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Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting held
Monday 2nd August 2021
at 7.00pm in Council Chambers
15 Adam Street

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Cate Stevenson declared BFAC meeting open at 7:05pm (1905hrs), acknowledging the Traditional Custodians.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Attendees

Catherine Stevenson (Chair) – Councillor
Patricia Fraser - Councillor
Mark Scott– Deputy Chief BFCO
John Patman – Deputy Chief BFCO
Steve Mulvaney – Darradup FCO
Peter Hastie – Carlotta FCO
Gerald Brown – Cundinup FCO
Vik Lorkiewicz – East Nannup FCO
Carey Curtis – Nannup Brook FCO
Andrew McNab – Scott River FCO
Mike Vasey – North Nannup FCO
Brett Fowler – Peerabeelup FCO
Peter Thomas – DFES District Officer
Leigh Fletcher – Acting CESM
Ed Hatherley – DBCA Blackwood
Helen Holzheuer – DBCA Blackwood
Stephen Miles – DBCA – Donnelly

Apologies

Robin Mellema – CBFCO
Greg Hodgson – FPC

The Chair welcomed Mark Pipkin (North Nannup Captain), Stewart Seesink and Roz Edwards (Shire Ranger) as a guests to the meeting.

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion

“The Minutes of the Shire of Nannup Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting of the Shire of Nannup held in the Council Chambers on 3rd May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record”. The Chair noted that the February BFAC Minutes were considered and endorsed by council in March 2021 not the 3rd April 2021.

Moved: John Patman

Seconded: Mike Vasey

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Apology

6.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mark Scott Advised nothing to report

6.3 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

John Patman Attended the 27th August ROAC mentioned the DFES Fleet presentation and inspection.

6.4 FCO Reports

6.4.1 Balingup Road Mark Scott

Advised nothing to report

6.4.2 Carlotta Peter Hastie

Advised nothing to report

6.4.3 Cundinup Road Gerald Brown

Advised nothing to report

6.4.4 Darradup Steve Mulvaney

Advised nothing to report

6.4.5 Nannup Brook Carey Curtis

Advised nothing to report

6.5.6 North Nannup Mike Vasey
Advised nothing to report

6.4.7 Scott River Jasper Andrew McNab
Advised nothing to report

6.5 Councillor
Nil

6.6 Forest Products Commission Greg Hodgson
Apology

6.7 Community Emergency Services Manager Leigh Fletcher
Refer to Attached

6.8 Department of Fire and Emergency Services Peter Thomas
Refer to Attached

6.9 Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions
DBCA Blackwood Ed Hatherly

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Motion

“The reports are accepted as read”

Moved: Gerald Brown

Seconded: Carey Curtis

CARRIED

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 ESL 2020/21
VBFB Operational Grant - \$153072.00
Actual Expenditure - \$ 167854.00

Gerald Brown queried the over expenditure of the ESL and who covered the over spend, Cate Stevenson responded that the over spend would be covered by Shire funds.

7.2 Resolution Tracker – operational and updated

7.3 2020/21 MAF – As per CESM Report

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Cundinup Shed Build

Gerald Brown Asked for a progress report on the Cundinup BFB shed Leigh Fletcher stated that the plans are currently in the engineering phase.

8.2 SMS Broadcast

Refer to CESM Report

Cate Stevenson mentioned the requirement for further testing due to messages not reaching several recipients listed on the FCO group platform. Leigh Fletcher noted that further testing is required and will follow up. Spreadsheet and Database still under development.

8.3 Fuel Hazard reduction and firebreak notice review

Refer to attached

Roz Edwards Request members of BFAC to review the tabled sections of the fuel hazard reduction and firebreak notice. Mark Scott mentioned planning issues concerning fire management plans with respect to plantation managers and owners. Roz Edwards requested that council endorse FMP Cate Stevenson stated that council do not have the expertise to endorse plantation FMPs Mark Scott, Peter Hastie and Carey Curtis to review sections referred to.

Carey Curtis voiced concerns within the notice to land owners and the clearing of private property. Roz Edwards clarified that the information within the notice remains relevant to special rural property requirements.

8.4 Volunteer I.D Cards

Leigh Fletcher acknowledged that volunteer Bushfire Brigade cards are available and will be issued to members as soon as practicable Cate Stevenson mentioned I.D cards and the requirement for Photos for Chief and Deputies. Leigh Fletcher to follow up.

