

MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE

John Lewis Chairman, Bruce Argent-Smith, Henrietta Houghton, Barry Lawson, Louis Sauer
In Attendance: Mary Knowles (Mayor), Janet Lambert (Deputy Mayor), Paul Terrett
(Councillor)

2 APOLOGIES

Stephanie Ann Kensitt
Michael Weir
Lorraine Wyatt Executive & Communications Officer (Minute taker)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on
Tuesday, 1 November 2022 be confirmed with the following amendment:
Minutes of previous meeting were seconded by Stephanie Kensitt, not Henrietta Houghton
as stated in the previous minute (Henrietta Houghton was not present).

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Barry Lawson, seconded Bruce Argent-Smith

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on
Tuesday, 1 November 2022 be
Confirmed, with amendment, as true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 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, Part 5, S48A – S56, 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.*

*** It should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the general
manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.**

Nil declarations were received.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Time Traveller Park

There was discussion about picnic table and relocation of original bench seat in Time Traveller
Park. Despite obvious objection from some members, it was explained that the group could

not object to any development application but rather they could submit a personal objection at the time of the development application. In the meantime, the committee could move a motion that provided advice to Council on the matter. No motion was moved.

5.2 Information Board for the Village

Lou Sayer raised the need for an information board in the village. It was pointed out that there was already one at the Information Centre and that when the Time Traveller Park had a notice board, it was rarely used. Facebook was raised as an alternative and if a board was to be provided, it would have to be user friendly – not under lock and key. The matter could be one for a future wish list. Lou Sauer advised he would come up with a list of possible locations.

6 MATTERS FOR NOTING

6.1 Meeting dates 2023

In accordance with the MOU meetings of the Committee will be held at 4pm on the first Tuesday of the month, schedule of dates in 2023 are as follows:

- 7 February
- 7 March
- 4 April
- 2 May
- 6 June
- 4 July
- 1 August
- 5 September
- 3 October
- 7 November
- 5 December

7 MATTERS PENDING

NIL

8 COMMUNITY GROUP / SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Community Centre

- Things proceeding well – sales could be better
- New Perspex notice boards installed in office window

8.2 Memorial Hall

- Internal works progressing.

8.3 Evandale Garden Group

Nil reports. To be removed from regular reports.

8.4 JAG

Nil reports. To be removed from regular reports.

8.5 Neighbourhood Watch

Nil report. Stephanie Kensitt not in attendance.

8.6 History Society

Barry Lawson reported on the big project for the year, which was the installation of a replacement plaque at the gravesite of Kennedy Murray Snr and Sarah McQueen (wife of Kennedy Murray Jnr).

Committee Recommendation

Moved Barry Lawson, seconded Bruce Argent-Smith

That reports of the History Society be no longer heard as this would free up time for more pressing Council matters.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 – Short Stay Accommodation

A concern was raised that there were too many houses moving towards short stay accommodation.

Committee Recommendation

Moved Lou Sauer, seconded Barry Lawson

That Council develop a short stay policy. Seconded by Barry Lawson.

Carried

9.2 – Vacant Houses

Across the municipality there is an issue about how long some houses remain vacant. This is also a Statewide issue. Discussion settled on recommending that Council work with State Government and other Councils to establish a policy about how long houses can remain vacant and out of the rental and purchase markets. No motion was made.

9.3 - Survey work occurring in Pioneer Park

The chairman reported that he had discussed the surveying of services (sewerage/water). This work will be essential for future master planning in the park.

9.4 - Baker Group Development at the end of Cambock Lane West

A progress report was requested on this development proposal. Mary Knowles that there was currently no activity in Council on this matter and that the developer still needed to deal with water issues.

9.5 – Traders in Purple development proposal

Mary Knowles reported that there was currently no activity in Council with this proposal.

9.6 – Gardens on public land around the village

Barry Lawson raised that the garden at the entrance to the village on Evandale Road was too sparse and that more was needed in this garden. This garden needs to be more of an “entry statement”.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022, COMMENCING AT 4.00PM.

The garden along the ramp at the entrance to the Memorial Hall was in poor condition and at least one of the conifers with a commemorative plaque was dead. The watering system needs to be checked and repaired and a timer was required for easy operation.

The committee concluded that the issues above should be raised as a customer request.

Lou Sauer noted that some of the hedges adjacent to the Clarendon were damaged. (These may be private hedges??) It was suggested this damage may have been caused by rowdy hotel patrons jumping on the hedges. Lou Sauer noted that the chains in the hedges in Russell Street are damaging those hedges. John Lewis pointed out that some of the hedges on public land not only contained chains but also picket fences. It was suggested that these things may then protect the hedges from vandalism. No conclusion was reached on this matter.

9.7 – Significant Tree Register

Barry Lawson advised that he had commenced work on developing a significant tree register for public lands within Evandale. While the initial emphasis was on trees with historic significance, he has plagiarised from the significant tree register of Hobart to include other reasons for significance. He also advised the committee of an idea for homeowners to provide photos, stories and data on significant trees on their land for the purposes of a book (e.g. “Significant Trees of Evandale”). Without a formal motion, the committee resolved to recommend Council develop a significant tree policy to link with the National Trust Significant Tree Register.

9.8 – RV Dump Point

Paul Terret advised that Council was working on a RV Dump Point report.

9.9 – Survey of 1929 flood level

Barry Lawson asked if the Council had access to survey equipment, and if so, could the Council survey the Australian Height Datum of the 1929 flood level marker on the corner of Leighlands Road and Evandale Road. There could very well be a gauge point on or near the bridge over the river so the distance to survey would not be significant. The 1929 flood was the largest ever recorded at Evandale and so its datum might be useful for future planning.

10 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairperson closed meeting at 5.08pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Evandale Community Centre on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 4pm.**