heinz Kausche (Executive Director Infrastructure), Amanda Sutton (Coordinator Financial Accounting)**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received and accepted from Michael Kharzoo (Audit Office)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. AGENDA ITEMSMr Paul Holton left the meeting, the time being 9.27am
Mr Paul Holton returned to the meeting, the time being 9.40am.**4.1 DRAFT 2020/21 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****ARI.20 RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Received the report on Draft 2020/21 Financial Statements;

2. Considered the Draft 2020/21 Annual Financial Statements, Special Purpose Reports and Special Schedules, asked relevant questions of Council officers and auditors in attendance and discussed the report and the financial statements;
3. Draw Council's attention to the following matters:
 - a) The accounting treatment for the Rural Fire Service Assets where Council officers support the position in the draft financial statements to not recognise Rural Fire Service assets including land, buildings, plant, and vehicles based on Australian Accounting Standard requirements and until the matter is progressed with the NSW Audit Office and further advocacy undertaken by impacted councils for the legislation to be changed.
 - b) Unrestricted cash was discussed in detail and was agreed to be shown as presented in the draft financial statements as a negative unrestricted cash balance with the following notation in the financial statements:
 - (1) At 30 June Council recognised outstanding Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) claims in excess of \$5.5M as receivables (Note C1-4) for work delivered during the financial year 2020/21. These claims were still being evaluated and payment was yet to be received from the State Government, resulting in Council holding a negative unrestricted cash balance at year end.

Cr John Larter/Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6 NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting will be held Wednesday 03 November 2021 9am via Zoom.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.06am.