

EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at 7.00PM on Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at the Evandale Community Centre.

1 PRESENT

John Lewis (Chair), Stephen Baldock, John Remess, Stephanie Kensitt, Barry Lawson, Carol Brown, Henrietta Houghton.

2 APOLOGIES

Gail Eacher (Secretary), Council Representative(s), Annie Harvey.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Carol Brown/John Remess

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 1 October 2019 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

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) General Matters

Matters in progress/report back:

Entrance Statement:

Construction is now completed with appropriately spaced letters and the C (circa) the correct size. An up-light to illuminate the Entrance Statement will be proposed for the 2020/2021 budget.

Falls Park:

Remains as stated on tonight's Agenda.

Pioneer Park:

Mr Lawson presented his Strategic Plan – Evandale's Community Trees & Gardens to The Committee.

It was noted that there are other areas in Evandale to be considered for extra tree Planting, not solely Pioneer park.

The Committee recommended that Council consider Mr Lawson's Strategic Plan and also that Mr Lawson be acknowledged for his fine efforts.

Parking on Market Days:

Feedback from Council re decisions of 1 and 21 October meetings still pending.

Compliance:

Feedback from Council re decisions of 1 and 21 October meetings still pending.

Traffic Calming, Russell Street:

Feedback from Council re decisions of 1 and 21 October meetings still pending.

Banner Poles:

Re Planning Application PLN-19-0164

C Brown/S Baldock

That Council reconsider its decision to position the 4 banner poles in High Street outside the Medical Centre, and that Council look at some alternative sites in consultation with the Evandale Advisory Committee.

Carried

ii) Matters Pending

The following matters are still pending –

Pioneer Park, BBQ shelter – removal and relocation of table.

Memorandum of Understanding Review.

6. COMMUNITY GROUP/SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Rotary Club.

Nothing to report.

ii) Community Centre.

Council has donated a 'new' computer to the Centre, with Windows 10.

Four new volunteers have joined.

iii) Memorial Hall.

Painting of Hall has been completed.

17 November – Thai Food and Culture Festival to be held at the Hall.

Possibility of involvement in the "Ten Days on the Island" programme.

S Kensitt/C Brown

That Council investigate the provision of more outside power points at the Memorial Hall to meet the needs of events such as Anzac Day, the Village Fair and National Penny Farthing Championships, Australia Day etc.

Carried

iv) Evandale Garden Group.

No final decision on Open Gardens yet.

The group continues to grow and at present has 16 members.

v) Tree Planting Planning Group.

Barry Lawson's Strategic Plan for Evandale's Community Trees and Gardens has gone to Council.

vi) JAG – "Wheelchairathon".

No report tabled.

C Brown/B Lawson

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

i) Street Libraries.

The Street Libraries Project was discussed by the Committee and was rejected as being unnecessary for Evandale as the town is already in the fortunate position of having a thriving free library at the Community Centre, open seven days a week.

B Lawson/J Remess

That Council be aware that the Evandale Advisory Committee opposes the idea of a Street Library in Evandale as the town already has a flourishing free Library open seven days per week.

Carried

ii) Overhanging Trees – Hedge at Evandale.

There has been a considerable amount of concern and dismay from the Evandale community regarding the Council's decision, made on October 21, 2019, requiring the owners of 12 Macquarie Street to remove their hedge. Similar concern was expressed by members of the Evandale Advisory Committee. The majority of the Committee is in favour of keeping the Heritage hedge as is (with regular pruning/trimming to maintain it), and two members of the Committee expressed their desire to see the hedge remain but be judiciously lessened in bulk (slowly and bit by bit in order not to kill it).

B Lawson/S Kensitt

That Council reconsider its decision to require the owners of 12 Macquarie Street, Evandale, to remove the Heritage hedge, bearing in mind the degree of community concern over this decision.

Carried

iii) It was brought to the Committee's attention that the two stone benches which are now remaining near the Time Traveller need some minor repairs underneath them.

8. CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairperson closed meeting at 8.15pm.

The next ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at the Evandale Community Centre.