

Stockton Community Group Meeting Minutes: 14th September 2022

Meeting followed COVID Rules & guidelines as per NSW Health

1. Present and apologies

Present:

In attendance: Scott Brooks, Ron Boyd, Tina Boyd, Rainnie Carter, Keith Craig, Garry Cullinane, Lloyd Davies, Jeanette Dibs, Mike Hocking Gill, Sue Luke, Sue McIntire, Alan Newberry, Georgina Owens, Margaret Raphael, Neil Raphael, Alison Rigby, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Barbara Whitcher, Jeanine Wilson

In attendance for Item 4:

Lucas Coleman

Apologies: Carolyn Bailey, Jenny Allen, Boyd Allen, Peter Twining, Mark Rigby Ron Holbrow,

Acknowledgement of Country

2. Declaration of conflicts of interest - Nil

3. Confirmation of Previous minutes - Previous minutes from June 2022 accepted by

Keith Craig, seconded by Lloyd Davies

4. Guest Speaker – Lucas Coleman, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs and Strategy Port of Newcastle

Lucas provided an overview of the Port. Including an understanding of current Ownership and what it means, trade value, types of trade and high priority projects including hydrogen plant and container terminal.

Summary of topics of questions from Audience:

Future for plans for PON and how it might impact Stockton. Community grants are now open – see PON website for information

Update on Container terminal & progress

Update on Sea dumping permit

PON Community Liaison Group representative from SCG Inc.

PON ownership of Kooragang Island land.

Contribution to upgrade of King St/Stockton Breakwater access. Collaboration with CN (PON provided of \$600,000)

Report pollution events on Kooragang both to EPA and PON. community@portofnewcastle.com.au

5. Outstanding Actions

- Follow up on NCIG community Group Meeting, looking for a volunteer (SCG Inc. member) to attend these group meetings.
- BW confirmed methods of contact for CN (action from June/August meeting)

6. Standing Agenda Items:

6.1 Treasurers Report:

See attached Treasurers' report

Working Party Reports. (If meeting held)

6.2 Stockton Beach Group

- A new campaign is about to start encouraging community members to write letters/email to politician at all levels of government. This will be communicated by posters/flyers, newsletters linked back to web site for precise details.

6.3 Air Quality & Environment – Ammonium Nitrate Storage Kooragang Island & NCCCE

See President's report (appendix 1)

6.4 Stockton Community Environment

- Letter received from CN re: shopping Centre. CN will send letter to owner requesting pumps be fixed in carpark and general maintenance issues to be addressed. They suggested SCG Inc. go to mediation with Owner re: pigeon problem, which we will do.
- Also received letter stating the "cabins will remain in situ until Holiday Park masterplan is formulated. The Masterplan is contingent on the outcomes of the Stockton Coastal Management Program, its revised hazard lines, and confirmation on the delivery timeframe for mass sand nourishment". SCG Inc. replied to this and asked on what authority the cabins are able to remain on the current site.
- Stockton Art competition to be launched in October

6.5 Stockton Beach Taskforce update/SCLG –

No meetings held

BW updated the group on a walk with Council on Friday looking at work being carried out on Stockton beach. More communication is required from the CN re: future works.

Also SCLG members invited to attend workshops hosted by CN on a range of topics.

6.6 Hunter Water

Nil

7. Correspondence - list available upon request

8. General Business and Business without notice

RC bought up a longstanding issue she has with her neighbouring pub. She wishes to place a legal document supporting her case on SCG website. Action: for discussion with SCG. Exec.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting 7:15pm October 12th, 2022, Venue: Stockton Uniting Church Hall (Cnr. of Mitchell & King St.