

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BATEMANS BAY MACKAY PARK PRECINCT SUNSET COMMITTEE

HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2018
BATEMANS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
File No: E12.6442

MEETING COMMENCED: 2.05pm

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: Clr Liz Innes (Chair)
Clr Rob Pollock
Clr Jack Tait

Community representatives: Sue McKenzie
Ross Thomas
Alan Russell
Lyn Woolridge
Paul Dolphin

Eurobodalla Shire Council: Dr Catherine Dale – General Manager
Lindsay Usher – Director Planning & Sustainability Services

Observers: Stephen Phipps – Project Coordinator MacKay Park

Special Guests Nil

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Introduction and Welcome

Cr Innes welcomed everyone back after quite a break from the last meeting.

1.2 Apologies:

Mathew Hatcher; Carolyn Harding, Brad Rossiter, Liz Rankin, Kellee Pisanos

1.3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Rob Pollock/Ross Thomas

THAT the Minutes of the Batemans Bay Mackay Park Sunset Committee Meeting held on 29 May 2018 be adopted.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**).

1.4 Business Arising

Nil

2.0 BUSINESS ITEMS

2.1 Update on Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre Project

Lindsay advised that a significant amount of work had been completed or was being progressed since the last meeting.

Lindsay took the opportunity to introduce Stephen Phipps who has joined the project team since the last meeting. Stephen provided a brief background of his project management experience.

Council has engaged Public Works Advisory (PWA) who have been assisting with a range of procurements to support the project. Council has been impressed with the quality of work and support they have been able to provide since starting on the project.

The Geotechnical Investigation of the Mackay Park site has been completed. Eight bore holes were drilled at a range of depths and the report largely showed sand with traces of silt. The report did not highlight any issues with regard to the project moving forward.

In regard to the Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claims impacting the Mackay Park project site Council has sought legal advice to assess its position. On the basis of the legal advice Council has written to the relevant Aboriginal Lands Councils requesting they withdraw their claims over the land at MacKay Park. This is a work in progress and is expected to continue for some time.

In consultation with the architects and Council's water and sewer team a number of issues have been identified that will require rectification work at the MacKay Park site. The main sewer line into Mackay Park will need to be relocated, the existing pump station will need to be upgraded to better manage the increased water being discharged by the new centre and the refill station will need to be relocated.

Council in conjunction with the PWA are in the process of selecting a Quantity Surveyor (QS) who will provide independent financial assessments as the final design progresses through key stages. The QS is expected to commence work in late October 2018.

The funding for the project continues to be somewhat uncertain. The funding pledged by the NSW Government is secured and Council is working to finalise the promised \$26 million.

Although there has been some uncertainty at the Federal level due to changes in the Ministry, Council continues to advocate, for the remaining \$25 million. Council has met with various Ministers/Advisors to provide information on the project and to showcase the benefits that will accrue to the community. In addition Council is in the process of seeking letters of support from all 12 NSW senators. Council is also keeping in regular contact with the corresponding members of the Federal and State opposition parties.

One of the key achievements since the last meeting of the Sunset Committee was the selection of the architect for the project. NBR Architecture was selected from a two stage process and have commenced work. NBR Architecture have a wealth of experience and also bring a talented range of expertise through their sub contract arrangements. They have people available to support the project with a strong theatrical and arts experience (Richard Stuart) as well as a subcontractor that has wealth of aquatic pool experience (Donovan Payne). Council is preparing to publicly announce the appointment of NBR Architecture.

2.2 Principal Design Consultant – Community Engagement Strategy

Stephen outlined the broad approach on how the community would be engaged to participate in the design process working in conjunction with the architects. The key approach was to form focus groups based around an area of expertise which would enable the focus group and architects to concentrate on a specific area rather than have a number of people putting forward ideas across a much broader spectrum. The number of people for each focus group would be limited to approximately 10 people, again this was to allow for better and more meaningful discussions.

Following this stage a broader approach would be taken allowing all members of the community an opportunity to provide comment on the three concept designs. This engagement would be open throughout the holiday period and would close in early February 2019. The spread of dates were chosen to provide the greatest chance of capturing both resident and non-residents views on the three concept designs. Once all the feedback has been collated the final concept designs will be presented to Council for a final decision in late February or early March 2019.

There was broad acceptance of the strategy although Sue expressed a concern that not all of the community would be given a chance to comment prior to the concept designs being developed. In order to rectify this situation Council will, in parallel with the work being undertaken by the focus groups, seek broader community feedback through the Council website.

3. MATTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mayor Innes noted that she has been speaking with the local elders group in Batemans Bay and is seeking opportunities for them to be involved in the project.

Mayor Innes then asked the committee if there were any other questions/comments.

Some of the questions related to:

Environmental – Council is seeking to have the facility rated to 5 star.

New Bridge – there is not expected to be any impact between the building of the new bridge and the first stage of the Mackay Park project.

Schedule – a brief outline of key components and indicative timelines of the project were provided.

4. NEXT MEETING

TBA.

The meeting closed at 03.10pm