

EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 4 October 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Mr J Lewis, Mr A Jobson, Mr R von Bibra, Mr C Plaisted, Mrs H Houghton, Mrs C Brown, Mrs K Heathcote, Mrs A Harvey, Mr B Lawson (from 7.05pm), Mr S Baldock (from 7.40pm)

Guest:

Mrs R Falkiner

In Attendance:

Mr D Jennings (General Manager), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed the following new members:

- Annie Harvey
- Barry Lawson

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

A Jobson/C Plaisted

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 6 September 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

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*, 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.*

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Concerns with Hawthorn Hedge & Infrastructure – Falls Park, Evandale

Feedback was requested in relation to traffic management provisions at the frontage of Falls Park, the Committee noted that

- the NO PARKING sign at the frontage Falls Park had been relocated to the vicinity of the proposed new entrance to Falls Park;
- existing yellow lines had been repainted earlier in the year; and
- no new lines were proposed.

The committee noted that at the 19 September Council meeting, planning had been approved for the works to be undertaken at Falls Park, the following was the decision of Council in relation to the Planning application:

Cr Goss/Cr Lambert

That land at Falls Park, 2-14 Logan Road, Evandale be approved to be developed and used for new pedestrian entrances & gates to Falls Park, in accordance with application P16-139, and subject to the following conditions:

1 Layout not altered

The use and development shall be in accordance with the endorsed plans numbered **P1 – P3**. (Drawings DRGNO Rev A Sheet 1 Dated: April 16).

2 Amended plans required

2.1 Before the gates are installed, plans of the gates, to the approval of Council's Heritage Adviser, must be submitted.

2.2 When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit.

2.3 The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and show the gate being a simple steel frame with cross bracing in flat steel, backed with square mesh, either black or dark charcoal.

3 Permit expiry

Stage 2 must be completed within 12 months of the completion of Stage 1, or the permit expires.

Carried unanimously

ii) MAST's Paddle Safe Program

Educational program for recreational paddlers – information circulated.

Two sessions of the Paddle Safe Program have been booked to be held in the Northern Midlands, on Thursday, 12 January 2017 at (Ross/Campbell Town) and Friday, 13 January 2017 (Longford/Cressy).

Once the promotional material has been received, the sessions will be promoted through the weekly adverts in the Community News section of the Examiner, the Country Courier, and also on our webpage and Facebook sites.

Information sought on the duration of the sessions and approximate numbers of persons which can be accommodated. Information to be provided when available.

iii) Animal Management By-Law

The:

- draft Animal Management By-law; and
- paper *Making By-laws (2)* which details the steps Council must follow when making a by-law

were circulated to members.

The committee noted that:

- as part of the initial process, Council is inviting comment from Key Stakeholders;
- the by-law will then be amended to reflect comments received prior to being tabled at a Council meeting;
- this is just the first step to making a by-law and public consultation will follow later;
- the management of dogs falls under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

The committee raised the following matters in relation to the proposed by-law at the meeting:

- Stakeholder consultation should include Big Ears Animal Sanctuary and the Animal Crematorium
- Administration costs to Council
- Premises is defined, however, place / property is not
- In regard to licensing, is the licence only to relate to the property, what if animals are grazed elsewhere, transfer of licence
- Advertising – needs to be more specific as to where to be advertised, adverts are sometimes edited by the newspaper; perhaps rather provide a form to be completed to be distributed to neighbours (within 200m of the premises for which a licence is sought).
- How is this to be policed
- Roosters – definition between chick and adult
- The community is a farming community.

Individual committee members to review further and provide comment direct to Council.

7 PENDING ITEMS

i) Honeysuckle Banks

The Committee noted that the community consultation information had been collated; discussed at a recent Council workshop and that a report would be prepared for Council's decision to be tabled at a future meeting of Council.

The Committee made comment that in view of the area being flood prone it should be easy to maintain, and

that appropriate furniture be installed.

Suggested that Council may wish to consider furniture that is able to be removed when the area is likely to flood.

Currently establishing

- base guidelines to go with the Plan - needs to be flood resistant, i.e. carpark, furniture, paths; and
- costings.

Council hopes to finalise before year end.

8 COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

i) Rotary Club

- Catered for 2 cattle sales
- 15/10 Trivia night to be held

ii) Community Centre/ Memorial Hall

- AGM held
- 2 new members appointed

iii) Neighbourhood Watch

- Meetings to be held quarterly – next meeting 27/11
- Next newsletter to be circulated beginning of November
- Met with the Police Minister, The Hon. Rene Hidding MP re flooding on Leighlands Road and road closure measures during flood events
- Flights over Evandale at present due to weather conditions – to be reviewed in January.

R von Bibra/A Jobson

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

i) Christmas Function

The committee were advised that the Northern Christmas function would be hosted by Evandale in 2016. Function to be held on 6 December at 7pm at the Prince of Wales Hotel, RSVP's required by mid-November. Further information to be provided. December meeting to be held at 6pm at the Community Centre prior to the function.

ii) Heritage Code

The committee noted at the 19 September Council meeting, that Council, under section 39 (2) of the *Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993*, was to recommend to the Tasmanian Planning Commission modifications to Draft Amendment 02/15 (amend the Heritage Code and the Heritage Precincts Specific Area Plan).

iii) Strategic Plan

The committee noted that Council's draft Strategic Plan would, in the near future, be forwarded to Committee members for their consideration and comment.

Agreed that Strategic Plan be considered at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 1 November.

iv) Plantings at Evandale Entrance

Mrs Falkiner was invited to comment on the objection to the nature of the replacement plantings at the entrance to Evandale. Mrs Falkiner advised that she felt that the plantings were drab, not appropriate for Evandale and that the plantings should better reflect the character of Evandale.

The committee was advised that the plants selected had been done so due to their suitability and the low level of maintenance required. Suggested that Mrs Falkiner submit a proposal to Council for consideration. Noting that any proposal would need to detail plants, costings and how the area was to be maintained; and that Council would not take on any additional maintenance.

Mrs Falkiner received support from some members, others suggested that the existing new plantings remain for a 12-month period at which time the plantings be reassessed.

v) Other matters

a) *Trees*

The Committee queried

- whether Council holds a tree register/plan, information to be provided.
- what permissions are required by Aurora to lop trees, advised that Council works with Aurora to ensure the best outcomes.

b) *Footpaths*

The Committee queried when the ironstone gravel footpaths in High Street had last been topped-up and when it was programmed to be undertaken again. Suggested that consideration may be given to an alternate more permanent treatment which looked the same, such as was proposed to be used in other heritage precincts.

c) *Arborists*

Enquiries made:

- the expected date of the next visit of the Arborist
- why Council does not employ local Arborists to undertake inoculations/treatments.

d) *Airport Rates signage*

Suggested that if the campaign is to continue that the signage be changed/upgraded and that Council consider provision of bumper stickers to ratepayers.

The Committee was advised that the campaign is ongoing and that existing signage would be maintained pending the outcome of the current process.

e) *Road Signs*

- Suggested that Council, the community and Department of State Growth work together to improve and modernise signage that, from a tourism perspective, would attract more visitors to Evandale. Also to ensure that signage that is erected is good signage.
- Requested that 'No Air Brakes' signage be installed at the entrances to Evandale

10 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed meeting at 8.22pm.

The next meeting to be held Tuesday, **8 November 2016**, commencing at **7.00pm**.