

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 9:30AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Michael Roach (Chairperson), Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr John Ashman, Ms Sally Hills, Mr Bevis Perkins ESM, Mrs Debbie Thomas, Mrs Jill Davis (Vice Chair), Mrs Jill Clarke, Mrs Judith Lyne

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mrs Fiona Oates

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Ken Reid

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*, 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.

Nil declared

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Owen Diefenbach/ Mrs Debbie Thomas

The minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 6 November 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 2019 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations

Nomination forms are due back to Council Friday 7 December 2018 and will be awarded at the Australia Day Event in Evandale on Saturday 26 January 2019.

For further information please contact Miss Copas.

Committee noted information.

6.2 Southern Committees Christmas Function

The Annual Christmas Function for Southern Committees will be held on Thursday 6 December at 6:30pm at Zeps, Campbell Town.

Committee noted information.

6.3 St Luke's Cemetery

Miss Copas investigating further.

General discussion was held regarding the expansion and development of the St Luke's Anglican cemetery and further discussion was held regarding the responsibility of Council. It was resolved that the Church committee would contact Council directly to request the future of the cemetery is considered as a Council Workshop item in the new year.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Festival of Small Halls 2019

Northern Midlands Council is once again hosting the Festival of Small Halls in Longford at the Longford Town Hall on Wednesday 9 January 2018.

The Festival of Small Halls is a unique touring concept showcasing Australia's best folk and contemporary music. Produced by Woodfordia Inc in partnership with many other wonderful Australian festivals, regional partners and great lovers and supporters of folk and contemporary acoustic music.

Tickets are available directly through Council office and also available online. Link to be circulated with agenda.

Committee noted information.

7.2 Council Christmas Closure

Council Office will be closed from Monday 24th of December for the Christmas break and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd of January 2019.

Committee noted information.

7.3 Welcome to Mayor Knowles

The committee welcomed newly elected Mayor Mary Knowles and invited her to speak. Mrs Knowles explained her vision and passion for the Northern Midlands and expressed her excitement at working with the community on a variety of issues and upcoming developments.

7.4 Christmas Decorations

General discussion was held around the lack of Christmas decorations within the main streets of Campbell Town. Mayor Knowles gave a brief update on the new banner poles that have recently been installed on Wellington Street, in Longford, that provide the ability for year-round use. Mayor Knowles advised that this year, students from Longford Primary School have provided Council with Christmas themed drawings for display.

Miss Copas advised that Council will look at installing banner poles within each town and Christmas lights and decorations will be considered within the Campbell Town Street Design.

The committee has strongly requested that Campbell Town be considered for banner poles in 2019.

7.5 Accommodation

General discussion was held regarding the lack of available accommodation within Campbell Town. Mayor Knowles advised that once the new Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Multipurpose facility is complete, it will provide space for larger gatherings and will be well utilised for events such as conferences and meetings. Mayor Knowles advised that the lack of accommodation within Campbell Town may deter organisers and urged committee members to consider further options and future possibilities for accommodation.

7.6 Kitchen Facilities at the Town Hall

The chair tabled a letter regarding the poor amenities and lack of kitchen facilities in the Town Hall.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

7.7 Illegal Dumping

Concern was raised regarding recent illegal dumping along the Esplanade near the Water Race.

Action:

Miss Copas to pass on to Works Manager.

7.8 Shipping Container

General discussion was held regarding the by law for shipping containers. Please see Council's Shipping Container Policy online with the link provided with the minutes.

7.9 Valentine Park Toilet Maintenance

It was raised that the soap dispensers in the male toilets are missing.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

7.10 Increase to tip opening days

General discussion was held around the requirement for further opening days at the Campbell Town Waste Transfer Station. It was resolved that the committee would investigate the need for further opening hours and provide feedback to Council.

7.11 Development Applications

General discussion was held regarding a recent development application involving demolition works. It was noted that the property advertised has burnt down therefore demolition is no longer required. Miss Copas has been advised that the Development Application is retrospective.

7.12 Valentine Park Sign

A general discussion was held regarding the newly installed signage at the log in Valentine Park. Concern was raised about some of the content of the sign relating to episodes of drunkenness associated with the sawmilling and logging. It was agreed that it would have been preferable if council had better consulted the local community about the content of the sign before installation. The forum welcomed the overall design of the sign which complimented the main town sign at the entrance of Valentine Park.

7.13 Entrance Statement/ Streetscape Signs

General discussion was held regarding installation of new entrance statements and street signs showing the history of Campbell Town. It was suggested that the Red Bridge and wool industry be featured as prominent aspects of the history of Campbell Town. Miss Copas confirmed that they will be progressed with the new streetscape design.

7.14 Plaque Replacement

General discussion was held regarding replacement of well-worn plaques and signs throughout Campbell Town. Miss Copas confirmed that replacement will be progressed when budget is available.

7.15 Ash Trees – Valentine Park

Mrs Lyne expressed her sadness in the requirement to remove the ash trees outside Valentine Park. Mr Roach explained the requirement and necessity for them to be removed and advised that they will be replaced with a similar species.

8 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at **10:19am**.

Next meeting to be held on **5 February 2019** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.