

Minutes

1 OPENING

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Jillian Clarke	Chairperson
Jill Davis	Member
Sally Hills	Member
Owen Diefenbach	Member
Danny Saunders	Member
Christopher Beach	Member
Elizabeth Porter	Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Terrett	Councillor
Lorraine Wyatt	Executive & Communications Officer (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Tracy Spencer-Lloyd	Member
Jo Taylor	Member
Alison Andrews	Councillor

ABSENT

Nil

2 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.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION

Moved Danny Saunders, seconded Jill Davis

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 6 December 2022** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

The Chairperson thanked Sally Hills for completing the 6 December 2022 minutes in the absence of the Executive & Communications Officer.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Outcome of recommendations made to Council discussed at the Council meeting held 30 January 2023.

At the ordinary meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on 6 December 2022 the following motion/s were recorded for Council's consideration:

CAMPBELL TOWN UNDERPASS

DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Adams

That Council write to State Growth and convey the Campbell Town District Forum suggestion for a Community Art Project at the underpass.

Carried Unanimously

Officer Recommendation:

That Council write to State Growth and convey the Campbell Town District Forum suggestion for a Community Art Project at the underpass.

Committee Recommendation:

Council request State Growth to work with the community to beautify the underpass e.g.: Community Art Project – in order to enhance the community safety and appeal.

Officer Comment:

The installation of the underpass has caused disharmony for some in the Campbell Town community, however a Community Art Project enhancing the appeal of the underpass, will provide an opportunity for positive engagement, improving relationships within the community and across the two tiers of government (state and local).

Council's mission states:

Northern Midlands is an enviable place to live, work and play. Connected communities enjoy safe, secure lives in beautiful historical towns and villages. Our clean, green agricultural products are globally valued.

Local business and industry is strongly innovative and sustainable.

Northern Midlands Council's ambition is that everyone in our community has opportunities to lead happy and healthy lives. This project demonstrates that the health and wellbeing of all the Northern Midlands communities is important and provides the Campbell Town community with an opportunity to establish social cohesion and leadership that can be replicated and reinforced when other/similar community projects are identified and implemented.

KING STREET RESERVE: WILLOW TREE IN THE RIVER (OLD SWIMMING POOL)

Council RESOLVED to note the recommendation which has been completed.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the recommendation which has been completed.

Committee Recommendation:

That the removal of the willow tree in the river (old swimming pool) near the King Street Reserve be made a priority by Council.

Officer Comment:

Council's Works Manager was already aware of this issue and the tree has now been removed.

ERADICATION OF WILD RABBIT POPULATIONS

DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Archer

That Council note the committee recommendation.

Carried Unanimously

Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the committee recommendation.

Committee Recommendation:

That Council investigate the eradication of the rabbit population in Campbell Town

Officer Comment:

Management of invasive species such as wild rabbits is the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (DNRET), not by Council.

According to the DNRET website, the Calicivirus, also known as Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1), was not released in the first half of 2022 (summer and autumn) and there are several contributing factors which consequently are hampering its release on an ongoing basis.

Specifically, there is currently an abundance of food available, (especially green grass) providing ideal conditions for rabbits to breed, meaning they are less likely to take calicivirus treated bait.

In addition, young rabbits (up to 12 weeks) may also develop immunity from calicivirus if exposed. Release of calicivirus in the presence of large numbers of young rabbits therefore increases the risk of developing calicivirus immunity within rabbit populations.

RHDV1 is a viral disease which only affects European rabbits. It was introduced into Australia in 1996 and Tasmania in 1997, and since then it has spread throughout most of Australia. It is also worth noting that the effectiveness of a biological control agent reduces over time, so research is ongoing to find a different strain of the virus to release, to boost effectiveness.

MOWING ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF WEST STREET

DECISION

Cr Brooks/Cr McCullagh

That Council note the Committee recommendation and advise that the verge on the eastern side of West Street between Church Street to Pedder Street, only to the end of the houses in West Street, will be included in the Council mowing schedule.

Carried Unanimously

Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the Committee recommendation and advise that the verge on the eastern side of West Street between Church Street to Pedder Street will not be included in Council mowing schedule.

Committee Recommendation:

The verge on the eastern side of West Street from Church Street to Pedder Street to be included in Council mowing.

Officer Comment:

Consultation with Council's Works Manager identified that the area identified as the eastern side of West Street between Church Street to Pedder Street, is defined as undeveloped land which is slashed annually to reduce fuel loads and maintain appropriate fire safety protocols.



Ref: picture retrieved from Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps/place/West+St,+Campbell+Town+TAS+7210/@-41.9216156,147.4804291,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0xaa70ffc4d3f1d577:0xd8afe4e49d92722c!8m2!3d-41.9216156!4d147.4826178>)

Slashing is used to maintain large areas of undeveloped land whereas mowing is utilised in developed areas such as parks and residential street verges.

