

# Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Turners Beach Hall  
Thursday, 25 January commencing at 4.00pm

## PRESENT

**Community Representatives:** **Merryn Gilham** (Community Representative)  
**Tim Horniblow** (Coastcare)

**Council Representatives:** **Paul Breaden** (Director Infrastructure Services)  
**Daryl Connelly** (Director Community, Growth and  
Development)

**Minute Taker:** **Tracey Clark** (Administrative Assistant)

## 1 WELCOME

Daryl Connelly chaired the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

## APOLOGIES

**Clynton Jaffray** (Community Member), **Susan Spinks** (Turners Beach Community Garden),  
**Barry Omundson** (CCC – Chief Executive Officer).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*The Council acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of lutruwita (Tasmania), the palawa/pakana people. We acknowledge the Punnilerpanner tribe of this Northern Country, and in doing so, we celebrate one of the world's oldest continuous cultures.*

## 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Merryn Gilham moved, and Tim Horniblow seconded: "That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 25 May 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record."

**Carried**

## 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### a **Railway bridge and shared pathway (continuing Item)**

Paul advised the Pathway from Lukin Street to the underpass is finished, with minor maintenance and signage to be completed shortly. Signage will provide a history of the bridge and surrounding area, as well as flora, fauna, and Aboriginal heritage. This is being designed in consultation with local Aboriginal community members and should be complete within two months.

**b Street Scape and Traffic Management Project (continuing Item)**

Paul reported that the design of the pathway through Turners Beach is ongoing, with construction expected to commence later in 2024.

**c Update on Noticeboard installation (minute ref 25/05/23 item 3c)**

Paul reported the noticeboard has been installed.

**d Update on Artwork (Minute ref 25/05/23 item 4.2)**

Daryl advised the original painting was provided to the Council for safekeeping, and the particular environmental requirements mean it is unsuitable to hang the original in the hall. Staff will obtain a quote for a reproduction and interpretation signage, with the intention to display the reproduction in the Turners Beach Hall.

**4 WALKING PATH SIGN**

The matter of a faded sign along the walking path was originally raised by Merryn via email. Tracey advised a works order was generated on 7 December 2023, and staff are working to locate the sign artwork which will then be forwarded to the signwriter for a replacement.

**5 PORT FENTON SIGN**

Merryn requested that in addition to the colonial recognition on the Port Fenton sign, there should be consideration given to telling local Aboriginal stories. The group agreed that the inclusion of Aboriginal history on the bridge signage would suitably address this request.

**6 COUNCIL UPDATE**

Paul reported:

- Pathway maintenance will continue, as mentioned in item 3a.
- Infrastructure staff are also assessing beach accesses to understand what work is required. Tim noted that the access between Albert Street and La Mar has rusty wire on the ground.

**ACTION:** Tracey to raise a service request to address the rusty wire.

Tracey reported:

- The Antenno app is available to provide updates on what is happening in the area, and to report any issues, and appears to have been well received by the community, with service requests being action by appropriate staff.

Daryl reported:

- The new Chief Executive Officer has settled in well, and a number of positive changes are being implemented
- Councillors and staff have worked together to reassess priorities for the next few years, and this has been reflected in the Term Plan Our Place – Our Future, which is available on the Council website.
- A small number of new roles have been created, including a Coordinator Economic Development role, which will focus on items such as population growth, industrial precincts, and tourism, and a Coordinator Communications and Relationships to focus on the way we inform and seek to understand the community.
- The Turners Beach Specific Area Plan report will be presented to Council in February and will summarise the representations received. Councillors will then decide whether to recommend to the Tasmanian Planning Commission, that the amendment as currently proposed be approved, or alternatively, Council may recommend that the amendment not proceed or that it proceeds with some changes. The Tasmanian Planning Commission will hold hearings, and everyone who made a representation will be invited to attend before the Commission makes its final decision. Details will be published in the February Council Meeting agenda.

## **7 COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Tim Reported:

Coastcare currently has a good membership and will be holding working bees once a month around the different areas, commencing in February.

## **8 FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE**

Daryl said this issue had previously been raised by other members of the committee.

He reported that Council's Senior Leadership and Performance Team and Councillors are committed to visiting each community throughout the year with the Community Conversations sessions, and this combined with the appointment of a dedicated communications role, means there will be good community engagement. With this in mind, all members present agreed that maintaining the group was no longer a priority.

Daryl reiterated that Council staff will continue to engage with various groups within the community on a regular basis, and that members shouldn't hesitate to contact Paul or Daryl if there are any local issues requiring Council attention.

The group will be formally wound up, with communication provided to the community on the reasons behind the decision. A thank you event will then be planned to thank committee members for their dedication to their local community.

## **9 OTHER BUSINESS**

Tim requested that dog bags be placed at the Albert Street beach access.

**ACTION:** Tracey to follow up with Regulatory Services staff.

Merryn noted that the speed limit sign on the roundabout has stickers all over it.

**ACTION:** Paul will investigate.

**10 MEETING CLOSED**

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 4.35pm.