

SCLDMG Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 27 May 2013
Level 3 Committee Room Tewantin

Business

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 9:05am. Chairman, Mayor Mark Jamieson, welcomed all in attendance.

2. Attendance

Recorded as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies were recorded from the following:-

Inspector Mark Henderson, Qld Police Service
Karen Stevenson, Qld Department of Communities
Glen Harsh, Unity Water
Edmund Kent-Brown, Qld Ambulance Service
Claudia De Blasi, Sunshine Coast Council
Andrew Ryan, SCC, Executive Director, Infrastructure Services
Jason Rainbird, Operations & Assets Manager, Sunshine Coast Airport
John Caruso, ABC Coast FM

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Adoption of previous minutes from meetings held on Wednesday 13 March 2013.

Moved: John Gallina, Sunshine Coast Council
Seconded: Chris White, Qld Fire and Rescue Services
Vote: Carried – unanimously

4. Business Arising from previous minutes (refer Action Register)

Actions completed since last meeting:

- 4.1 LDMG to write letter to Leading Age Services Australia regarding business continuity plans.
- 4.1 LDMG to write letter to the Federal Government to lobby for conditions on licences to address issues around resilience of aged care facilities during an event.
- 4.1 Provide council with contact details for Federal Government to address letter.
- 5.1.9 LDMG to write to REIQ regarding issue of real estate signs becoming potential missiles during an event.
- 5.1.13 Investigate availability /suppliers of solar torches to ensure they are readily available for purchase by community

Updated actions:

- 5.1.13 Solar Torches to be promoted as part of a community awareness and preparedness campaign
 - Torches to be promoted in e-Newsletter as part of 2013/2014 campaign
- 6.8 Implementation of QFCOI recommendations
 - Item 9.1 of May meeting agenda

- 9.1.6 Presentation on RDA's at LDMG meeting
 - Item 10.1 of May meeting agenda
- 9.1.7 Representative from Bundaberg area to present at LDMG meeting
 - Referred over to September LDMG meeting

Meeting 4/12/12

- 8.1 Proposed that be raised at the C2C meeting scheduled for December 13th, with a view for all regional LDMG's to approach the State government to reconsider campaign funding
 - There has been no C2C meeting since last LDMG

Meeting 31/5/2012

- 6.3.3 Peter Grace suggested that an annual review for relevancy and currency of all MOU's could be an issue to be included in the Community Awareness and Preparedness Sub Group Charter.
 - MOU's with community groups on hold until after de-amalgamation
- Work has commenced on Schedule "A" to the MOA between Council and EMQ/SES. Anticipated this to be complete by the end of June and an update will be provided to the next Local Group Meeting
 - Schedule 'A' still with EMQ there will be no response from EMQ until after the Keelty Review which is due to be finalised by end of June

5. Inward and outward correspondence

5.1 Inward:

- 5.1.1 Brisbane City Council - 'Floodwise' information system to cease July 2013
- 5.1.2 Qld Reconstruction Authority - Opportunities where betterment works could be undertaken
- 5.1.3 Dept of Environment and Heritage Protection - Audit being undertaken - environmental impacts across all local government areas
- 5.1.4 Maritime Safety Qld - Disruptive Event Overview document
- 5.1.5 Lenore Meldrum – Information regarding post disaster support for school children
- 5.1.6 Dept of Natural Resources and Mines – Investigating options for regulation of levee banks
- 5.1.7 Dept of Energy and Water Supply – List of referable dams
- 5.1.8 Dept of Natural Resources and Mines – Confirming receipt of levee questionnaire
- 5.1.9 Attorney-General, Minister Emergency Management – AGDRP not available to SCC

Items of inward correspondence raised for discussion at this point:

5.1.2 – QRA Betterment Works

- 2013 floods - Council did not have bridges / roads to comply with betterment works framework
- David Gibson suggested SCC apply for Louie Basso Drive and Six Mile Creek
- Mooloolaba beach front in second round for foreshore works – will possibly get the funding but nothing concrete at the moment

5.1.7 – DEWS Referrable Dams

- Advised of 6 dams Council was already aware of however the question is are there major dams on rural properties?

Action:

Fox Rogers and Crispin Smythe to follow up with DEWS regarding issue of private dams.

5.1.9 - Attorney-General, Minister Emergency Management – Confirming AGDRP not available to SCC

- AGDRP not being made available caused consternation in some areas where one side of the river (Mary) was eligible for funding but not on the other side. Discussion on LDC's suggestion that we write back to the Attorney General proposing that in the event of a flood, AGDRP should be assessed by catchment rather than Local Government area

Action:

Fox Rogers to write to Attorney-General Dreyfus recommending for future flood events AGDRP eligibility be determined by river catchment not local government area.

