

EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 6 December 2016 commencing at 6.00pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Mr J Lewis, Mr A Jobson, Mr R von Bibra, Mrs H Houghton, Mrs C Brown, Mr S Baldock, Mr B Lawson

In Attendance: Cr M Knowles

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs K Heathcote, Mrs A Harvey, Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

R von Bibra/H Houghton

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 1 November 2016, be confirmed as a 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.*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Trees / Arborists

The following advice was provided in relation to queries previously raised:

- Council holds a tree register/plan of all trees on Northern Midlands streets, parks and reserves in all towns.
- In excess of 5,600 trees are inspected every 2 years, with a comprehensive report provided on each tree. Isolated trees of concern within that period are inspected on request by Council.
- Aurora, Telstra, etc. operate under legislation relative to the sector in which they operate and are not required to consult with Council when lopping trees; however, generally there is cooperation between the parties, but it is not a requirement.
- Council, engages highly qualified mainland contractors to undertake inspections (the same firm being engaged by a number of councils across the state and in Victoria) and elm leaf beetle treatments (in conjunction with Meander Valley Council).
- Council employs the arboricultural and environmental consultants based in Victoria to undertake the inspections and inoculations as the qualifications, experience and quality of the work undertaken is exemplary. Elm leaf beetle treatments undertaken by local contractors previously were unsuccessful, however, the last treatment was undertaken by the mainland contractors and was 100% successful.
- All trees on council's parks, reserves and nature strips should be included in the register.
- Council officers provide the list and location of new trees planted, after the recent inspection for Enspeg to add to the list.
- Trees on rural roadsides are not included on the list.

Action

Complete.

ii) Footpaths

The committee requested that Council consider the change to standardised footpaths across Evandale and supported the change to exposed aggregate. To be included in the 2017/18 priority projects list.

The committee further queried the reason for the gap between the concrete footpaths and property boundaries on High Street (and other locations). The committee noted that the in-fill of these gaps alongside footpaths is included as No. 6 Section A in the priority list submitted to Council for the 2016/17 budget.

Noted that the Committee were happy with the areas that had been completed, but were awaiting further information relating to the gaps between footpaths and property boundaries.

iii) MAST's Paddle Safe Program

Paddle Safe Program is aimed at paddlers with little or no paddling experience, covering practical paddling techniques, safety equipment requirements, tides and currents, offshore winds and the effects of cold water.

Sessions to be run in the Northern Midlands, on Thursday, 12 January 2017 at (Ross/Campbell Town) and Friday, 13 January 2017 (Longford/Cressy). Bookings/enquiries through MAST on 6235 8829, see MAST website for further information www.mast.tas.gov.au

Being promoted through the weekly adverts in the Your Region section of the Examiner, the Country Courier, and also on our webpage and Facebook sites.

iv) Road Signs

a) At the October meeting, 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.

Agreed to request signage upgrade for Evandale on completion of the roadworks (Perth to Breadalbane / Perth to Symmons Plains), however, could commence with planning in the interim.

b) At the October meeting the Committee requested that officers investigate the installation of 'No Air Brakes' signage at the entrances to Evandale. Noted verbal response from State Growth was that they did not expect this to be an issue. The Chair to ascertain what signage was in place at entrances to Evandale, following which Committee would make suggestions in relation to possible locations for signage.

6 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.

Established

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

Plan to be discussed at February Council workshop.

7 COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

i) Rotary Club

- Christmas lunch held.
- Planning for Australia Day.

ii) Community Centre/ Memorial Hall

- Meeting held 6 December.
- Extraordinary meeting held 23 November.
- New members.
- Meeting to be arranged with Mrs Bond re cleaning of community centre toilets.

iii) Neighbourhood Watch

- Christmas dinner 7 December.
- Signage needs to be removed – not up to date.
- Newsletter has too much advertising.

S Baldock/B Lawson

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) 2017 Calendar

Members noted the following meeting dates for 2017 (first Tuesday monthly):

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

ii) 2016/17 Budget List

Members requested that an update on the progress of the budget list be provided at the January meeting.

iii) Other Matters:

- Status of NBN connection – requested that timeline be established.
- Dump point at Morven Park – members requested update on installation of the curb, etc.
- Evandale Road upgrade and vegetation maintenance – requested that update on upgrade be provided and maintenance of vegetation at Western Junction and Mill Road intersection.
- Noted that beer cans had been dumped on White Hills Road in the vicinity of Getto's Hill dam.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairperson closed meeting at 6.45pm, followed by the Northern Local District Committee Christmas dinner.

The next meeting to be held Tuesday, **7 February 2017**, commencing at **7.00pm**.