



# **MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING**

**commencing at 10.00am on**

**THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020**

Kiama High School  
Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING  
HELD AT THE KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL,  
KIAMA, ON THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020 AT 10.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor – Councillor M Honey,  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor A Sloan,  
Councillors M Brown, K Rice and M Westhoff

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager, Director Environmental Services, Interim Interim Director Corporate and Commercial Services and CFO, Director Engineering and Works, and Acting Director Blue Haven, Jane Litterich, SRC Coordinator Kiama High School, Student Representative Council.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

### **Apology**

*20/008YOU*

**Resolved** that the apology tendered from Councillors N Reilly, W Steel, D Watson, M Way be accepted and the leaves of absence granted

(Councillors Westhoff and Brown)

For: Councillors Brown, Honey, Rice, Sloan and Westhoff

Against: Nil

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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

*“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land on which we meet, the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, and pay my respect to Elders past and present.”*

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **3.1 Youth Engagement Meeting held on 15 August 2019**

*20/009YOU*

**Resolved** that Council receive and accept the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 15 August 2019.

(Councillors Westhoff and Rice)

#### **4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

##### ***20/010YOU***

**Resolved** that at this time 10.07am, Council form itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with matters listed in the Reports for Information.

(Councillors Sloan and Brown)

For: Councillors Brown, Honey, Rice, Sloan and Westhoff

Against: Nil

#### **5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

##### ***20/011YOU***

**Committee recommendation** that the following Reports for Information listed for the Council's consideration be received and noted

- 5.1 Sports club grants for 2020/2021
- 5.2 Youth Engagement Meeting - August 2020 - Road Safety Projects 2020-2021
- 5.3 Kiama Library Hours
- 5.4 Art Workshop - Mental Health Month
- 5.5 SENTRAL Youth Services Update
- 5.6 Kiama Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020
- 5.7 Kiama Leisure Centre - Photovoltaic Solar System
- 5.8 Employee Matters - Work Placement Opportunities in Local Government
- 5.9 Development of Kiama Municipality Local Pest Management Plan.

(Councillors Sloan and Brown)

#### **6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

- 6.1 The Student Representative Council requested financial assistance to create awareness, educate and celebrate our local areas, history and culture, and also work with the school in producing a school uniform with artwork. Assistance is also sought in naming the school buildings and bus bay street.

The school has been meeting and holding workshops with Anthony McKnight and Greg Smart to understand the history of the area and gain an understanding of the local dreaming stories. From those stories grow visual representations, making sure it is true and as local as can be.

Council's Manager Community and Cultural Development advised Council was successful in securing funding to identify aboriginal cultural and historical places of significance. Council is currently establishing a steering group of local aboriginal people so that the project is driven and designed by local aboriginal people. It may include developing signage for sites, self-touring, aboriginal businesses running their own cultural tours.

Director Engineering and Works confirmed the road of the bus bay currently does not have a street name. Council does have a Street and Reserve Naming Committee with a process policy for naming of streets who meet on an as-needs basis.

**Action:**

Council's Director Engineering and Works to provide a copy of the street naming process and policy to Kiama High School.

Kiama High School to contact Director Engineering and Works when they have a proposed name in order for the Director to prepare a report to the Streets and Reserves Naming Committee inviting the school to attend the meeting.

Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer to work with and support the school on providing Aboriginal words for buildings, and assist with artwork for school uniforms.

- 6.2 Pot holes at Gerringong – driving hazard

This matter has been dealt with. No further action required.

- 6.2 Mental health funding – Request for Council funding for Mental Health First Aid training/refresher for Year 12 - \$5,000 for a year group

The Student Representative Council advised Years 8 and 10 currently receive Mental Health First Aid training, however are requesting funding of \$5,000 for refresher training for Year 12 students. This would be carried out by the Student Support Officer the school has recently employed.

Director Environmental Services advised recently Council had a resolution on the response to the recent deaths by suicide. Council are acting on that resolution and have met with Illawarra Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention Collaborative, Illawarra Health and Co-ordinator working through a strategy on how we can respond and continue to respond including a health related response, community response, community development/capacity building response and a look at programs such as mental health refresher training,

compassionate conversations which are linked directly with schools. Council's website has been updated with Mental Health Support information.

Councillor Andrew Sloan is aware that Makuta Masks have approached the school and are keen to support Kiama High School.

