



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

commencing at 10am on

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019

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 THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor M Honey,
Deputy Mayor – Councillor A Sloan,
Councillors N Reilly, K Rice, W Steel and M Westhoff

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Environmental Services,
Director Corporate, Commercial and Community Services,
Director Engineering and Works, and Director Blue Haven

1 APOLOGIES

Apology

19/004YOU

Resolved that apologies tendered from Councillors Brown, Watson and Way be accepted and leave of absence granted.

(Councillors Westhoff and Reilly)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor declared the meeting open and acknowledge 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 on 2 August 2018

19/005YOU

Resolved that the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 2 August 2018 be received and accepted.

(Councillors Westhoff and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

19/006YOU

Resolved that the following Reports for Information listed for the Council's consideration be received and noted

- 5.1 Promotion of SENTRAL Youth Service
- 5.2 Response to SRC Request - More Youth-Focussed Music Events
- 5.3 Local Strategic Planning Statement
- 5.4 SENTRAL Service Review
- 5.5 Youth Arts Scholarship
- 5.6 Upcoming Awards and Nominations
- 5.7 Destination Kiama - youth events update
- 5.8 Learner Driver Programs 2019/2020
- 5.9 Stronger Country Communities Fund
- 5.10 Kiama Library - Opening Hours
- 5.11 Work experience and opportunities for students
- 5.12 Kiama Library Programs
- 5.13 Litter Reduction Initiatives - bio-degradable utensils and banning the use of plastic bags in shops
- 5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO)
- 5.15 Kiama Leisure Centre Fees - Student Discount
- 5.16 Blue Haven Bonaira - Construction Update. –what's happening with existing building – KM won't be selling it, it's reached the end of its life

(Councillors Steel and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the lack of parking at Kiama High School. Students and teachers park on the western side of South Kiama Drive, between Hillview Circuit and Saddleback Mountain Road, which is problematic for residents and for anyone leaving the school between 3-3.15pm. A map was tabled proposing a grass patch on the Eastern side of South Kiama Drive as an option for overflow parking. It was noted this land is owned by Transport Sydney Trains and was suggested that the Student Representative Council, the Principal and the P&C write to Council's General Manager which will support our conversations with them on utilising this area.

Councillor Reilly said the northern side of the Kiama Community Preschool carpark should be used by the students for parking. The Principal will put this in the school newsletter. There is signage on the southern side re limited parking times.

19/007YOU

Resolved that the Kiama Local Traffic Committee be requested to investigate signage on the northern side of the Kiama Community Preschool carpark in relation to parking for Kiama High School students.

(Councillors Rice and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

- 6.2 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the lack parking at the medical centre and pharmacy on Wednesday afternoons during the Farmers Markets. This centre operates as an emergency room as there is no hospital in the area. It was suggested that Council introduce a traffic warden to direct traffic away from the medical facilities as the signage is not working.

The Director of Engineering and Works advised that legally we cannot signpost for the benefit of a business however we can provide additional a-frame signs. Limiting parking times had been considered but are not a viable option as those using the medical centre would be restricted also.

- 6.3 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to extending the hours of the Farmers Markets into the evening, thereby increasing night time activities. This could be a simple solution to Kiama's lack of night time activities, given there are already people there including musicians and food vendors. It would simply be building on something that already exists.

The Director of Environmental Services advised the organisers would need to apply to Council to extend the hours of operation and that Council would not ask a private business to change their model.

Mayor Mark Honey suggested the Student Representative Council talk to the people running the markets. The General Manager also suggested the Student Representative Council look at the Kiama Town Centre Study and make a submission.

Councillor Steel left the meeting at 12.15pm.

- 6.4 The Student Representative Council put forward concerns about keeping the balance between development and green areas / tree planting, dune care, etc.

