

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 9:30AM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Jillian Clarke, Mrs Jill Davis, Mrs Judith Lyne, Ms Sally Hills, Mr Danny Saunders, Mrs Tracy Spencer – Lloyd, Ms Sarah Annesley (to 10:30am)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Janet Lambert, Mr Des Jennings (NMC), Mrs Lucie Copas Fowler (NMC)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Fiona Oates, Ms Jo Taylor, Mr Owen Diefenbach

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

Mrs Sally Hills/ Mr Danny Saunders

The minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 3 August 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Underpass

No further update from the Department of State Growth has been received.

DSG to initiate community consultation.

General discussion was held regarding the construction of the underpass. Mrs Clarke advised that she received a phone call on Friday from the Pitt & Sherry consultants requesting a last-minute meeting. Mrs Clarke advised that herself and Mrs Davis attended the meeting and had a discussion with the consultants about their dislike, and the community's dislike of the construction and cost of the underpass. Mrs Clarke advised that the consultants were engaged to discuss the construction and associated concerns of the underpass, and that they could not answer any other queries.

Mrs Clarke advised that a letter had been drafted to be sent to politicians in an effort to halt construction of the underpass to allow further community consultation and an alternative option to be considered. Mrs Davies read the letter aloud and members suggested that the letter is not sent, and that phone calls are made instead urgently.

Mayor Knowles and Mr Jennings reiterated that Council had no authority over the project and had approached the Department of State Growth once the community voiced their concerns.

The committee resolved that they would contact politicians and the media.

Mrs Tracy Spencer-Lloyd/ Mrs Jill Davis

The Campbell Town District Forum request that Council indicate their position in support of the committee's opposition to the underpass.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Bicentennial Celebrations

Committee to provide update on upcoming events.

An upcoming school sports day is being hosted with the bicentenary committee hosing the barbecue.

There is also a farm tour scheduled for October.

6.3 Town Hall Review

Council at its 19 July 2021 Ordinary Meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Davis/Cr Calvert

That Council determines to sell the Town Hall situated at 75-77 High Street, Campbell Town and directs the General Manager to commence the sale process in accordance with Part 12, Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried By Absolute Majority

Voting for the motion:

Mayor Knowles, Cr Adams, Cr Calvert, Cr Davis, Cr Goss

Voting against the motion:

Cr Brooks, Cr Lambert

No further update has been received from the Tasmanian Heritage Council regarding the application for heritage listing.

Mr Jennings reiterated that no further update has been received regarding the application for heritage listing. Mr Jennings also advised that he was not aware of any representations to date. Though, representation will likely be received. The matter will be presented to Council for further consideration and if Council agrees to proceed with the sale, those that made the representations may appeal the decision.

Ms Hills asked if a new location for the museum had been identified, Mr Jennings advised that a new location had not been identified yet but Council would continue to work with the museum and potential new owners if Council agrees to sell the hall, to ensure the museum has an adequate space.

6.4 Tourist Signage/ Dual Naming

The signs are currently being made and will be installed once complete.

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that Council is waiting on the finished signs.

6.5 Information and Tourist Signs

Council's Tourism & Events Officer Fiona Dewar has advised that Council is still waiting for quotations and designs.

Currently investigating other design and printing options.

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that she had spoken with Ms Dewar who had advised that she had received a significantly cheaper quote than the original one which would enable her to replace all current plaques.

Ms Dewar has requested that any updates or changes to plaques are provided to Mrs Copas Fowler asap so she can action any required amendments.

Mrs Copas Fowler to circulate electronic copies of the plaques for comment.

6.6 Invitations

The following groups and organizations were suggested:

- Tasmania Police
- Ambulance Tasmania
- TasFire
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Department of State Growth

Mrs Copas Fowler contacted the Department of State Growth in May 2021. Awaiting reply.

Mrs Spencer-Lloyd advised that she had contacted GHD and asked them to meet with the committee to discuss the Campbell Town Main Street Upgrades. Mr Jennings advised that Council would not be supportive of any further costs to the Main Street Redevelopment project and that when funding is received the community will be consulted again.

General discussion was held regarding recent project funding. Mrs Davis advised that some community members were confused about large projects being funded directly by the State or Federal Government. She advised that often community members were confused as to where the funding was coming from and misinterpreted that it was coming directly from Council.

Mayor Knowles advised that when funding for bigger projects becomes available and is applicable to proposed or “wish listed” projects Council applies for funding. Mayor Knowles advised that Council has been very successful in receiving funding for large projects which has enabled several large projects municipal wide to be completed.

Mrs Tracy Spencer-Lloyd / Mr Danny Saunders

That Council support the Campbell Town District Forum to meet with GHD at no cost to the committee.

The motion was lost

6.7 Smoke Free Zone – High Street

Letters have been sent to all businesses along High Street. Mrs Copas Fowler to provide verbal update. No further action required.

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that Council had received some negative feedback from the letters being sent.

6.8 Upgrades to the Campbell Town Skate Park

The project has been listed as a Priority Project for the 2022 Federal Election. Council officers to progress. No further action required.

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that Council had include the project on the Smaller Recreation Funding List for the 2022 Federal Election.

Mrs Spencer-Lloyd advised that Ms Taylor had taken on the project.

Mr Jennings advised that plans and costings had been provided by West Tamar Council.

6.9 Banners

Mrs Copas Fowler to provide draft banner designs to the committee for comment.

Banner design was circulated to the committee, no comment or feedback received.

6.10 Noticeboard

Mrs Oates to provide an update on noticeboard ownership.

Mrs Oates was not present at the meeting to provide an update.

6.11 Community Newsletter

Committee to provide update on proposed community newsletter.

Ms Annesley advised that Mrs Oates no longer had the capacity to assist and she would be progressing on her own.

Ms Annesley to circulate draft to committee members for comment.

6.12 Main Street Upgrades Consultation

Committee to provide feedback to Council.

General discussion was held regarding the process of the stages and when they will be implemented.

Mr Jennings reiterated that the community will be consulted once funding has been secured.

6.13 Meeting dates and times

Committee to provide an update.

No changes to the current meeting date and time.

6.14 Ross Local District Committee

Committee to provide an update.

Mrs Clarke to contact Mr Thorpe to suggest a proposed joint meeting.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Membership of the Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust

Judith Lyne has tendered her resignation as the CTFD representative from EMIT.

Action:

Committee to appoint new representative.

Mrs Copas Fowler to circulate further information with the minutes.

7.2 Australia Day Awards

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that Council's Australia Day Awards are now open for nominations, all details can be found on Council's website.

Mrs Copas Fowler encouraged the committee to start thinking about nominations.

7.2 Gym

General discussion was held regarding the proposal for a gym in Campbell Town. Mrs Spencer-Lloyd requested that Council assist in facilitating this for the benefit of the community.

Mrs Copas Fowler advised that during the consultation process Council made provisions for a room suitable for a gym space to be included within the development. This was identified during the community consultation process and when Council designed the facility, and the smaller meeting room in particular, it was designed to allow for the provision of a commercial gym space. The room was designed to allow for potential gym use, and has been suitably fitted to require minimal modification if a commercial gym operator was to lease the space.

Mr Jennings advised that if a commercial operator was keen to lease the room, Council would consider it under a commercial lease arrangement.

8 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at **11:00am**.

Next meeting to be held on **5 October 2021** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.