Council's Manager Community and Cultural Development advised many organisations are willing to come forward and assist in this training.

**Action:**

Jane Litterich to liaise with Council's Manager Community and Cultural Development to find organisations willing to assist in mental health training.

Jane Litterich to liaise with Principal Catherine Glover and Councillor Andrew Sloan to discuss Makuta Masks offer of help.

6.3 Progress report of the state of play at Gerringong library

The General Manager provided an update that the roof line exceeded development consent approval and the Council resolution was that the building would need to be brought back into line. Council are currently working to have redesign work done to development consent approved height. With the delays encountered, Council has taken a decision to proceed with the expansion of Figtree Lane carpark expected to commence in the next 3 to 4 weeks with completion before Christmas.

Council's Director Environmental Services advised the museum is nearing completion. There is still some work in the library portion to finalise remediation around height. Work will commence on that as soon as new plans have been finalised.

6.4 Youth Centre grant - creative grants suspended

Council's Manager Community and Cultural Development advised a round of cultural grants which were endorsed by Council were suspended due to COVID. A range of cultural grants will still be run this year, there is one currently open at present.

Two grants that sit within Community and Cultural Community team, of which there is a Cultural Grant which weights applications from young people favourably. There is another grant program, the Health and Sustainability grants which include opportunities to develop proposals based around supporting positive mental health.

**Action:**

At a future Youth Advisory Committee meeting Council's Community and Cultural Development Officer and Health Promotion Officer attend the meeting and outline the process for applying for those grants, working with the students to shape their proposal to fit within the grant guidelines.

6.5 Cultural Grant from Pheona Cashman

Pheona Cashman, through the Student Representative Council, suggested a collaboration with Council to do murals or community arts projects with funding grants. Kiama has some amazing places along our coast line where we could do some sculptural pieces that could be inter changeable. Potentially funding support to have local artists do workshops with our gifted and talented etc. Would also be great to get our special unit involved with some tactile sculptures that could be set up for kids with special needs in our local playgrounds. There are so many things that I would love to do or be a part of but, unfortunately, funding for such things are hard to come by or there is that much red tape that it becomes too overwhelming.

**Action:**

Pheona Cashman to contact Council's Community and Cultural Development Officer for further information on grants opportunities.

6.6 Aboriginal help in our area. What are they doing?

Jane Litterich thanked Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Trish Levett for coming into school one period a week. Believes it is really helping to build connection between kids, kids families and the school.

Council's Manager Community and Cultural Development advised we are taking deliveries of food from OzHarvest and making this available to families on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Flyers have been distributed through school network to make families aware of this.

6.7 Lights at Soccer field , Kiama Quarry soccer fields

Main field is the best we have in the community, the other fields are not as suitable. As such the Student Representative Council have requested lights at the grandstand end.

**Action:**

Director Engineering and Works to take this on as an action for review and respond to the school, including Councillors on the correspondence. There are arrangements with the clubs in terms of who is responsible for certain components, however lights would be the responsibility of Council including maintenance.

6.8 Fencing structure at pavilion show ground – unstable and wobbly at certain spots

Council has a program in this year's budget to repair and replace fencing.

**Action:**

Student Representative Council to email Council and request a meeting on site with Director Engineering and Works.

6.9 Extra seating at show ground

Director Engineering and Works advised this is also part of the grant Council is reviewing and can be discussed during the site meeting.

6.10 Gerringong netball courts safety concern

The Student Representative Council have concerns around unsafe features. These include bolts which need to be ground down, eastern side of courts where the concrete slopes down into the grass umpires on the side could fall back, the hill down to the courts is unsafe as it's slippery and wet, and there are holes in the netting at the back of the courts where children climb over the fence to retrieve balls. There have been many injuries.

**Action:**

Student Representative Council to email Council and request a meeting on site with Director Engineering and Works.

## **7 QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

7.1 Can the speed limit on Riverside Drive, Kiama Downs be changed?

Council's Director Engineering and Works advised it is a Council owned road however speed limits are decided by State Government.

**Action:**

Director Engineering and Works will request a review of the speed limit on behalf of the school.

7.2 There are safety concerns at the intersection of Barney and Shoalhaven Streets. For safety reasons it would be great to have a roundabout.

**Action:**

Student Representative Council to email Council and request Director Engineering and Works take this matter up with the Kiama Local Traffic Committee.

## **8 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.27am.

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2020



Mayor