The Director of Environmental Services advised this is part of Council's 20 year vision, in particular what areas will be developed for growth, and what areas do we need to identify as important to preserve. Council is aware that our community like the separation of our towns. The new Minister for Planning and Open Space is very keen for Kiama Municipal Council to make sure a certain percentage of residents are able to access a quality open space within 10 minutes' walk of their home, and acknowledge that climate change is impacting on the heat experienced in properties. Council will address a lot of this in the Local Strategic Planning Statement. State Government is invested in that and Council will continue to invest in that too.

6.5 Cardboard recycling bin at The Village shopping centre, Kiama

The Student Representative Council requested that a cardboard and paper recycling bin be installed near the Return and Earn (near Woolworths). When people bring their bottles in big boxes they leave the boxes to the side, or deposit the boxes in the red bin. There is a recycling bin, which is owned by the stores.

The Mayor suggested the Student Representative Council write to the owners of the shopping centre and also send a copy to the General Manager, the General Manager will also write to Centre Management. The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the SENTRAL staff are very happy to assist in the letter writing process.

- 6.6 The Student Representative Council asked Council if there were any plans to install electric car charging stations.

The General Manager advised there will be two electric car charging stations at the proposed new Gerringong Library and Museum, and that we will work with developers on future private developments. Through Council's association with City Power Partnerships we have made a pledge to provide more car charging stations.

- 6.7 The Student Representative Council suggested Council identify, promote, understand and acknowledge the Local Aboriginal Culture. How this can be achieved is the establishment of an Aboriginal Advisory Committee which focuses on local Aboriginal involvement. We need to think of new initiatives in which both our younger and older generations should be involved.

The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised this has been done in past years however we have not had people come forward to be on the committee, and those that have come forward have not had the authority to speak. It was suggested this could be considered in our Stronger Country Community Fund, and if we are successful in getting this funding we can look at forming this Committee.

- 6.8 The Student Representative Council raised concerns about the public bathrooms on Terralong Street, Kiama and the negative impact this has on the visitors to our area. The main issues are that the locks do not work, doors are graffitied, and the space is unsanitary with toilet paper and paper towels on the floor. A full renovation was suggested making this facility more amenable. In lieu of a full renovation it was suggested the facility be repainted in a plain colour, painted with a mural, the locks fixed and the space cleaned more regularly.

The General Manager advised that a full renovation would not be likely however Council has been working on a Kiama Arts Precinct which is progressing to Development Application stage and will include new public amenities. Council will address the maintenance issues raised. The Manager Community and Cultural Development will bring the Art Precinct designs to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

- 6.9 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the sandmining on Minnamurra River – many students have raised issues and disagree.

Director Environmental Services advised that this area falls under Shellharbour City Council however is within the jurisdiction of the NSW State Government. Members of the community and Council are very concerned with impacts and Council has made a submission. It was suggested the Student Representative Council refer to the State Government website to view these submissions and monitor the Kiama Council Facebook page for updates. Council has made a second submission, and our formal position is that of objection. There is a lot of action happening, with both Kiama and Shellharbour residents objecting.

- 6.10 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the poor design of the Gerringong skate park. The location of the rails are useless and the staircase does not have a long enough run up. It was suggested by the Student Representative Council that the skate park be redesigned and redeveloped.

Director Engineering and Works advised we currently do not have plans but are interested in what ideas the users have. It was suggested the Student Representative Council contact the SENTRAL Youth Services Coordinator at

the Youth Centre to arrange a site meeting with the Director Engineering and Works and Manager Community and Cultural Development.

- 6.11 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to reviewing important issues at the proposed Minnamurra Quarry BMX Bike Park such as access, suitability, water, toilets, heat, traffic and parking, which is dangerous for younger children.

This is one of the shortlisted projects for the Stronger Country Communities Funding. A consultation session on this Funding is planned for 28 August 2019 at 3.30pm at SENTRAL and the Student Representative Council were encouraged to attend this session.

7 QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.38pm

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


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Mayor