

Minutes of Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Wednesday 12 February 2014
Commenced at 2:00pm

Members Present:

Mayor - Cr Tom Gilmore - Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Jenny Jensen - Mareeba Shire Council
Cr Karen Ewin - Mareeba Shire Council
Allan Holmes - Mareeba Shire Council
Peter Franks - CEO - Mareeba Shire Council
Jennifer McCarthy - Director - Mareeba Shire Council
Maree Lopez - Mareeba Shire Council
Robert McCartney - Queensland Rail
Robert Matthews - Kuranda Chamber of Commerce
Melanie Wicks - Tourism Kuranda
Fay Allen - Kuranda Village Accountancy
Craig Pocock - Skyrail
Max Shepherd - Skyrail
Peter Thompson - Kuranda Resident

Late Attendance:

Gerald Hobbler - Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Council at 2.30 pm.

WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 2.00pm welcoming members.

1. APOLOGIES

Michael Trout MP - Member for Barron River
Val Shannon - Mareeba Shire Council
Cathy Retter

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 27 November 2013

Moved Robert Matthews

That the minutes of 27 November 2013 meeting be accepted as true and correct.

Seconded Max Shepherd

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Amphitheatre Upgrade

Resolved that KIAC write to the Kuranda Amphitheatre Society and request a meeting to discuss the proposed upgrade at the Amphitheatre.

Carried

Resolved that KIAC hold discussions with the Indigenous Village Programme.

Carried

Kuranda Walkway Pods

Resolved that the official opening the Kuranda Walkway Pods be scheduled for Thursday 3 April 2014, with Stacey Maisel coordinating the event.

Carried

3. (A) **Review of the Strategic Plan**

The committee reviewed the Strategic Plan with the following points raised:-

- Confusion between KIAC/Tourism Kuranda, 2 different groups, 2 different levies.
- More information needs to be generated by Council.
- Newsletter - mail drop to the community to be done by Council.

(B) **Therwine Street Reference Group**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

(C) **Current Vacancy on the Committee**

Resolved that the vacancy on the Kuranda Infrastructure Advisory Committee be readvertised.

Carried

4. **UPDATED FINANCIALS**

Moved Fay Allen

That the Financial Statement submitted at the meeting be accepted.

Seconded Robert Matthews

Carried

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Infrastructure Project Status

Hold over until the next meeting with more information to be provided to the Committee by Val Shannon (Concept Plans).

Old Information Centre

Gerald made enquires regarding the status of the old Information Centre once the new building has opened. He suggested that it could be used as an Indigenous Museum. Tourism Kuranda also expressed their interest to use as office space.

(a) **Update - Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Project**

Mayor, Cr Jensen and others attended the site today and 'turned the first sod'. It was raised however that pedestrian access should be clearly defined and marked. Perhaps more information to be distributed to business and signage for visitors.

(b) **Appointment of Craig Pocock - Managing Director of Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to replace Max Shepherd on KIAC**

Resolved that Craig Pocock - Managing Director of Skyrail Rainforest Cableway replace Max Shepherd on the Committee.

Carried

The Mayor welcomed Craig to the Committee and recorded a vote of thanks and appreciation to Max Shepherd for his service to the Committee and the Community.

Meeting with Minister Crisafulli

Cr Jensen gave the Committee an update on the recent meeting held with Minister Crisafulli. The meeting was successful with the Minister happy to sign off.

Queensland Rail Representatives

The Mayor thanked the representatives that attended on behalf of Queensland Rail. Robert McCartney advised he would attend the meetings.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be set for Thursday 3 April 2014 (to coincide with the official opening of the walkway pods).

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15 pm