

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2016 AT 9:35AM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Jill Clarke (Chairperson), Mr Bevis Perkins ESM, Mr John Ashman, Ms Sally Hills, Mrs Laura Double OAM, Mrs Debbie Thomas, Mrs Judith Lyne, Mrs Jill Davis

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor David Downie, Cr Leisa Gordon, Mrs Kerin Smith-Harvey (Visitor), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Michael Roach, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Wayne Chellis (Works & Infrastructure Manager)

4. MRS KERIN SMITH-HARVEY

Mrs Kerin Smith-Harvey introduced herself and advised she and her husband will be building an art gallery and cheese and wine bar at 81 High Street. The business focus will be on Tasmanian products. There will be workshops and demonstrations available.

Mrs Clarke welcomed Mrs Smith-Harvey and said it was pleasing to see development in the town.

5 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Bevis Perkins/Mr John Ashman

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on Tuesday, 2 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Campbell Town War Memorial Oval

At its meeting of 15 February 2016 Council decided (Min. Ref. 32/16):

That

- i) Council officers call quotes for the design of the smaller clubrooms (incorporating change facilities and public toilets).
- ii) Council prepare an application for the National Stronger Regions funding round.
- iii) Council incorporates in the 2016/2017 budget a funding allocation of \$750,000, being a 50% contribution to the project.

Carried

Mayor Downie arrived at the meeting at 9:38am.

Council officers are seeking quotes for the design of the clubrooms with further discussion to be had with stakeholders throughout that process.

Discussion was had regarding the decision. Clarification was given that Council's decision is to pursue the smaller of two concepts provided in the feasibility study.

Mayor Downie confirmed that Council did not consider the larger proposal to be feasible at this stage. It was noted however, that the smaller facility can be added on to.

It was noted by the Forum that the facility is used by a number of different groups both local and statewide. The facility will need to be available for multi-use functions, not just football.

The Forum requested to be kept up to date on the progress of the War Memorial Oval.

7.2 Campbell Town Traffic Management Strategy and Entrance Statements

Council awaiting response from the Department of State Growth in respect to the draft brief. Updates to be provided as available.

7.3 Motions to Council

Meeting of 19 October 2015: Min Ref 287/15	Northern Midlands Council note and investigate the following recommendations of the Campbell Town District Forum	That the signs for the museum are re-hung so they are more visible for passing cars. <i>Awaiting update from Works Department</i>
		That council investigates Blackburn Park's suitability for free overnight camping for self contained vehicles and opportunities for relocation. <i>Report to be presented to Council's March 2016 Council meeting.</i>
		That Council investigate installation of BBQs in Valentine Park. <i>Awaiting update from Works Department</i>

Meeting of 1 December 2015 Min. Ref. 363/15	Northern Midlands Council note and investigate the following recommendations of the Campbell Town District Forum	That Council write to Redline and request the bus stop at the designated bus shelter on High Street, Campbell Town. <i>Signage has been erected making this an allocated bus stop in the morning. Redline have requested extended bus parking hours on both sides of the street. This to be followed up by Council officers and discussions with Redline.</i> <i>Forum indicted it does not support it being a bus stop from 7:00am to 7:30pm and losing the parking spaces. It was suggested outside the old post office for southbound drop off.</i>
Meeting of 2 February 2016 Min. Ref. 28/16	Northern Midlands Council note and investigate the following recommendations of the Campbell Town District Forum	That Campbell Town be considered next for entrance statement designs. <i>This is to be incorporated as part of the Campbell Town Streetscape review (see 6.2)</i>
Meeting of 2 February 2016 Min. Ref. 28/16	Northern Midlands Council note the following recommendations of the Campbell Town District Forum	Mr Michael Roach be nominated to attend meetings of the Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust (EMIT) and provide information back to the Campbell Town District Forum, and Mr Roach delegate to another member of the Forum in the event he is unavailable to attend an EMIT meeting.

7.4 Miscellaneous enquiries

- The request by Council to install a blue information sign for the Museum, at the Southern Entrance to Campbell Town was refused by State Growth.
The Forum requested this item be pursued further with State Growth.
- All customer requests raised at the last meeting have been actioned.

7.5 “Untidy” properties

Enquiry was made at the last meeting regarding the power of Council to require people to “tidy” their properties.

