

ACT Bushfire Council

6 July 2011 1600-1900 ESA Headquarters

Chair: Kevin Jeffery Note taker: Amy McLenaghan

Attendees: Christine Goonrey, Member Andrew Stark, Chief Officer ACT Rural Fire Service

Simon Katz, Member Michael Joyce, Deputy Chief Officer ACT Rural Fire

Michael Lonergan, Member Service

Tony Fearnside, Member Dylan Kendall, Parks and Conservation
Cathy Parsons, Member Mark Crosweller, Commissioner ACT ESA

Tony Bartlett, Deputy Chair/Member Fay Steward, Executive Director Parks and City

Services TAMSD

Conrad Barr, Deputy Chief Officer ACT Fire Brigade

Meeting commencement: 1615 Meeting concluded: 1900

Minutes

Agenda item: 1.0 - Apologies

Neil Cooper, Manager ACT Parks and Land Conservation

Paul Swain, Chief Officer ACT Fire Brigade

Marion Leiba, Member

Agenda item: 2.0 – Minutes of previous meeting Presenter: Kevin Jeffery

Discussion:

The June Minutes were approved with minor changes

Agenda item: 3.0 – Actions running sheet Presenter: Kevin Jeffery

Discussion:

Presentation on how RFS are changing as an agency

Due to the BOP presentation this has been adjourned to another meeting

Explanation of IMT roles to be presented to Council

Horse Agistment working group to report to council

Andrew Stark to correspond to Dave Darlington re: State of trails north west of ACT

BFC to draft letter to Minister regarding planning and development in Molongolo

Letter was drafted and is yet to be sent to council members

Strategic Issue to be added to agenda as standing item

Item 7 on agenda to be removed

Agenda item: 4.0 – Correspondence Presenter: Kevin jeffery

Incoming:

Nil

Outgoing:

Nil

Action items

Nil

Agenda item: 5.0 – Parks Restructure Presenter: Tony Bartlett

Discussion:

Tony Bartlett discussed with Council the details of a meeting that was held between Kevin Jeffery and Fay Steward and himself regarding the proposed restructure of the Parks and Conservation, and the effects of that on the Fire Management Unit within Parks. Council felt that the main concerns they need to focus on are maintaining a holistic approach to planning and delivery of programs, and identify benchmarks and inform the Minister of this. MLn raised concern about having the Fire management Unit broken up and queried as to whether this restructure can be finalised while maintaining the current structure of the unit. Council will raise concerns with Minister about maintaining the confidence in the SBMP and transparency of funds. MC advised council to monitor that performance outcomes aren't affected.

Simon Katz noted that there could be a possible conflict of interest and he was willing to step aside on comments if needed.

Action items

Council to identify benchmarks and write to Minister articulating Councils concerns

Agenda item: 6.0 Proposed 2011/2012 BOP Presentation Presenter: Dylan Kendall

Discussion:

Dylan Kendall presented in detail the new proposed BOP to Council. He outlined the seasonal program, Fuel management, Access management, training and further details and plans for the unit. Due to time constraints, Council decided to meet outside the meeting to discuss the 2011-12 BOP.

Action items

AMc to send the presentation out to Council Members

Council to meet to review the 2011-12 BOP

Agenda item: 7.0 Briefing on PCS restructure Presenter:

Discussion:

Fay Steward briefed Council on the update of the Parks restructure. Because the re-structure was currently under consideration by Cabinet she was unable to inform council of any specific details or discuss individuals. She assured them that she had received good insight on Councils concerns and they had been expressed in the Assembly process. She informed them that as soon as she was able to discuss details with them, she would organise a briefing.

Action items

Nil

Agenda item: 9.0 – Other Business Presenter:

Discussion: 9.1

Nil

Other Information

Next Meeting: 1600 3 August 2011, ESA Headquarters.