5.2 Outward:

- 5.2.1 Brisbane City council – Acknowledging 'Floodwise' information system to cease
- 5.2.2 Dept of Energy and Water Supply - Referrable dams in SCC region
- 5.2.3 Dept of Communities, Child Safety & Disability Services – Letter of thanks to Peter Ryan upon retirement
- 5.2.4 SCC Manager Community Development – Managing volunteerism in disasters
- 5.2.5 Lenore Meldrum – Thank you for information – support for children in disasters
- 5.2.6 Leading Age Services Australia – Working with aged care industry in disaster events
- 5.2.7 Aged Care Standards & Accreditation Agency – Working with aged care industry in disaster events
- 5.2.8 Dept of Environment and Heritage Protection – Response to environmental impact audit
- 5.2.9 REIQ – Real Estate signs during severe weather events as potential threat
- 5.2.10 Dept of Natural Resources and Mines – Completed levee questionnaire

Adoption of inward and outward correspondence

Moved: Peter MANN (SCC)
 Seconded: Steve LINNANE (SCC)
 Vote: Carried - unanimously

6. LDMG Priorities

6.1 Impact and damage assessment - verbal report by John Gallina

- Community Development Officers (CDO's) are now assigned geographical areas and are working with communities within those areas
- During a disaster event – CDO's will have networks within those areas to report back with situational information
- CDO's will start working with the isolated communities (Kin Kin, Cooran, Eudlo/Mooloolah, Conondale/Kenilworth) as well as Teewah etc
- Teams going out to undertake initial assessments will consist of Environmental Health Officers, Community Response Officers and Community Development Officers

6.2 Recovery Plan

- First meeting of the committee on 2 May 201
- At that meeting a first draft Recovery Plan was presented and feedback is due by 1 June
- LDMG Deputy Chair to become Chair of Recovery Committee
- Four sub-groups (Community, Economic, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Proposing appropriate Council managers and a representative from each State Government lead agency such as Dept of Communities sit on the committee
- Core recovery committee – flexible but can expand as needed, depending on nature of disaster may bring in some community reps
- Attachment 1 - *Recovery Plan – May Meeting Minutes*

6.3 Community Resilience

- Kin Kin has received a community grant from Energex for a generator
- A new round of meetings with sub groups is planned
 - Mooloolaba meeting Tuesday 28/5/13
 - Kin Kin Wednesday 29/5/13
- Overall Groups are happy that they are being heard and work is being undertaken, such as installation of Conondale rain gauge, signage for the Cooran Fire Station, numbering of the Six mile Creek bridges etc
- The Community Resilience Officer position was funded for 2 years through NDRP and ceases end of October.
- The challenge will be how to continue working with the groups once funding ceases.
- Attachment 2 - *Community Resilience Report May 2013*

6.4 De-amalgamation

From 1 January 2014 there will be two councils on the Sunshine Coast. The Sunshine Coast Council and a new Noosa Council and from that date the Sunshine Coast Council will have no jurisdiction over Noosa Council boundaries and this presents some challenges for disaster management.

Cr Mark Jamieson acknowledged that despite the current LDMG being one of the outstanding successes of amalgamation the group is likely to become a casualty of the de-amalgamation process.

His current thinking is that two (2) LDMG's will need to be established as soon as possible after January 1 and under this scenario some responsibilities that the regional council and the Sunshine Coast LDMG took on will need to be handed back to the District as occurs in other parts of Queensland.

The Mayor went on to say he recognised the timing of de-amalgamation and the creation of two (2) new LDMGs from January 1 will be challenging as this is the beginning of the storm season however Sunshine Coast Council will be good neighbours and if Noosa finds itself in trouble the new Sunshine Coast Council will provide every assistance.

Discussion followed.

The general feeling of the emergency services representatives at the meeting was that while they understood the logic behind creating two (2) LDMGs there were challenges in setting up two (2) effective LDMGs and a new District Disaster Coordination Centre from January 1 2014.

Therefore if this was to be council's decision they requested it be made and communicated to the LDMG and DDMG as soon as possible.

Furthermore in making their decision the emergency services asked that Council consider a three (3) or six (6) month transition to two (2) LDMGs with the new arrangements starting either after Easter or at the end of June 2014.

Action:

The impact of de-amalgamation on emergency services capabilities and operational procedures to be discussed at the next DDMG meeting. Following that meeting the DDC will meet with the Mayor to discuss next steps.

