

MINUTES

EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2023, 4.00PM

1 ATTENDANCE

John Lewis	Chairman
Henrietta Houghton	Member
Stephanie Ann Kensitt	Member
Bruce Argent-Smith	Member
Geoff Divall	Member

In Attendance:

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

2 APOLOGIES

Barry Lawson	Member
Janet Lambert	Deputy Mayor

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE DECISION

*Moved Stephanie Ann Kensitt, seconded Henrietta Houghton
That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 1 August 2023 be confirmed as 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 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

10.2 – Leighlands Road Speed Zones

At the ordinary meeting of the Council held 21 August 2023 the following decision was recorded by Council's:

SPEED ZONES AROUND THE LEIGHLANDS ROAD AND HIGH STREET INTERSECTION:

MINUTE NO. 23/0262

DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Adams

That Council notes the concerns of the Evandale Advisory Committee and writes to the Department of State Growth in support of the speed zone changes requested.

Carried Unanimously

Officer Recommendation:

That Council notes the concerns of the Evandale Advisory Committee and writes to the Department of State Growth in support of the speed zone changes requested.

Committee Recommendation:

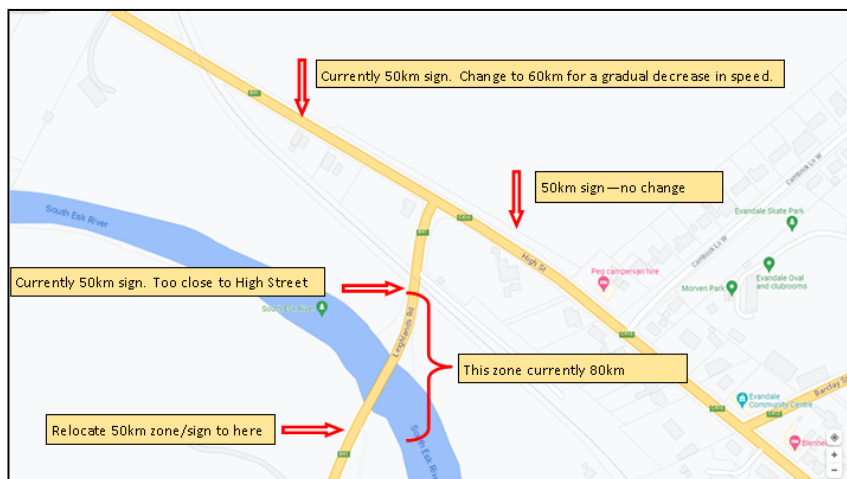
That Council approach State Growth to

- A) relocate the 50m sign on Leighlands Road to before the bridge and
- B) the 50km sign Evandale main road over the railway crossing be changed to 60km when coming up the hill.

Officer Comment:

The speed limit when travelling east along High Street when entering the Evandale boundary changes from 80km/h to 50km/h after the Leighlands Road intersection. EAC members advise that this requires a sharp decrease in speed rather than a gradual one and are requesting that Council approach the Department of state Grow to change the first 50km/h speed limit to 60km/h.

On Leighlands Road, the 50km/h speed decrease occurs after the bridge and rail crossing, and closer to the intersection of High Street and Leighlands Road. Honeysuckle Banks is an area which is used for overnight camping and is the preferred location for the installation of a dump point and public toilet facility. The Evandale Advisory Committee are requesting that the 50km/h zone be moved to before the bridge for safety reasons, as there is the potential for a lot of vehicle



activity occurring within a short stretch of road. Alternatively, that a gradual decrease in speed occurs commencing before the bridge and decreasing to 50km/h as currently signed.

Council has written to the Department of State Growth however no response has been received at this time.

7 MATTERS FOR NOTING

7.1 Meeting dates 2023

In accordance with the MOU meetings of the Committee will be held at 4pm on the first Tuesday of the month, schedule of dates follows:

Meeting Dates for 2023

- 7 November
- 5 December

8 MATTERS PENDING

NIL

9 COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

9.1 Community Centre

- Going well.
- Great to see new volunteers however more are still needed.
- Visitor numbers are increasing.

9.2 Memorial Hall

- Launceston Horticultural Society are now regular users.
- Bonsai Club now monthly user.
- Makers Market also regular.
- Making use of Facebook – advertising meeting room/stage hire.

9.3 Neighbourhood Watch

- “Cuppa with a Cop” – Thursday 5 October from 10am to 11am at the Evandale Café
- Newsletter has been delivered.
- Next meeting to be held in early December.
- Utilising Facebook.
- AGM Tasmania to be held 28 October at Prospect (Casino).

COMMITTEE DECISION

*Moved Bruce Argent-Smith, seconded Henrietta Houghton
That the Community Group Reports be received.*

CARRIED

10 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 - Review of Local District Committees and Forums

Council is currently reviewing the structure and purpose of its Local District Committees/Forums. Refer to the attached correspondence and report for further information and discussion. A response is required by **8 October 2023**.

Bi-monthly- definition is required. Is this twice per month or every second month?

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Henrietta Houghton, seconded Stephanie Ann Kensitt

That the Evandale Advisory Committee recommends meeting bi-monthly (every two months) with the understanding that the committee can meet more frequently in special circumstances if required.

CARRIED

Discussion about micro verses macro issues such as immediate issues that are operational requiring immediate reporting through the Customer Service Reporting and strategic forward planning for the future of the community/region.

Acknowledgement of Country

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

Moved Henrietta Houghton, seconded Geoff Divall

That the Acknowledgement of Country should be undertaken at the first meeting of each year as an enduring message for the remainder of the meetings rather than at each consecutive meeting

CARRIED

The committee considered options for increasing the membership and diversification.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Bruce Argent-Smith, seconded Henrietta Houghton

That the committee accepts all other recommendations made in the District Committee Review MOU.

CARRIED

10.2 - Northern District Committees Christmas Function

When: 23 November 2023

Time: from 5.45pm for a 6.00pm start

Where: at the Blenheim Inn

Refer to the attached invitation.

10.3 - Volunteering & Australia Day Nominations

Advertising will commence shortly for the 2024 Australia day awards.

Categories are:

- Citizen Of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Volunteer Recognition

Nomination forms can be accessed from: <https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/community/your-community/volunteers-australia-day-nominations>

10.4 – Historical Society

Underground electricity cable – write to local members.

10.5 - Back Roads

The producers of Back Roads have been making enquiries at Evandale in relation to potentially filming an episode.

10.6 - Dump Point

Update – waiting for engineers sign off for the Honeysuckle Banks location.

10.7 - Traders in Purple

Nothing new to report.

11 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairperson closed meeting at 5pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Evandale Community Centre on Tuesday, **7 November 2023 at 4pm.**