



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

commencing at 10.45am on

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2015

Kiama High School
Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA HELD AT THE KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL,
KIAMA, ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2015 AT 10.45AM**

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor B Petschler,
Deputy Mayor – Councillor W Steel,
Councillors K Rice, D Seage, and N Reilly

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Of Environmental Services, Acting
Director Of Corporate And Commercial Services, Director Of
Engineering And Works And Director Of Community Services

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors McClure, Honey, Sloan and Way.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor declared the meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners:

“On behalf of those present, I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.”

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting - 5 August 2014

15/258

Resolved that the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 5 August 2014 be received and accepted.

(Councillors Steel and Seage)

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

With regard to Item 6.1, Councillor Seage noted that the Kiama High School Captains performed the role of flag bearers for the 2015 Anzac Day March.

He thanked both captains for undertaking this important role.

Councillor Seage also noted that an item which was discussed but not minuted at the previous meeting regarding stenciling of street drains within the CBD had been undertaken.

Councillor Rice advised that with regard to Item 6.2 that investigation was being undertaken. The Director Engineering and Works advised that there were constraints regarding the placement of additional bike racks at Kiama Station however he confirmed that an audit is currently being undertaken into the location of existing bike racks within the LGA. He further advised that Council had a bike rack which was surplus to the needs of the project it was purchased for and invited the SRC to determine suitable locations within the Kiama CBD for the rack and to forward their recommendations to Council for consideration.

15/259

Resolved that the above matters arising from the Youth Engagement Minutes of 5 August 2015 be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Rice)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE -

15/260

Resolved that at this time, 10.40am, Council form itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with matters listed in the report as set out.

(Councillors Seage and Rice)

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 World Environment Day Sustainable Living Workshops -

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Rice)

5.2 Youth Arts Scholarships -

15/261

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.3 Youth Report - Kiama Library -

15/262

Committee recommendation that Council thank the Student Representative Council for their concern for fellow students by bringing the request for study space to Council's attention.

(Councillors Rice and Seage)

5.4 High School Certificate @ Kiama Library -

15/263

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.5 Job Board for the Kiama LGA -

15/264

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.6 Road Safety Projects 2015/1016 -

15/265

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.7 Youth Services Aged Care Opportunities - Marketing Campaign -

15/266

Committee recommendation that Council congratulate Youth Services and all participants including school students on the planning and success of this innovative project.

(Councillors Rice and Reilly)

5.8 Traffic Matters - Kiama High School -**15/267**

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.9 Work Experience and Employment Opportunities for Students -**15/268**

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

5.10 Kiama Connect and Community Engagement -**15/269**

Committee recommendation that the report be received and noted.

(Councillors Steel and Reilly)

6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

6.1 Consideration be given to a reduction in the concessional fees at the Leisure Centre to make membership more affordable for students.

6.2 Consideration be given to increasing the number of water bubblers or refillable water stations.

The Director of Engineering and Works advised that an audit was currently being undertaken of where the water stations/bubblers are located and where they are required. He advised that this will be reported to Council in the near future and that Council will write to the Student Representative Council to advise of the outcome.

6.3 As a result of a senior geography project in which interviews were conducted with OK Organics participants, it was revealed that whilst participants liked the concept the result was often a smelly and messy process. The SRC requested that consideration be given to supplying biodegradable bags to participants.

The Mayor advised that Council staff are monitoring this program however, the SRC concerns will be taken to the Council Officer responsible for the project.

The General Manager advised that the cost of supplying biodegradable bin liners had been reviewed previously but that he would investigate this option again.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that Council had been in touch with independent retailers with a view to encouraging them to stock these items.

Councillor Rice suggested that perhaps additional composting workshops could be run to help educate OK Organics participants.

- 6.4 The SRC advised that the seating in Hindmarsh Park is not practical, extremely uncomfortable and hard to get into and that consideration should be given to replacing the seating with something more suitable.

The Mayor requested that the SRC write to Council advising of their concerns to enable a review.

- 6.5 Students advised that the pathway in Bland Street ends at the second roundabout forcing people to walk on the road. Also the second roundabout is extremely tight and the school bus now goes over the roundabout and not around it.

The Director of Engineering Works advised that Council has allocated funds in this year's budget to upgrade the park at the end of Bland Street and extend the footpath to the park. He further advised that the roundabout was designed to be mounted by buses but was a form of traffic calming for cars and other smaller vehicles.

- 6.6 Students noted that Brown Street, Kiama (through the rock cutting) was extremely narrow and needed to be widened.

The Director of Engineering Works advised that extensive work would be required to widen the road. He further advised that as this was not practical Council had simply made the area safe.

- 6.7 An SRC representative advised that there were many holes in the fences along the train tracks near the coastal walk.

The Director of Engineering Works advised that Council would investigate and pass the information on to TrainsNSW who are responsible for maintaining the fences.

- 6.8 Consideration for the placement of an additional pedestrian crossing in Manning Street between Farmer and Barney Streets.

The Director of Engineering and Works advised that this would be reviewed however pedestrian crossings were determined on the formula of pedestrian versus traffic movement and as there are several other options to safely cross the street in this area another pedestrian crossing may not be viable.

- 6.9 The SRC requested consideration be given to identifying and maximising carparking provision south-west of the Shoalhaven Street Pre-school with the possibility of providing linemarking or even asphalt.

The Mayor advised that the Department of Education should be reviewing parking provision for teachers and students at all schools.

- 6.10 The SRC requested that any changes to speed limits within the Municipality be published in the paper and on the website.

The Director of Engineering and Works advised that the RMS sets speed limits not Council but Council could certainly consider advertising any changes once they were notified by the RMS.

- 6.11 Students requested consideration be given to the installation of a basketball court in the Kiama CBD.

The Director of Engineering Works advised that there are several ½ courts in the Municipality but the request would be investigated.

The Senior Youth Worker advised that the ½ court that is at the Youth Centre is being refurbished.

- 6.13 An SRC representative stated that he believed there was a lack of indigenous awareness in the community and requested that Council provide more awareness with regard to NAIDOC week and other indigenous activities.

Councillor Reilly advised that Council had recently attended and supported several NAIDOC activities including the Awards and Gerringong Public School NAIDOC week celebrations. He suggested that an invitation to attend should be forwarded to the SRC for future activities run by Council.

The Senior Youth Worker advised that the Youth Centre now had Yalunga on all their signage to welcome indigenous persons to SENTRAL and also that the Aboriginal Liaison Officer was located at the Youth Centre.

- 6.14 A question was raised in relation to the possibility of available tutors being promoted.

Subject to liability issues being addressed the Community Services Department will review the provision of tutors at the Youth Centre and/or Library.

The SRC concluded by thanking Council for the experience and advised it was a great way for them to get involved in their community.

7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT -

15/270

Resolved that Council formally confirm, adopt and endorse the Committee recommendations made by Council sitting as a Committee of the Whole as detailed in the Committee recommendations number 15/258 to 15/270.

(Councillors Steel and Rice)

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on

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Mayor

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General Manager