

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 9:30AM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Jillian Clarke, Mrs Jill Davis, Ms Sally Hills, Mr Danny Saunders, Mrs Tracy Spencer – Lloyd, Mrs Fiona Oates, Ms Jo Taylor, Mr Owen Diefenbach

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Andrew Calvert, Mrs Lucie Copas Fowler (NMC)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Judith Lyne, Ms Sarah Annesley

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 Danny Saunders/ Mrs Sally Hills

The minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on **Tuesday, 7 September 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendments:

6.10 Noticeboard

Mrs Oates advised at the August meeting that the noticeboard location previously identified was not suitable and that an alternative location would need to be found.

7.3 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.

Cr Calvert stated he is supportive of the addition of a gym for community use.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Underpass

A public display was held from Thursday 9 September to Thursday 23 September 2021, at the Northern Midlands Council Offices, Campbell Town Health Centre and Campbell Town District High School.

DECISION

Cr Calvert/Deputy Mayor Goss

That Council note the request and that a contract has been let by the Department of State Growth for the design and construction of the pedestrian underpass.

Carried

General discussion was held, the committee advised that they have met with several local politicians, including John Tucker and Jen Butler, and candidate Susie Bower who advised the committee to encourage Council to pursue funding for upgrades to the Main Street Redevelopment.

The committee advised that they were unhappy with the lack of communication from Council regarding the project. Mrs Copas Fowler advised that Council had received limited information regarding the Department of State Growth project and that all information that had been received had been passed onto the committee.

6.2 Bicentennial Celebrations

Ongoing events, committee to provide update.

Mrs Clarke advised that there are three events to go for the year and that they have so far been very successful.

6.3 Town Hall Review

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

General discussion was held, Cr Calvert advised that the hall has not yet been listed for sale. Discussion was held regarding the application for Heritage listing. Cr Calvert advised that to date no information had been received from the Tasmanian Heritage Council.

6.4 Tourist Signage/ Dual Naming

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

No further action required.

Committee noted information.

6.5 Information and Tourist Signs

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

General discussion was held, the committee has requested that the grey strip on the left-hand side is printed in blue to match the signs in Valentine Park.

Action:

Mrs Copas Fowler to investigate.

Discussion was held regarding the highway signs advising of amenities. Mrs Copas Fowler advised that she would follow up with Council's Events & Tourism Officer. Currently awaiting redesign quote and confirmation from the printers.

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 (updated 28 September 2021).

General discussion was held, Mrs Copas Fowler advised that she would invite representatives from the Department of State Growth again.

6.7 Upgrades to the Campbell Town Skate Park

The project has been listed as a Small Recreation Project in Councils upcoming Federal Election Priority document.

General discussion was held, Mrs Taylor advised that she is happy to work with students from the school to boost the request. The committee asked if Council's Youth Officer could assist also.

Mrs Taylor asked if there were other possible funding streams that the committee could apply for, Mrs Copas Fowler advised that the following may be suitable:

- *Sport & Recreation Major Grants*
(https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/communities-sport-recreation/sportrec/funding_grants/major_grants)
- *Tasmanian Community Fund (<https://tascomfund.org/>)*
- *Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (<https://frrr.org.au/>)*

Action:

Mrs Oates and Mrs Davis to make contact with the school.

6.8 Banners

Banner designs have been sent to printers. Awaiting printing and installation.

Quote has been approved, banners will be installed once complete.

6.9 Noticeboard

Mrs Oates to provide an update on community noticeboard.

Mrs Oates is still investigating a preferred location. The original location may still be suitable. The IGA was also considered. Location to be confirmed.

6.10 Community Newsletter

Ms Annesley to circulate draft to committee members for comment.

Update to be provided at the November meeting.

6.11 Main Street Upgrades Consultation

Council at its 16 August 2021 Council Meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Calvert/Cr Brooks

The initial cost of the concept plan was substantial and the design of Stage 1 has been finalised after input from engineers and the community, any further changes to be made would be considered a redesign and would be an extra expense to Council. That Council consider this request prior to finalisation of future stages of the design work.

Carried unanimously

General discussion was held regarding the future consultation of stages 2 and 3. The committee would like to be consulted when this occurs.

The committee expressed their desire to have both final stages completed in order to present to politicians for potential funding opportunities. Mrs Copas Fowler encouraged the committee to pursue politicians for funding.

6.12 Membership of the Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust

Mr Saunders has put forward his nomination to replace Judith Lyne as the CTDF representative for EMIT.

Mrs Copas Fowler to seek further information.

6.13 Australia Day Awards

Council's Australia Day Awards are now open for nominations; all details can be found on Council's website.

Please contact Mrs Copas Fowler for further information.

The 2022 event will be held in Cressy.

Committee noted information.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Climate Change

Campbell Town student, Laura Roach was recently featured in the Northern Midlands Courier talking about the effects of climate change.

Action:

Committee to pursue invitation to attend a future meeting.

7.2 Future of Museum

General discussion was held regarding the future of the Campbell Town Museum and Information Centre.

Cr Calvert advised that Council was looking at options.

7.3 Parking lines along Main Street

The parking lines along the Main Street outside Zeps are very faded and need redoing.

Mrs Copas Fowler to confirm responsibility.

7.4 Pedestrian Lights

General discussion was held regarding the installation of pedestrian lights on a national highway. Several members advised that this a regular occurrence on mainland states and queried why it cannot occur here, in lieu of underpasses.

Action:

Committee to pursue.

8 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at **10:42am**.

Next meeting to be held on **2 November 2021** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.