6.5 Aged Care project

- Moving on well
- The Sunshine Coast Aged Care Disaster Management Group now representing full spectrum of aged care industry
- Fox, John and Peter meeting with Dept of Health and Ageing Brisbane, Office of Aged Care Quality & Compliance Thursday 30 May to discuss ability to include disaster planning and resilience in the aged care facility certification process.
- Attachment 3 - *Aged Care Project*

7. Agency Reports

7.1 Emergency Management Qld

- Coordination Centre training sessions for Council and Qld Police were held in May, next ones 19 and 20 June
- Getting information out about training opportunities in new financial year
- Last 12 months over 742 people within our area have been trained
- Review of LDMP 2012 – Sunshine Coast came out as best practice
 - Next review of plan by 1 December 2013 –will focus on areas that were identified for improvement – recovery and health sub plan
 - review tool will evolve each year
- Qld Regional Housing survey statistics showed 97% people believe they have good idea of types of disasters that occur in Queensland however statistically people are not ready – no emergency kit, did not have adequate food and water supply, inadequately insured etc.

Action:

Andrew to circulate EMQ household survey.

7.2 Queensland Police – verbal report by Snr Sgt Peter Grace

- Mr Maurice Carless has been appointed the new district Superintendent and Supt Terry Borland has been transferred to Mackay
- Insp Mark Henderson has transferred to Longreach and is replaced by Insp Matthew Wilson
- Working with TMR in relation to management strategies for Gympie and access to Kin Kin
- Wide Bay Police District Insp Chris Sanger is retiring and is replaced by John Lewis as the District Inspector – Gympie is part of Wide Bay Police District.

Action:

Mayor requested a letter of thank you be sent to Supt Terry Borland and Insp Mark Henderson.

7.3 Energex Status Report May 2013

- Attachment 4 - *Energex Status Report 27 May 2013*

8. Sub-group Reports

8.1 Community awareness and preparedness sub-group

- DIY Sandbagging video currently being filmed
- Attachment 5 – Awareness Preparedness Sub-group

8.2 Human services sub-group

- Jason Brewer chairing this group
- Lifeline and Salvation Army to be asked to join the group
- Attachment 6 - *Human Services sub-group May Minutes*

9. General Business

9.1 Qld Flood Commission of Inquiry (QFCOI) Update

- Two (2) reports, Interim and Final
- Tasked with reporting on implementation of recommendations
- Interim report – 51 of the 72 actions completed as at May 2013
- Final report – 54 of the 81 actions completed or are State responsibility (37 are State responsibility)

9.2 Disaster Management e-Newsletter – new community education tool

- Tool to communicate with community groups and individuals – 4 times a year
- Less than 50 % take action to sustain themselves in a disaster
- Subscriber base tad under 400 - encouraged by message from Mayor at top of e-Newsletter to forward to a friend

9.3 Evacuation Centres Building Inspections

- First group inspected – disability access at Nambour was issue – should be corrected before next storm season
- 14 have been inspected
- Attachment 7 - *Evacuation Centres Bldg Inspections*

9.4 Appointment of Jason Brewer as SCLDMG Community Liaison Officer

Moved: Mayor Jamieson, LDMG Chair
Seconded: Councillor Chris Thompson, Deputy Chair
Vote: Carried - unanimous

10. Special Presentations

10.1 Queensland Fire and Rescue Service - IT – Where it is going and Operations

- Presented by Supt Kevin Devitt and Chris White
- QFRS have offered to showcase the two (2) Command vehicles at the next LDMG meeting
- Next LDMG meeting to be held at Caloundra Fire Station to enable view of Command vehicles

Action:

LDMG Secretariat to liaise with Supt Kevin Devitt to organise next LDMG meeting to be held at Caloundra Fire Station.

10.2 Biosecurity Qld – Presenter unable to attend due to emergent issues.

11. Future Meetings

Please note: The venue for meeting #3 of 4 for the LDMG has changed to:

2013 03

Date & Time: Wednesday September 18, 2013 at 09:00am
Venue: Qld Fire and Rescue Service
Fire Station Training Room, Industrial Avenue Caloundra

2013 04

Date & Time: Wednesday December 4, 2013 at 09:00am
Venue: TBC

Meeting closed at 11:15am.

Appendices:

Attachment 1 - 6.2 Recovery Plan – May Meeting Minutes
Attachment 2 - 6.3 Community Resilience Report May 2013
Attachment 3 - 6.5 Aged Care Project
Attachment 4 - 7.3 Energex Status Report 27 May 2013
Attachment 5 - 8.1 Awareness Preparedness Sub-group
Attachment 6 - 8.2 Human Services sub-group May Minutes
Attachment 7 - 9.3 Evacuation Centres Bldg Inspections