



GSBC NRM Committee Meeting No. 60 Minutes

Bicheno Memorial Hall

Wednesday 5th September 2018, 10:00am

1.0 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Cheryl Arnol (Chair), David Tucker (Vice Chair), Mel Kelly (GSBC Manager Natural Resources), Cynthia Maxwell-Smith (GSBC Sustainability Officer), Nicky Meeson (GSBC Biodiversity Officer), Rosie Jackson (GSBC NRM Officer), Kate Hibbert (Department of Defence), Fiona Everts (PWS Freycinet), Diana Nunn (Coles Bay), Jane Wing (Orford Community Group), Alan Morgan (Coles Bay), Deb Gardner (Bicheno Earth & Ocean Network), Rose Jarvis (Bicheno), Hayden Dyke (Oyster Bay Oysters), Sergeant Marcus Pearce (Tasmania Police).

GUESTS: Bicheno Primary School Leadership Group and Principal.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Judy Broadstock (Bicheno Earth & Ocean Network), Donald Coventry (NRM South), Kath Hitchcock (PWS Triabunna Field Centre), Gary Stoward (Dolphin Sands), Annie Browning (ECPPA), Derek Madsen (*Banwell*), Tim Stephens (Tassal).

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous minutes from GSB NRM Committee meeting no. 59:

Moved: Alan Morgan

Seconded: Jane Wing

Carried unanimously.

4.0 COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing:

Nil.

Incoming:

- Letter from The Hon Guy Barnett MP in response to the Committee's letter regarding illegal harvesting of firewood. The response from Minister Barnett was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Cheryl noted that the *Report on illegal firewood harvesting at Joe's Hill, Buckland* that was included in last month's Council agenda generated interest from the media.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil further.

6.0 COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

Diana: Swansea Primary School are working on improving their recycling with assistance from Cynthia. The School is now a TerraCycle collection point for recycling oral care products. Plasticwise Tarooma will be visiting the School this month to hold a beeswax wrap workshop with the students. The students are interested and enthusiastic about these initiatives. Cynthia congratulated Diana and Swansea Primary School on these initiatives.

Rose Jarvis: application to the State Game Management Advisory Council was unsuccessful.

Kate: the Save the Tasmanian Devil team recently translocated healthy Devils from Maria Island to the Buckland area including the Military Training Ground. Some of the Devils were pregnant. Monitoring continues.

Cynthia: read out a letter from Triabunna District School about their efforts to improve their recycling which has included the older students helping the younger students with this process.

David: asked about the review of the Terms of Reference? Cheryl advised that Terms of Reference for all Special Committees need to be reviewed after the election with the new Councillors.

David: asked about the current status of the Cambria Green proposal? Cheryl advised that the SAP has not yet been approved. Council received about 400 representations which planning staff are currently working through. Once this is complete, a Section 39 report containing recommendations will be prepared for Council to consider prior to the SAP being sent to the Planning Commission.

Sergeant Marcus Pearce arrived at 10:30am.

David: the proposal to utilise Crown Land unmade road reserves as walking tracks in Swansea was discussed at a Swansea DAP meeting and received support. Has Mel contacted CLS regarding this? Nicky noted that we need to wait for Mel to arrive at the meeting, however Nicky has made a 'mud map' to progress the idea.

Cheryl: the vegetation clearing adjacent to the existing Lilla Villa bridge in preparation for the new bridge has been referred to DPIPW by the FPA. David contacted DSG regarding concerns about the potential for the logs left behind to wash into the existing bridge and cause damage. The logs were subsequently removed and David noted that DSG have advised that the project has been delayed. Nicky noted that she reviewed the DA for this and prescribed some conditions. Terry did collect some *Callitris oblonga* seed from the area before it was cleared.

Alan: following on from Jane's email to the Committee, was anyone able to find out why the statement that 'Continuation of funding for Natural Resource Management' is specified in the Mayor's foreword to this year's

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budget and annual plan? Cheryl advised that this is a carryover from former Mayor Cadart who wrote it as a statement of support for the NRM Department.

Diana: some Coles Bay residents have concerns about the land allocated for development in the draft Freycinet Master Plan as some of the land contains numerous threatened species. Nicky noted that she and Mel met with the draft Master Plan team early on in the process. Rosie noted that the Project Manager has accepted an invitation to attend the next Committee meeting as a guest speaker.

