

Forth Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the 82nd meeting held at Forth Hall

Thursday, 5 November 2020 – commencing at 4.00pm

1 PRESENT

Forth Community Representatives: Alan Wheeler, Peter Miller, Ashley How, Di Robb and Neil Armstrong

Central Coast Council: Paul Breaden (**Director Infrastructure Services**) and Simon Angillely (**Community Development Group Leader**)

2 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Apologies: Sandra Ayton (**General Manager Central Coast Council**); Allison Kable (**Community Services Officer**); Dianne Poulton and John French.

Paul Breaden chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made for the benefit of the new member from the Forth Valley Lions Club Di Robb.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Paul Breaden moved, and Alan Wheeler seconded, “That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 8 August 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record.”

Carried

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1

a Traffic concerns Highway intersection (continuing item)

Paul reported to the meeting that the Department of State Growth (DSG) have appointed a new Project Manager Craig Tarbotton.

The Leith Overpass project is still in the early design phase. It is intended to deliver the contract as a Design and Construct model with tender occurring around May 2021 – perhaps earlier if possible.

Active stakeholder engagement has not yet started as DSG are still going through the process of refining and approving their Stakeholder and Communications Engagement Plan which must be endorsed before the project goes out to the public, including to the Council.

The Minister has endorsed the concept design that was developed subsequently from the meetings that the DSG held earlier with the Council and other key stakeholders. This concept design will be developed a little further and from this the DSG will create public display material.

Action: This is to remain as an Agenda item for future updates.

b Turners Beach to Leith Shared Pathway

Planning appeal process has been finalised with approval to proceed.

Currently going through process to sign off on all the requirements of the appeal, discuss variation to scope with successful tenderer, and finalise Tasrail leases at each end of former bridge. MOU has been signed.

Tender has been approved and work to commence in 6 to 8 weeks on the Shared Pathway.

c Bitumen on Shared Pathway

Paul investigated and reported that the affected areas of lumpy asphalt have been ground off. They will require ongoing treatment until eventually the seal will require replacement. The fence has also been repaired.

Peter Miller believes more work required and Council to investigate further if sections to be replaced.

d Tree Stumps

The trees were felled by the property owner, it appears from Google imagery as part of access improvements to the property back in 2010.

As they are behind the fence Council will not undertake removal.

e New Members

Discussions were held on how to fill current vacancies on the committee. Di Robb is the new Forth Valley Lions Club representative.

Representatives from the Forth Football Club and the now Central Coast Cricket club (combined Forth and Turners Beach Cricket Clubs) were contacted by Jackie Merchant (previous Community Development Officer), but no commitment was given by these clubs.

Written correspondence is to be sent to these clubs inviting their representation on the committee.

Expressions of interest to be advertised for other community representation on the committee, similar to the expressions of interest recently undertaken for the Turners Beach Community Committee.

Action: Write to the Cricket and Football Clubs about representation on the committee representing recreation.

Action: Advertise for expressions of interest for the one remaining community member representative.

f Land for Sale at Forth/Forth Primary School

The land in question has now been sold privately.

g Barrier middle section of William Street

Paul Breden has investigated, barrier to be improved, obstruction hazard marker installed.

Action: This is to remain an Agenda item for future updates.

h Land Fill Forth Hill

In relation to 491 Forth Road– the works have been completed.

A final inspection with the consultants who had input into the works required is still to be conducted. The dwelling on the land burnt down a few weeks ago.

A Part 5 Agreement is tied to the Title in relation to the works on the land.

i Braddons Look Out Road

The area was inspected with no evidence of wash at the time. It is better to write to BRA when the problem is evident.

The area will be monitored for future issues and dealt with at that time.

j 48 Hour RV Friendly areas

The Council have drafted a By-Law to support RV friendly areas, which will be progressed over the next 6 – 12 months, the plan is to do this in conjunction with the finalisation of the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

k Armco Barrier

Still on the to do list, staff numbers, priorities, and consideration of funding opportunities.

Action: Council to write to DSG.

5 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Council Update

The Council's future task list in the Strategic Plan will be the Leith Shared Pathway, traffic management and beautification. The Council to consult with community members in the near future.

Simon Angilley noted current event planning in the ongoing Covid-19 environment and raised possibility of future Christmas decorations in the Forth (and Turners Beach) communities.

Alan Wheeler indicated it would be great if the Council could provide decorations for the outside of the Forth Hall for 2020, which the Lions Club could install (and bring down).

5.2 Community Update

Alan thanked council for the line marking that was done in William Street, Forth.

Neil Armstrong reported on drivers cutting corners along Leith Road. Paul advised the Council will assess Leith Road for line marking.

Neil reported on the two bridges at Forth and the condition they are in. He asked if the Council would consider having them painted and tidied up. The overflow bridge is the Council's responsibility, where the Forth River Bridge is DSG. Paul advised he would contact DSG and put in a request to have the bridge painted. Suggestions were to consider using another colour to paint them other than white. Paul would look at what the requirements are.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

COVID-19 restriction at Forth Hall – Alan advised the Hall Committee are continuing with the COVID disciplines at the Hall until Council advise otherwise.

Emergency Management 2020 Flood Mapping – Paul advised the 2020 Flood mapping is completed, the Lower Forth evacuation Plan will be updated and will include e.g. COVID-19 restriction. The Forth Hall is an evacuation centre in the Forth area.

Notice Board Donated – Alan advised that the Forth Valley Lions Club have purchased and donated a notice board to the Forth Shop, which should be installed in near future.

Intent is for noticeboard to have two sections – one for community notices (e.g. Forth community meeting notes, advert for EOI for community representative, details of upcoming events) and the other for private items of public interest (e.g. for sale information, services) these will be monitored.

Display of the Forth Community Group Committee Minutes - Discussion regarding the availability of the committee's minutes, and their display to the community. Noted that they are a public document, but currently only available as attachment to Council meeting agenda and minutes.

Discussed that possible additional circulation might include posting on the public notice board (above) or as additional link/file on the Council's website, at the page dedicated to the Committee.

Action: Simon to confirm if this can be done.

Agreed that for appropriate privacy, any advertised or formal contact should be to the Council's Community Development Officer(s).

Phone Enquiry - Simon noted that Community Development Officer had recently received telephone enquiry about the committee, including the availability of information, and expressing possible interest in membership. These items/topics covered in discussion in section 4.1e.

Meeting Dates - 2021 to be done up and sent out.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 February 2021 at the Forth Community Hall commencing at 4.00pm.

8 MEETING CLOSED

As there was no more business to discuss the meeting closed at 4.51pm.