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Attachment 1 - 20240228 - Minutes - First Nations Liaison Committee



Notice of Meeting

FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28 February 2024 at 10:00 AM
Tumut Council Chambers / Via Video Link

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1. COMMENCING AT:

10.10am

2. PRESENT:

Voting members: Cr Sam Hughes (Councillor Delegate), Mary Greenhalgh and June Wolter.

Voting members Online via Zoom/Phone: Sandra Casey, Craig Wilesmith and Jenna Small.

Non-Voting members: Meegan Cameron.

Non-Voting members online: Mark Small.

Appointed Staff Delegate: Lisa McAuliffe (SVC Community Development).

In Attendance: Justin Epps (SVC Coordinator Open Space & Facilities) and Donna Wilson (SVC Coordinator Communication and Engagement).

In Attendance Via Zoom/Phone: Tammy Mellen (SVC Coordinator People & Culture), Linda Lewis (SVC Executive Assistant - Community & Corporate) and Sophie Gairn (SVC Coordinator Place Activation).

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

Mary Greenhalgh delivered Welcome to Country.

4. APOLOGIES:

Apologies: Coral Bulger, Oliva Williams, Marg Berg and Sonia Piper.

Absent: Nil.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6.1. MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 15 NOVEMBER 2023**FNLIC.01/24 RESOLVED:**

THAT:

1. The Minutes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 15 November 2023 be received.

Cr Sam Hughes/Mary Greenhalgh

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

Volunteers' Recruitment

Community Development Officer to contact BTLALC regarding attaching the advertisement for the volunteer recruitment to the BTLALC website and advertise in the local papers. Tumbarumba Times and Tumut & Adelong Times.

Road Safety Discussion

Community Development Officer to invite SVC Road Safety Officer to the next meeting to discuss issues raised regarding Brungle and Tumbarumba.

8. AGENDA ITEMS:

8.1. MATTERS - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 28 FEBRUARY 2024

FNLIC.02/24 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on First Nations Liaison Committee Matters - 28 February 2024.
2. Review and discuss the report - First Nations Liaison Committee Matters - 28 February 2024.

Mary Greenhalgh/June Wolter

CARRIED

8.1 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Community Development Officer

Council has registered and paid the fee required to begin the development of the Innovate RAP. The Innovate RAP is a two-year plan and builds from the wonderful work previously implemented through the 2022-2023 Snowy Valleys Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (one year plan). Council has also developed the Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) and will meet for the first time on Wednesday the 6th of March 2024. The RAPWG is responsible for the collaborative development, implementation and reporting phases of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and is a sub-committee of the Safety Risk and Quality Committee.

Recruiting for the First Nations staff representative/s to the RAPWG will be discussed at the RAPWG meeting.

8.2 NAIDOC Week

Community Development Officer

The 2024 theme for NAIDOC week is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud and celebrations will be held from the 7 – 14 July 2024.

Council will again lead the Flag Raising Ceremonies and Morning Tea events in celebration of 2024 NAIDOC Week at both the Tumbarumba and Tumut Council Customer Service Office.

The Flag Raising Ceremony and Morning Tea events will be held on Tuesday the 9th of July at the Tumut Council Customer Service Office and Wednesday the 10th of July 2024 at the Tumbarumba Council Office.

Both TKNIC and BTLALC are encouraged to send any flyers developed for planned events to the Community Development Officer as Council may be able to assist in the promotion of planned activities/events during 2024 NAIDOC week.

Ngarigo Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation (NTKNIC)

NTKNIC applied for funding and can discuss events and activities they are planning in more detail at a later date when they have more information.

Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council (BTLALC)

BTLALC are currently looking at events and activities that they will be leading and will provide further details at a later date.

8.3 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)Coordinator Communication and Engagement

The Snowy Valleys 2042 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is based on the aspirations and priorities of our community and sets out a long-term vision for the area. The plan identifies the key priorities and strategies for achieving this. It is the Community's plan for the future, not just a Council plan. Snowy Valleys Council has a lead role in preparing and implementing the CSP. However, state agencies, businesses, industry groups, community groups, and individuals also lead and support the achievement of the vision and strategic priorities.

Council is currently reviewing the CSP and invited the Committee to provide feedback regarding the document as a group and also on an individual basis. The Committee were provided information on how to submit feedback and encouraged to contact the Community Development Officer with any questions.

8.4 DRAFT- License Agreement - Lawn Cemetery BrungleCoordinator Open Space & Facilities

During 2023 the Committee recommended that Council explore options regarding developing a First Nations Volunteers program to undertake maintenance duties at the Lawn Cemetery in Brungle. Council drafted an agreement with BTLALC regarding permission to maintain the aforementioned area, therefore the volunteer program would be coordinated by BTLALC. The DRAFT- License Agreement is sitting with Council following a meeting and feedback received from BTLALC.

In December 2023 Council adopted the Community and Recreational Facilities Management Policy and therefore the DRAFT- License Agreement will need to be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the Community and Recreational Facilities Management Policy.

The Coordinator Open Space & Facilities hopes to provide an update on the progress of the DRAFT- License Agreement - Lawn Cemetery Brungle at the next First Nations Liaison Committee meeting, if not beforehand.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**9.1 Resignations**

The Committee received notification of the resignation for both Uncle John Casey and Lorna Casey. The Committee acknowledge and were very grateful for the outstanding contribution that Uncle John and Lorna Casey have provided to the Committee over the years and in particular during the development of Councils 2022-2023 – Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan and the DRAFT Regional Indigenous Lands mapping project that continues to be developed.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Accept resignation from Uncle John Casey and Lorna Casey.**

June Wolter/Cr Sam Hughes

CARRIED

9.2 New Committee Member Application

The Committee received a new Committee member application from Mark Small. Mark Small applied to be a voting member of the First Nations Liaison Committee and is an active member of NTKNIC. Mark is passionate about helping the Community in many ways.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Accept Mark Small as a voting member of the First Nations Liaison committee.**

June Wolter/Cr Sam Hughes

CARRIED

9.3 Meeting Participation

Face to Face participation is far greater when meetings are held in Tumut compared to that of Tumbarumba. Committee members based in the Northern end of LGA find it difficult to travel to Tumbarumba for meetings. Although members from the southern end of the LGA have been very supportive of attendance to the meetings held in Tumut, the Committee has requested for an online option both in Tumut and Tumbarumba to join the meeting online. Members as volunteers, discussed their concerns including the time and cost involved in travelling large distances to attend Committee meetings face to face. To ensure that Committee meetings are inclusive and accessible for members attending the Committee raised if it was possible to have two venues in both Tumut and Tumbarumba to join the meetings online.

The Committee agreed that two meeting rooms when Committee meetings are held would be a great benefit for members being able to attend. One in Tumut and the other in Tumbarumba.

FNLC.03/24 RESOLVED:**THAT THE COMMITTEE:**

1. Have two meeting rooms when committee meetings are held. One in Tumut and the other in Tumbarumba.

Craig Wilesmith/Meegan Cameron

CARRIED

The committee also raised concerns regarding issues when connecting online. The Community Development Officer will liaise with IT to discuss options and ways to improve connectivity for members attending.

10. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Closed: 11.15am

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th May 2024, 10.00am, Tumbarumba and online via Zoom.