7.0 BUSH WATCH

Marcus reported that there has been very little crime in regards to Bush Watch. Festival goers travelling to the 'One Night Stand' in St Helens were generally law abiding with very few incidents.

Cynthia noted that the 'Great Eastern Clean Up' will be held in October and the support of our local Police Officers would be appreciated. We have very much appreciated Tasmania Police support at past clean up activities. Cynthia will contact Marcus with details.

Marcus advised that Police and transport inspectors have had several successful days focused on road checks of people carting firewood. The response from Minister Barnett was discussed. Kate noted that the EPBC Act is due for review soon which will include a public comment period.

Sergeant Marcus Pearce departed at 11:50am.

Deb Gardner arrived at 11:50am.

8.0 COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE CONTINUED

Hayden: Oyster Bay Oysters project with Triabunna District School continues. There has recently been a push nationally for improved mental health services for the fisheries/aquaculture community and there will be a fundraising dinner soon as part of a RAW project. Researching and improving plastic recycling from marine farming activities. Ongoing involvement in the marine debris working group. The absence of a toilet facility at Saltworks continues to cause concern for the oyster farmers in the area, especially as the number of visitors to GSB continues to increase. If sewage is detected in the water the farms can be shut down for 30 days. The farmers have been trying to address the situation for a long time. Nicky suggested that Mel could raise the issue at Manex.

David moved a motion that the Committee write to Council to request that strategic planning be undertaken in regards to public toilet facilities in Glamorgan Spring Bay, with priority given to sites where the absence of toilets is impacting on existing industries. Diana seconded this motion. All present agreed.

9.0 BRIEFING/DISCUSSION MARINE DEBRIS WORKING GROUP

Cynthia provided an update on behalf of the marine debris working group. The group has met four times, and their first initiative is to organise a collaborative, large scale clean up. 'Marine debris' can be a somewhat misleading term, as really the focus is all litter, before it ends up in a waterway. The clean up has been named the 'Great Eastern Clean Up' and it will occur throughout October across GSB. The aim is to involve the whole community and businesses. Cynthia commended the marine farmers for their drive and dedication to this project. DSG and STT have also offered assistance. All the litter collected will be sorted to identify the source and record and communicate the findings. There will be a post-event celebration on 3rd November. Cynthia will send information and promotional material to Committee members as soon as it is ready.

10.0 UPDATE FROM NRM SOUTH

Cheryl read out a written update from Donald Coventry, CEO NRM South. NRM South will prepare a second tender for the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Mel Kelly arrived at 12:30pm.

Lunch 12:30pm – 1:15pm.

Bicheno Primary School students and principal arrived at 1:15pm.

11.0 BICHENO PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION ON SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

The Chair welcomed Maceo, Zali, Georgie and Axel from the Bicheno Primary School Leadership Group and Principal Rob Preswell.

The students began with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by a presentation on some of their sustainability and environment projects:

- Formation of KEON – Kids Earth & Ocean Network and undertaking rubbish clean ups
- Working with the Bicheno Mens Shed to build penguin boxes
- Installation of recycling stations in the playground
- Activities and excursions with PWS and WildSC'OOOL application
- Ongoing participation in National Tree Day with 40 plants in 2018
- Sensory garden in School grounds providing links to nature
- Kitchen Garden @ Kindy project

The Committee congratulated the students and noted that their work and enthusiasm is very inspiring. Cynthia suggested they might be able to help other schools in GSB implement similar initiatives.

The Chair thanked the students and principal for presenting to the Committee.

Bicheno Primary School students and principal departed at 1:40pm.

Deb Gardner departed at 1:40pm.

12.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Contact DPIPWE and TasWater regarding a meeting about Swansea water, the Swan River, and other northern rivers and attending a Committee meeting. Mel advised that the Swansea dam repairs are nearly finished so the timing for this discussion will be right soon. NRM South are in the early stages of preparing a Moulting Lagoon project proposal for the NLP tender. A priority for this project is water quantity and quality as it pertains to the ecological character of the Ramsar site. Mel to contact DPIPWE and TasWater to invite them to the next Committee meeting.

