

Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee Meeting Record 27 March 2018



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Location:	Spencer Community Hall 4776 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer	
Date:	27 March 2018	
Time	Started at: 5.00pm	Closed at: 7.02pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2017/02125	

Present

Mayor Jane Smith, Mr John Asquith, Ms Lillias Bovell, , Ms Joy Cooper, Dr Stephen Goodwin, Mr Wolfgang Koerner, Ms Pam O'Sullivan, Ms Margaret Pontifex, Mr Stephen Rickards, Ms Marilyn Steiner and Mr Danny Willmott.

Also present were: Mr Brian Glendenning, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Shane Sullivan, A/Executive Manager Governance, Mr Daniel Woods Acting Unit Manger Environment Certification (on behalf of Scott Cox)

Item 1 Apologies

Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Troy Marquart, Councillor Mehrtens, Councillor MacGregor, Mr Gary Chestnut.

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

Mr Danny Willmott declared a less than significant non pecuniary interest as he was a respondent in the matter before the Land and Environment Court. It was noted that this declaration would apply to this and all future meetings.

Item 3 Confirmation of 27 February 2018 Meeting Record

The committee confirmed the 27 February 2018 Meeting Record.

Item 4 Update Regarding Spencer

Daniel Woods gave a brief verbal update to the meeting regard the site at Spencer. He noted that the issue was subject to current legal action and as a result Mr Woods was unable to provide significant detail regarding the matter.

There was a question as to the regularisation process for the structure on the relevant site. The question was asked whether this process involved public consultation.

Mr Woods advised that the further matter raised at the previous Committee meeting has been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority as the appropriate regulatory authority and Council continues to assist the EPA in this matter.

Mr Woods advised the meeting that if they have any material which would be useful to these matters to call the general number for Council and also the EPA. The kind of information which would be useful includes details as to dates and times of truck movements and the like.

The question was asked as to any immediate measures that may be available to control sedimentation of river. Further the question was asked as to the boundary in relation to the river. A further issue was raised regarding the capacity of the land owner to use the boat ramp. These matters were noted for follow up by Mr Woods.

An action for consideration is whether there may be inappropriate use of the Crown Land and how this may be escalated for further action if there is a breach.

A concern raised was the safety issue with regard to trucks and how the clean-up and remediation work of the site might be actually undertaken.

Item 5 Presentation by Marilyn Steiner

Ms Marilyn Steiner gave the meeting a presentation regarding ground water and surface water impacts.

Item 6 Expectations and Outcomes/Topic Plan for Future Meetings

At the previous meeting, members were asked to provide their comments regarding future meeting expectations to staff in advance of this meeting.

The meeting considered the merits of extending an invitation to the EPA and Office of Water to attend the next meeting.

The meeting reviewed the potential Agenda Items and how they might be scheduled. Some minor adjustments were made.

Action: That an invitation be extended to the EPA and Office of Water to attend the next meeting. They would be asked to provide an overview, and address some of the specific topics identified at previous meetings.

Action: That Committee members provide any specific questions to be put to the Office of Water and EPA to staff two weeks prior to the next meeting for provision to the invitees.

Action: That the next meeting not be open to the public and that it be conducted at the Gosford Administration Centre.

Item 7 Close and Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 26 April 2018 at the Committee Room, Level 1, Gosford Administration Centre, 49 Mann Street, Gosford.

The meeting closed at 7.02pm