4.2 Actions from the Previous Minutes

4.2.1 – Entrance Statement

The entrance statement on the corner of West Street and High Street – is it possible to raise, as the bottom writing cannot be seen.

There is nothing on the back of the entry statement to say, “thank you for visiting Campbell Town”.

Can the letters be put on the brickwork so that it is distinguishable? Also, the sun creates a shadow which makes it harder to read.

The entry statement on the southern end is fine.

4.2.2 Convict Brick Trail

Next year is the 20th anniversary of the brick trail. Through a conversation with John, Tracy was informed that there have been bricks returned to him when Queen Street and High Street corner was redesigned.

Tracy happy to receive names to form a committee for a celebration to mark the 20th year in August 2023. If you would like to be involved, please contact her on 0419 484 115.

No update was provided due to committee member being providing an apology and being absent from the meeting.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Meeting Dates for 2023

7 February

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

5.2 Street Furniture

Reports of street furniture being left out at night.

Section 6(1) of the *Footpath Trading By-Law No. 1 of 2022* states:

All Structures and objects used for footpath trading must:

g) be removed from the road reserve when the business is closed. And any footpath sockets unplugged.

All, “footpath trading” requires a permit.

This matter can be removed from future Agenda’s.

5.3 High Street to Esplanade, Footpath (Opposite Butcher Shop)

Disability Access and Inclusion: Can’t wheel a walker down this area and the ground is uneven.

This is about “liveability” in the community.

Members reported that this is also an issue for able bodies persons who have tripped on the uneven surface.

Action: Executive & Communications Officer to advise Works and Services.

Response: An inspection of the area was carried out and it was reported that the crossfall of the footpath is of a grade that was standard at the time it was installed. This will be rectified as part of the main street upgrade.

5.4 East Street Drainage Outlet

Debris is blocking the outlet and needs to be cleaned out.

This item was dealt with as a customer request. The outlet was inspected and the debris will be removed in the coming weeks when the contractor is available.

Committee Recommendation

Moved Jill Davis, seconded Sally Hills

That Council investigate and rectify the stormwater problem from the recreation ground to East Street.

CARRIED

5.5 Tree Limb Blackburn Park

There is a tree limb near the walkway/bridge which needs to be removed.

This is a customer request which has been addressed.

5.6 Traffic Management – West Street Campbell Town

Concerns about traffic management and the impact trucks will have on West Street (eastern side) with the building of an Elders Store opposite the residents.

Traffic for the site will enter and leave through West Street, a residential street, which is not designed for regular vehicle movements and will have an impact on the road surface and increased truck noise in West Street.

The intersection at the Midland Highway and West Street is difficult for vehicles to turn and currently not suitable for trucks to enter. Corners were widened but this has been ineffective. Could Council investigate the possibility to have trucks enter and leave from the Midland Highway?

Committee Recommendation

Moved Liz Porter, seconded Chris Beach

That Council investigate the additional truck movements caused by the proposed new shed at Lot 3 Midland Highway Campbell Town and the impact on West Street Campbell Town.

CARRIED

5.7 Customer Requests

Reminder that customer requests must be lodged via the Council website or by phoning Council and cannot be included in Agenda or Minutes.

5.8 Antisocial Behaviour Causing Concern

Members reported a range of antisocial behaviour including; pulling out plants; playing in flood water and pretending to drown thinking it is funny; filling dog excrement bags full of water and throwing them; banging on fences and dogs barking; and more.

The offenders are very young and the behaviour and age is of concern to community members. Members also expressed concern that the children may aggravate dogs and could be attacked.

Committee members were advised that concerned residents should report the behaviour to police for follow up including welfare checks.

5.9 Recycling Committee

Members asked if the Recycling Committee was going to continue as there had not been a meeting for some time and were advised that a meeting would be convened at the end of February.

5.10 Bicentennial Park

Cr Terrett asked the committee what they would like to see happen with Bicentennial Park? Members provided Cr Terrett with background and an update about the Harold Gatty Memorial and expressed an interest in both parks being developed collectively.

Committee Recommendation

Moved Chris Beach, seconded Liz Porter

That the Campbell Town District Forum work with Council to develop plans to upgrade the Harold Gatty Memorial, Bicentennial Park and the Campbell Town Museum in collaboration with the Tasmanian Aviation Historical Society (TAHS).

CARRIED

5.11 West Street and Macquarie Road

Liz Porter advised that she had contacted the Premiers office and was told he has written to State Growth and is still waiting for a reply. The matter is between Council and Boral.

Liz reported that four (4) 'B' doubles were in the same vicinity, 2 driving carefully and 2 driving at speed. The Premiers office has advised that Liz should record everything.

Chris reported that Macquarie Road had been restored to a lessor standard that it was originally.

Action: The Works and Infrastructure Manager will be advised.

5.12 Planning Applications

The Chairperson advised that it was great to see planning applications being shared with Committee members.

6 CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed meeting at 10.50am.

7 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on **7 March 2023 commencing at 9.30am** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.