
MINUTES

KURANDA INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday 8 October 2020
Commenced at 3:30pm

Members Present:

Cr Angela Toppin (Chair)
Cr Mario Mlikota
Fay Allen
Cathy Retter
Peter Franks (MSC)
Glenda Kirk (MSC)
Chris Lea (MSC)

Others Present:

Ashley Fine (QR representative)

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Fay Allen

Seconded: Cathy Retter

That the minutes of 13 February 2020 meeting be adopted as true and correct.

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4. FINANCIALS

Moved: Glenda Kirk

Seconded: Fay Allen

That the financial statement submitted at the meeting be accepted as true and correct.

Carried

Fay Allen queried whether Skyrail are paying levy at present. Peter Franks to follow up and advise committee as well as what the formula for contribution is.

Noted that the IT project remains on the project list it is not in this years budget but can be included if necessary.

5. PROJECT UPDATES

Chris Lea provided updates on current projects.

a) Wayfinding Signage

- advised preliminaries and proofing complete
- samples of the pillar timber style and messaging panels provided for review
- the Hans Pehl signage removal and repurposing briefly discussed
- advised signage expected to be installed by Xmas – weather dependent

b) Barron Falls Walking Trail

- advised the Link Trail Section is 95% complete
- the Barron Gorge National park section – 50% of the trail roughed out for bridge construction access
- bridge construction complete
- advised World Trail have pulled in additional resources with construction scheduled to be complete Xmas – weather dependant
- KIAC members have been monitoring construction and provided positive feedback

Committee identified possible media opportunity with Wet Tropics Media

c) Jum Rum and Jungle Walk Rehabilitation

- advised project proposed to commence 14th October
- proposed to be completed by Xmas – weather permitting
- provided a brief outline of the successful contractor's capabilities & experience
- outlined the scope of works and methodologies that dictate the need for sectional pathway closures
- discussed public notification of works – Council website

Request for MSC Corporate Communications Officer to forward link to MSC Facebook for start date to Cathy Retter to share on her Facebook.

6. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT

Peter Franks provided update on the extension to the Kuranda Infrastructure Agreement. DLGRMA have agreed to a 1-year extension until 31 December 2021 to allow Mareeba Shire Council to negotiate a long-term extension. Noted that only projects that are approved under this agreement can be completed unless ministerial approval is sought.

Annual Report has been prepared to meet DLGRMA requirements and will be tabled at Council meeting to be held on 14 October 2020 for endorsement prior to submitting to the Minister's office.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Fay Allen asked about whether committee members will be appointed to fill vacancies and the Committee were informed that Council is going to wait until a long term extension is in place.
- b) Cr Mlikota queried the absence of a representative from Skyrail. Peter Franks to follow up.
- c) QR proxy representative Ashley Fine advised that QR numbers have increased with the reopening of Skyrail on weekends. QR have just announced an extension of the local's rate and are maintaining 2 services a day.
- d) Cathy Retter would like the IT project - App for tours/wayfinding experiences to be revisited. Acknowledges the ongoing cost of an App is a concern however Innisfail and Tully are using an App (Tropical Art Deco - UM) for tours that is relatively inexpensive to keep updated. Traders could perhaps pay advertising subscription to help fund it. Glenda Kirk to look into it further.
- e) Fay Allen asked if Barron Falls Walking Trails will be open to people with dogs. Council property won't be restricted but National Parks will most likely be.
- f) Peter Franks advised the Committee that Willie Brim has applied for a grant to install interpretive signage.

8. NEXT MEETING

To be advised

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:29pm.