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Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting held
Monday 22nd February 2021
at 7.00pm in Council Chambers
at the Nannup Shire Office

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Cr Stevenson declared Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting open at 7:15pm, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/VISITORS

Attendees

Cr Cate Stevenson (Chair) - Councillor

Mark Scott– Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO)

John Patman – Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO)

Peter Hastie – Carlotta Fire Control Officer (FCO)

Gerald Brown – Cundinup Fire Control Officer (FCO)

Andrew McNab – Scott River Fire Control Officer (FCO)

Vic Lorkiewicz – East Nannup Fire Control Officer (FCO)

Leigh Fletcher – Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)

Greg Hodgson – Forest Product Commission (FPC)

Helen Holzheuer – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Cr Patricia Fraser - Councillor

Peter Thomas – Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

Jonathan Jones – Manager of Infrastructure

Apologies

Robin Mellema – Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO)

Mike Vasey – North Nannup (FCO)

Carey Curtis – Nannup Brook (FCO)

Rosalyn Edwards – Ranger/Fire Control Officer

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion

“The Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Meeting of the Shire of Nannup held in the Council Chambers on 2nd November 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record”

Moved: Mark Scott

CARRIED

Seconded: John Patman

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

5.1 Cundinup BFB Shed Build – Pending Application to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.

Update Provided:

Gerald Brown questioned progress of shed application. Leigh Fletcher replied a response from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage was expected towards the end of February 2021.

5.2 SMS Broadcast Platform – Update Provided:

Leigh Fletcher stated that Telstra Instigated Messaging (TIMs) messaging system application was approved and will be trailed with FCOs early next week.

5.3 Fuel Hazard Reduction and Fire Break Notice

No updated provided, officer not in attendance.

5.4 Balingup Road VBFB Report

Mark Scott provided verbal feedback thanking volunteers for their attendance at the recent fires in the district.

5.5 DFES Radio Information and Communications Technology (ICT) maintenance requests.

Update Provided:

All reinstallations issues resolved.

5.6 Work place safety at Nannup Airstrip

Refer to attachment 8.7 letter from Manager of Infrastructure, Jonathon Jones, to DBCA dated 28 January 2021.

No formal response received at time of meeting.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Nil.

6.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mark Scott (MS) thanked Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (VBFB) turn out to the Maranup Ford fires.

MS is currently working with Rosalyn Edwards in relation to a Firebreak Variation application for a property. MS queried whether, where a landowner has received a notice or infringement for NOT complying with the Shire's firebreak and hazard reduction orders and then applies for a variance, the Shire should require an independent, professionally compiled fire management plan.

Cr Stevenson queried if it was subject to property size.

It was noted that the role of the FCO is to approve the Firebreak variance & FCO do not / may not have the expertise needed in relation to Fire Management Plans for the properties in questions.

Andrew McNab mentioned a property inspection at White Point and outcomes.

Furthermore, Shire Officer advice regarding this matter is required with respect to MS working with Rosalyn Edwards in relation to a Firebreak Variation application for a property.

6.3 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

John Patman (JP) expressed thanks to all VBFB for their turn out for the Darradup fires. JP mentioned glitches that were experienced with regards to incorrect locations for reported fires. Greg Hodgson suggested it may have been a mobile phone related issue.

6.4 FCO Reports

6.4.1 Balingup Road (Mark Scott)
Nil.

6.4.2 Carlotta (Peter Hastie)
Attended the structural fire & other fires within the district and thanked volunteers

6.4.3 Cundinup Road (Gerald Brown)
Attended fires within the district and thanked volunteers

6.4.4 Darradup (John Patman)
John Patman noted that reimbursement (\$600.00) to the Darradup VBFB (via DFES funding) for tiling completed as part of the renovations to the Fire Shed remain outstanding. Documentation has been provided to DFES via the CESM. Peter Thomas advised he would follow up.

6.4.5 East Nannup (Vic Lorkiewicz)

Attended the structural fire & other fires within the district and thanked volunteers

Discussion was then held with respect to VBFB members' role in structural fires, the fact that the VBFB masks do NOT provide protection from chemical fumes & Peter Thomas suggestion of joint training with the VF&RS and VBFB around working together at Structural fires.

- 6.4.6 Scott River/Jasper (Andrew McNab)
Mention the fire in Scot River area nothing significant to report.

- 6.5 FPC (Greg Hodgson)**
Attachment 6.5.

- 6.6 CESM (Leigh Fletcher)**
Attachment 6.6

- 6.7 DFES (Peter Thomas)**
Attachment 6.7

- 6.8 DFES (Andy Thompson)**
Attachment 6.8

- 6.9 DBCA**
DBCA Blackwood (Helen Holzheuer) – report not received at time of publication.
Provided Powerpoint Presentation with overview of the proposed burns in the Blackwood District in the coming months as well as works undertaken to date.

Motion

“The reports are accepted as read”

Moved: Gerald Brown
Seconded: Peter Hastie

CARRIED

7. STANDING ITEMS

- 7.1 ESL Actual YTD 2020/2021 Expenditure Summary - \$39,228.95**

7.2 Resolution Tracker – Operational and up to date.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Cundinup BFB Shed – refer to Item 5.1 for update provided.

8.2 SMS Broadcast – refer to Item 5.2 for update provided.

8.3 Recent Bushfire activity in Nannup
As per CESM attachment 6.6 and Attachment 8.3.

8.4 2020/2021 Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF)
As per CESM attachment 6.6.

8.5 Forest Rally

The tabled letter from Ross Tapper, Make Smoking History, Quit Forest Rally, was unclear on whether VBFB appliances/crew were required at the start points of each segment. Helen Holzheuer to follow up regarding whether this is required by DBCA.

John Patman questioned Rally payments for VBFB and the required process to claim these. Concern was expressed about the time commitment required by Brigades and the payment received for same. A number of FCOs were uncertain if the Brigades would want to make the time commitment to the Rally given the limited compensation/payment offered for same.

8.6 WAERN communications – refer to Item 5.5 for update provided.

8.7 DBCA Response to Work place safety at Nannup Airstrip. – refer to Item 5.6 for update provided.

9. DATE FOR NEXT MEETINGS PROPOSED

Monday 3rd May 2021 at 7:00pm.

Cr Stevenson noted that the May 2021 BFAC meeting will be preceded immediately by the BFAC AGM to elect Chief & Deputy Chief/s FCO.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:01pm.