

**EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ORDINARY MEETING – 5 MARCH 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY EVANDALE ON TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2024 AT 4PM

Vivien Tan
SECRETARY
5 MARCH 2024

MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE

John Lewis, Henrietta Houghton, Barry Lawson, Stephanie Ann Kensitt, Geoff Divall, Cr Terrett, Cr Lambert

APOLOGIES

Bruce Argent-Smith

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Barry, Seconded: Stephanie

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 6 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

3 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.

No declarations of interest received.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Communities for Walkability

Council representatives to report to Council. A response is awaited.

Committee notes that they are still waiting on a Report from Council.

4.2 Shipping Container house on Macquarie Street Number 3A

Property is now for sale.

4.3 Significant trees in Evandale

2 trees on traffic island Russell St and Rogers Lane are listed.

Barry Lawson noted he will submit a list to Council for Significant Trees and Hedges in Evandale on behalf of the Historical Society, that they would like to submit to be included in the Register of Significant Trees. These are only those that are in public open spaces and not on private land. He believes that there could be a minimum of 60 trees.

4.4 Pioneer Park Upgrade

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“Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the request.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Evandale Advisory Committee be consulted on the Pioneer Park Master Plan before finalisation of the Plan.

Officer Comment:

Leon Lange and Tony Purse attended the 7 February 2023 Evandale Advisory Committee meeting to present on the Master Plan at which time feedback was requested and received from the membership.”

Moved: Barry; Seconded: Stephanie

Recommendation: MOTION TO COUNCIL

The EAC is requesting an update on the Pioneer Park Master Plan and seek an opportunity to comment on the Plan before it is accepted by Council.

CARRIED

4.5 Baker Group Development in Evandale

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“Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the motion.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Evandale Advisory Group receive an update re the Baker Group's proposed development in Evandale.

Officer Comment:

Operational matter, a formal application has not yet been received.”

Discussion arose that the Baker Group may have been sold.

4.6 Traders in Purple

19 February 2024 Council Meeting Agenda:

“Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the motion.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Evandale Advisory committee be provided with an update regarding Traders in Purple's proposed development in Evandale.

Officer Comment:

Operational matter, a formal application has not yet been received.”

Barry discussed that the change to regional land use strategy is still needed, the planning minister refused. He mentioned that they couldn't legally make the application because they now have land that is contiguous. He noted he would locate a copy of the letter from the minister to council.

4.7 Dump Point at Honeysuckle Banks

19 February 2024 Council Meeting Agenda:

“Officer Recommendation:

That Council note the motion.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Evandale Advisory Committee be provided with an update re the progress of the proposed Dump Point and Toilet Block at Honeysuckle Banks.

Officer Comment:

The matter is in progress and will be subject to a Development Application. A budget allocation will need to be approved to undertake the works.”

Stephanie discussed that the area has become quite a concern especially considering the mess that is left after the weekend. Cr Lambert discussed that it is necessary to get the dump point and toilet facility up and running. Barry asked when will it be signed off?

Moved: Geoff, Seconded: Barry

Recommendation: MOTION TO COUNCIL

The EAC requests an update on the dump site and toilets at Honeysuckle Banks as a matter of urgency, especially considering the untreated sewerage is being discharged in that area and it is a matter of being public safety.

CARRIED

Pioneer Park Toilets

There was a discussion as to why the few days before the Penny Farthing race and Village Fair that the toilets were decommissioned. There were many complaints as to the lack of water the day before the race, the smell and lack of toilet paper. Cr Lambert discussed that there were at least 12 toilets available, that there were people cleaning them and that the Village Fair Committee had been consulted.

Barry noted that people come to Evandale up to a week before the event officially starts and that there needs to be leeway before the actual event start date. Council need to be mindful that visitors come to Evandale up to 2 weeks beforehand.

Moved: Geoff, Seconded: Barry

Recommendation: MOTION TO COUNCIL

The EAC requests that specific dates be monitored in light of key tourist events in Evandale and Works constructions is undertaken around those key dates.

CARRIED

4.8 Speed Limit Changes

Council noted. This is a matter for the Department of State Growth. EAC noted they are waiting on a response to bring the speed limit from 60 to 50km/h.

5 COMMUNITY GROUPS

5.1 Community Center

Geoff reports that the Community Centre is doing well. There are sometimes up to 40 visitors a day. There are plenty of volunteers and the 2 classes of yoga will now increase to 3 and include an evening class to cater to those who are working.

5.2 Neighborhood Watch

Stephanie and Henriette noted that the quarterly meetings were well attended and that the last crime reports indicated that there were no crimes reported.

Moved Henrietta Seconded Barry

Recommendation:

To accept the two Community Group reports.

CARRIED

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Dying Trees

Barry noted that there were many dying trees in Pioneer Park. There is no dripper system installed in the park and Barry water them personally by carrying buckets of water to the trees. Stephanie Dean asked if the irrigation was turned off for the Village Fair and perhaps it has not been turned back on. She asks if the irrigation is set up and that it would be good to have these systems on timers.

Barry mentioned that he would contact the Council.

Henrietta would like the water truck with a tank to water the trees especially to pay attention to the Lobelias that are dying around the Oval.

Cr Lambert discussed that a request to the Council to water be made. This needs to be addressed and attended to before they die.

Email to be sent through to Works to check the irrigation systems and if necessary, provide additional watering.

6.2 Barry's Report on the LDC Chair Meeting

Barry discussed that the other committees were considering having bi-monthly meetings. If this was the case, it would be a huge delay in response from the Council. Perhaps there could be an email address that Council responses would be sent to for updates. The EAC could also hold their own special meetings if necessary.

He noted that there was a request for Committees to be more involved in strategic planning.

He noted that Longford District Committee was displeased with being given the replies to motions as “noted”.

They discussed “What is a planning matter?” and gave an example as to changes to regional land use. This has a wide perspective as to what is included and that this should be clarified for the Committees. They request earlier notification in planning matters so that the LDCs can have a more effective voice.

The meeting also discussed the concerns of not having a quorum. It was recommended that the Council look at each individual LDC and have differing numbers of committee members for different committees. Example- Ross is a small town and could have a smaller number of committee members.

Secretarial support was discussed and that the \$2,500 need to go to worthy projects.

Chair thanked Barry for attending the meeting on his behalf.

6.3 Lighting at the Entrance to Evandale – the Garden Ben Uplights

Henrietta requested a works order be put into council for some up lights at the road entrance into Evandale. The location is in the garden bed where the Leucadendron are that are under the Evandale sign.

6.4 Other Matters

There was a table discussion around Honeysuckle Banks. Police and Council were called, and the perpetrators were told to move on. There were campers at Falls Park who were also told to move on because they were not self-contained but by midnight had returned.

There was a conversation regarding the MOU and Geoff requested a copy of the current document.

Communication – Barry asked that they look to have an email address that can be directed to the LDCs so that communication can go straight to the Committee. John noted that if people had a problem, they would come to the Committee members and if it was urgent then they would be sent to Council.

Cr Terrett discussed that the Committee fill in the form for the budget for completion before April 5th. Cr Lambert recommended that the Committee also discuss and include areas that they would like to be included in the Bus Tour on the 17 April 2024.

Toilet upgrading at Pioneer Park

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Tuesday 2 April 2024 (even though there would be no secretarial support).

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5:20pm.

MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

1. Pioneer Park Master Plan Update

The EAC is requesting an update on the Pioneer Park Master Plan and seek an opportunity to comment on the Plan before it is accepted by Council.

2. Honeysuckle Banks Dump Point

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3. Pioneer Park Toilets

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