Follow up with CLS regarding follow up weed control and walking track development on unmade road reserves in Swansea. Mel advised that the State Government have allocated some funding towards developing walking tracks on unmade road reserves in Buckland. Council need to focus on this project first, but in the meanwhile keep planning for the Swansea project and communicate with the Swansea DAP group about it. Terry and Amanda are making notes about weed control that needs to be undertaken on Crown Land.

Compile a draft recommendation to DPIPWE regarding the declaration of briar rose and possibly other weeds under the *Weed Management Act 1999* to bring to the next Committee meeting. DPIPWE's Invasive Species Branch have provided Nicky with the relevant forms to nominate briar rose as a declared weed. Mel, David and Nicky to meet to fill out the forms.

Undertake community education/awareness raising activities in regards to briar rose. Rosie and David will compile an article for inclusion in the next edition of SeaSpeak.

Form a marine debris and plastic pollution working group to draft objectives and action plan. Done. Cynthia has provided an update from the working group.

Review the Terms of Reference and circulate proposed changes to the Committee for feedback via email. Done. Mel will draft a report for a future Council meeting after the election. The Committee requested that Mel table a request in Manex that the new Council review the Section 24 Committee Guidelines and Terms of Reference as soon as possible.

13.0 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Cynthia provided a sustainability report:

- Working with all the schools on recycling and sustainability initiatives
- First box of oral care recyclables posted to TerraCycle
- First e-waste collection total was 1162kgs
- Progressing the re-usable coffee cup project
- Garage Sale Trail coming up again in October
- Money in the budget for a tip shop as per the feasibility study

David asked Cynthia about the status of CDL in Tasmania and the implications of China's new policies regarding recyclables. Mel noted that these are big questions with no easy answers. However, the STCA still has a waste working group and Mel will request that a representative from this group attend a future Committee meeting to talk about their relevant projects.

14.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mel advised that she was not able to generate an EOFY report. Mel will ask for IT assistance and bring the report to the next meeting. In regards to the 18/19 budget, Mel hopes to have more details to share at the next meeting. DSG sub-contract for weed control on DSG managed roadsides will continue in 18/19.

15.0 GSBC NRM DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The State Governments Coastal Hazards project continues, there are implications for local government across Tasmania as well as service providers such as TasWater and TasNetworks. Mel will ask a representative from the working group to present at a future Committee meeting about the project. There is some funding in Councils 18/19 budget for a coastal hazards project.

Working with PWS on a draft Prosser River Master Plan. Prosser River stabilisation works have ceased for the time being.

16.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Rose Jarvis: the CD (Clean Down) sign at the Denison has been damaged. Mel will notify DSG.

David: the road sealing contractors working along Lake Leake Road have flattened a CD sign. David has notified DSG.

Mel: Amanda and Mel are going to the Australasian Weed Conference in Sydney next week and will be presenting a poster on using a detection dog as part of an integrated municipal weed management strategy.

The Chair noted that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for after the local government elections. The Chair thanked everyone for their commitment to the Committee and NRM in GSB.

On behalf of the Committee and Council's NRM staff, Mel thanked Cheryl for her commitment and work as the Chair of the Committee.

Meeting closed at 2:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Location: Eastcoaster Resort, 1 Louisville Road, Orford.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 14th November 2018.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Following the local government election, submit the revised Terms of Reference to a Council meeting agenda and enquire about the revision of Section 24 Committee Guidelines. Who: Mel.

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2. Follow up with CLS regarding follow up weed control and walking track development on unmade road reserves in Swansea. Who: Mel.
3. Distribute Great Eastern Clean Up information to Committee members. Who: Cynthia.
4. Committee to write to Council to request that strategic planning be undertaken in regards to public toilet facilities in GSB, with priority given to site where the absence of toilets is impacting on existing industries: Who: Cheryl.
5. Contact DPIPWE and TasWater regarding a meeting about Swansea water, the Swan River, and other northern rivers and attending a Committee meeting. Who: Mel.
6. Fill in DPIPWE paperwork to nominate briar rose as a declared weed. Who: Mel, Nicky and David.
7. Compile an article on briar rose for inclusion in the next edition of SeaSpeak. Who: Rosie and David.
8. Ask a representative from the STCA Waste Group to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss their current projects. Who: Mel.
9. Ask a representative from the State Government's Coastal Hazards project to present at a future Committee meeting. Who: Mel.



Signed by the Chair

Date: 14/11/2018