

EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT 4.00PM ON 9 APRIL 2024 AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 ATTENDANCE

John Lewis, Henrietta Houghton, Barry Lawson, Stephanie Ann Kensitt, Geoff Divall, Bruce Argent-Smith Cr Terrett, Cr Lambert

APOLOGIES: Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

S Kensitt / B Lawson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Committee held on Tuesday 5 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the word Lobelias should read Abelias in New Business 6.1 Dying Trees.

Carried

3 DECLARATIONS 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

The Committee were advised that an Officer is reviewing the Walkability plan and producing a list of recommendations/works for implementation.

Committee noted: footpaths need to be regraded and resurfaced (*Committee to include in budget request list*).

4.2 Issues Raised by Community Member

It was noted that a Committee member had received a submission listing a number of issues relating to Council matters from a member of the public. In accordance with the MOU, the matter had been referred to Council on 19 March 2024 to provide a response.

The submission included the following matters which were discussed at length.

- Condition of Pioneer Park
- Condition of the park at the rear of the Clarendon Arms
- Maintenance of the park in Russell Street in the vicinity of the Anzac memorial tree
- Maintenance of the High and Russell streets
- Installation of water fountains and tables and chairs at Pioneer Park
- Reduced speed limits
- Consultation with the Evandale community.

G Divall / B Lawson

That Council improve the planned maintenance schedule and conduct regular maintenance on the irrigation systems in Pioneer Park.

Carried

G Divall / B Lawson

Works Maintenance Request: for Council to wash and clean the footpaths under the ANZAC Memorial Tree before ANZAC Day.

Carried

J Lewis / G Divall

That Council ask DSG to reduce the speed limit from 50-40kph along Russel Street.

Carried

4.3 Pioneer Park Upgrade

In regard to the recommendation submitted to Council, the Committee noted the following extract from the 18 March Council Meeting Minutes:

MINUTE NO. 24/089

DECISION

That the Committee's request is noted by Council, and the Evandale Advisory Committee be consulted prior to the Master Plan being finalised.

Carried Unanimously

Committee Recommendation:

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.

Officer Comment:

The EAC put a very similar motion to Council at its February 2024 meeting and their request for consultation was noted by the Council. It is recommended this further request again be noted, and that the Evandale Advisory Committee be consulted prior to the Master Plan being finalised.

Noted that the master plan is still to be received by Council.

4.4 Traders in Purple

Noted that no further information is available and an amendment to the Regional Land Use Strategy would be required.

4.5 Dump Point at Honeysuckle Banks

In regard to the EAC's recommendation to Council, the Committee noted the following extract from the 18 March Council Meeting Minutes:

MINUTE NO. 24/090

DECISION:

That the Committee's request is noted by Council, and the Evandale Advisory Committee be advised that the Development Application for the dump point is anticipated to be lodged in April 2024 and of Council's actions in relation to excrement at the location.

Carried unanimously

4.6 Pioneer Park Toilets

The Committee queried the completion date for the works and that notice of proposed works was not received by neighbours.

Advice provided that the works are nearing completion; and that neighbours should have received notice of the works.

4.7 Dying Trees

The Committee noted that a number of trees in Pioneer Park were dying and that an email had been sent to Council requesting that the irrigation system be checked.

4.8 Lighting at the Entrance to Evandale – the Garden Bed Up lights

Request for installation of up-lighting to be installed in the garden bed at the entrance to Evandale. To be included in the budget wish list.

Deputy Mayor Lambert left the meeting at 4.57pm.

5 COMMUNITY GROUPS

5.1 Community Centre

- Lyn Robson is the new Secretary.
- Geoff Divall is the booking officer for the Community Centre.
- Visitor numbers were a little lower but still good at 700-800 people.
- The Exercise groups and yoga has seen an increase in attendance.
- The building usage is doing well.
- The draw for the quilt will be the 3rd of May and the Quilters Group will conduct the draw.

5.2 Neighbourhood Watch:

- Nothing to report.

B Lawson / H Houghton

To accept the two Community Group reports.

Carried

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Customer Requests

The Committee raised concerns customer requests to council are not being followed up and communication. The following issues mentioned:

- Removal of the tree stump, in addition to gravel removal.
- The Council customer request system does not provide for further feedback to be provided by the customer following completion.
- Tree growing from Community Centre building was removed, but had regrown. Further request submitted, but the regrown tree was not removed.
- A request for information had been sought regarding the Catholic Cemetery flooding which had occurred but no response was received.
- Communication and clarity sought re customer requests.

J Lewis / G Divall

That the communication with the request emails and reply system be looked at to be more effective.

Carried

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 7 May 2024.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 5:27pm.