Pursuant to section 200 of the *Local Government Act 1993* if Council is satisfied a “nuisance” exists it must serve an abatement notice on the person causing the nuisance or the property owner. A “nuisance” is defined in the Act as:

- causes, or is likely to cause, danger or harm to the health, safety or welfare of the public; or
- causes, or is likely to cause, a risk to public health; or
- gives rise to unreasonable or excessive levels of noise or pollution; or

- (d) is, or is likely to be, a fire risk; or
- (e) constitutes an unsightly article or rubbish.

It is important to note however, that defining what “constitutes an unsightly article or rubbish” is subjective.

Any concerns regarding a potential nuisance should be reported to Council directly through the customer request process at which time it will be followed up by Council’s compliance officer and actioned confidentially.

7.6 Wifi

It was noted the free Wifi is working in the centre of Campbell Town, however, it is not signed.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Macquarie Road trees

Mayor Downie reported that Council is going through a process to have the trees removed. It was noted there is ongoing community concern with the piece of road.

8.2 Strategic Plan – 2016/17

Forum to commence listing Strategic Planning items for 2016/17.

The following items were identified by the Forum as priorities for 2016/17:

- Upgrade to Valentine Park playground equipment, including additional pieces.
- Upgrade to Valentine Park toilets, including a second 24hour facility. It was noted Unisex toilets are beneficial.
- Footpaths:
 - Bridge Street, between Church and High Streets, continuing to the swimming pool.
 - King Street, from High Street to Bridge Street.
 - Eastern side of the school.
- Upgrade and seal Grant Street over the Reservoir Hill.
- Chinese signage for the toilets.
- High Street junctions with Glenelg and Queen Streets (noted this may be incorporated into the Streetscape Study).
- Surveillance cameras for Campbell Town from the Town Hall to Red Bridge.
- Entrance gate and path to the Swimming Pool.

Action

[Miss Mason to list in strategic plan for prioritisation at next meeting.](#)

8.3 Customer requests

- Electric motors in the Town Hall clock require servicing (Paul Jones)
- The Forum noted the increased rubbish on the back roads around Campbell Town (see item below re Tidy Towns)
- Lake Leake Road, rubbish dump is forming where the last section of road was officially opened
- West Street, two big pot holes – northern end
- Suckers from poplar trees south of the Red Bridge
- Limb out of tree on King Street
- Wattle trees suckers in front of the Anglican Church need pruning
- Installation of a tap with potable water at Blackburn Park
- Pear trees on High Street, is it the property owners or the Council's responsibility to prune trees growing over the fence into the pears
- Requested that white lines be placed near 1341 Macquarie Road, Campbell Town (Laura Double)
- Requested that Council's Garbage collection be extended along Macquarie Road
- River Walk path maintenance

Action

[Miss Mason to issue customer requests.](#)

8.4 Bendigo Bank

An enquiry was made as to the progress of having a Bendigo Bank branch at Campbell Town. Mrs Lyne reported that due to lack of community support the proposal had not been progressed to date.

8.5 Police presence in Campbell Town

The Forum expressed disappointment at the lack of a Police presence in Campbell Town. Mayor Downie advised that if issues are identified they must be reported to the Police. If the Police data shows increased incidents in an area they are likely to provide a heavier presence.

[Mrs Judith Lyne/Mr Bevis Perkins](#)

[That Council request a greater Police presence in the Midlands area.](#)

[Carried unanimously](#)

8.6 War Memorial

The Forum noted that the ANZAC Committee are awaiting the outcome of the War Memorial Oval plans prior to decision on the relocation of the War Memorial. It was further noted that Council had not received a request to relocate the War Memorial.

8.7 Airport rates

Mayor Downie gave a brief update on the issue with the unpaid, Launceston Airport rates, confirming Council's campaign is ongoing because the unpaid rates remain outstanding.

8.8 Tyres

Mayor Downie advised a Working Group had been established which he was a part of to discuss the issue of tyres stockpiling in Tasmania. The Working Group had made a recommendation to the Minister for State Growth, Energy and Environment Parks & Heritage. The Working Group is awaiting a response from the Minister.

8.9 Lake Leake

Mayor Downie reported the lake level lifted 0.5m in the heavy rain at the end of January.

8.10 Tidy Towns

Miss Mason circulated some information to be discussed at the next meeting.

9 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at 10:50 am.

Next meeting to be held on **5 April 2016** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.

Planning Application Delegated Decisions - February

Note: these are published in the monthly Northern Midlands Council meeting agenda/minutes.

Nil.