8.5 Councillor representation on BFAC

Cate Stevenson acknowledged that it is election year for council and that council re-elects members for each committee and stated that she is not seeking re-election for BFAC as the presiding member. November BFAC will be an election for the presiding Chair. Date Stevenson thanked all BFAC members.

8.6 Appointment of Darradup FCO

Cate Stevenson noted through BFAC that John Patman relinquished his position as Darradup FCO at the last AGM and that Steve Mulvaney was appointed FCO.

Motion

BFAC recommendation to Council that Steve Mulvaney be endorsed as the Darradup Fire Control Officer.

Moved: Mark Scott

Seconded: Carey Curtis

CARRIED

8.7 Appointment of Peerabeelup FCO

Cate Stevenson noted through BFAC that John Gaunt had relinquished his position as Peerabeelup FCO at the last AGM and that Brett Fowler was appointed FCO.

Motion

BFAC recommendation to Council that Brett Fowler be endorsed as Peerabeelup Fire Control Officer.

Moved: Mark Scott

Seconded: Andrew McNab

CARRIED

8.8 Beyonderup Falls fuel reduction

Refer to Attached

Mark Scott noted that residents along Balingup Road have expressed concerns for parcels of DBCA land that have had no treatment program for an extended period with increased fuel loads and the level threat to lives and property it poses. Ed Hatherley noted the concerns and mentioned that planned burns had been carried out in surrounding locations reducing the threat from indirect attack, stating that BFAC addresses himself via way of a letter. DBCA will take in to consideration

the environmental and topographical issues and work to a resolve. Mark Scott request a motion for DBCA to resolve. BFAC to follow up.

Motion

Committee recommendation to Council that BFAC seeks Shire assistance by means of formal letters to DBCA requesting a resolve to community concerns surrounding Beyonderup Falls.

Moved: Mark Scott

CARRIED

Seconded: Carey Curtis

8.9 Balingup Road verge mitigation

Refer to Attached

Mark Scott Raised concerns with excessive fuel loads along Balingup Road verge and question if it had been considered for the next round of the Mitigation Activity Fund.

Leigh Fletcher confirmed that the Council was aware of the issue and had planned to have it scheduled for the next available round of MAF funding. Leigh Fletcher is to provide BFAC Members with the MAF treatment schedule also a letter of acknowledgement to the Balingup Road residents of their concerns.

8.10 Work Health & Safety with Local Governments & Volunteers

Refer to Attached

Mike Vasey raised concerns and questions concerning working at heights, Vik Lorkiewicz and Mark Scott raised concerns with who is responsible and litigation surrounding private property and whether the Bushfire Act 1954 over shadows the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Peter Hastie questioned the crew leader course and the implementation of the safety circulars. Mark Scott requested a motion for clarification and a review of the OHS Act and the Acting in Good Faith clause in the Bushfires Act. Leigh Fletcher and Peter Thomas to follow up.

Motion

Committee recommendation to council that the Shire receives legal advice seeking clarification of the WALGA WH&S Act and the Bushfires Act.

Moved: Mark Scott

CARRIED

Seconded: Gerald Brown

- 8.11 DFES Lower Southwest Combined Bushfire Brigade/Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services Leader's Forum**
Refer to Attached
Peter Thomas Announced the DFES Leaders Forum Scheduled for the 18th of September. Location is the Donnelly River village. R.S.V.Ps by the 16th August.
- 8.12 Fleet and Reporting Damages**
Peter Thomas briefed BFAC on the importance of reporting damages for insurance and safety purposes.
- 8.13 Radio and Communications Upgrade**
Mike Vasey Mentioned proposed WAERN and Hand Held radio and communications upgrades VHF/UHF. Peter Thomas to provide further information.
- 8.14 DFES Fleet Program**
Andrew McNab asked on the progress of the DFES Fleet Program and the status of the pending 1.4 appliance. Leigh Fletcher stated that the Fleet program had suffered setbacks due to financial restructuring within the program. Will keep informed. An update will be provided to committee members when available.
- 8.15 Carlotta Captain Position**
Peter Hastie stated that Lincoln Kay has relinquished his position as Carlotta Captain and Peter Hastie was appointed Captain.
- 8.16 Logging Signs**
Vik Lorkiewicz mentioned logging signs still in place with no actual operations. Leigh Fletcher is to follow up.
- 9. DATE FOR NEXT MEETINGS PROPOSED**
Monday 1st November 2021 at 7:00pm.
- 10. CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.