

# Forth Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting held at Forth Hall

Thursday, 8 August 2020 – commencing at 4.00pm

## 1 PRESENT

**Forth Community Representatives:** Alan Wheeler, Peter Miller, Ashley How and John French

**Central Coast Council:** Sandra Ayton (**General Manager Central Coast Council**), and Paul Breden (**Director Infrastructure Services**)

## 2 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

**Apologies:** Neil Armstrong, Dianne Poulton and Jackie Merchant (**Community Development Officer**)

Sandra Ayton chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

## 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ John French moved, and Paul Breden seconded, “That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 9 February 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)

This is a continuing item. Paul Breden advised that the Department of State Growth (DSG) is to do a risk assessment on the project. John French requested that the Council follow up the DSG on their progress.

**Action:** Paul to report to next meeting.

#### b Turners Beach to Leith Shared Pathway

Sandra reported that a development application for the Turners Beach to Leith section of the Shared Pathway was approved by the Council, but two parties have appealed the Council's decision. Sandra is hopeful that it will be resolved during mediation.

**c Bitumen on Shared Pathway**

The bitumen in one spot of the Shared Pathway from Ulverstone to Turners Beach has a problem, the ground crystallises under the bitumen and lifts it. Paul to speak with workers to see if more can be done to fix the problem.

**Action:** Paul will investigate.

**d Tree Stumps**

The Tree Stumps on the corner of James and Gilbert Streets, Forth maybe located on a road reserve. The boundary of the property may have been moved. Paul to investigate the location of the road reserve.

**Action:** Paul to investigate and report to next meeting.

**e New Members**

The meeting agreed that three more representatives are needed:

- Forth football Club
- Forth Cricket Club
- Forth Valley Lions Club.

Jackie to follow up by sending an invitation to the clubs to nominate a member to attend. Peter French and Alan Wheeler to speak with members at the Forth Valley Lions Club.

**Action:** Jackie Merchant to write to clubs.

**f Land for Sale at Forth/Forth Primary School**

The Council has received an email (Doc Id 351375) from the Forth Primary School association regarding the possible acquisition of a parcel of land for the Forth Community on the corner of Forth Main Road and Wilmot Road, Forth.

If purchased for the school and community, suggested future uses for the land includes:

- Community garden
- Self-contained camping grounds (which will encourage relocation of campers away from the Forth recreation grounds, thereby restoring that area for community sports and activities)
- Redevelopment of the mountain bike and pump tracks
- Natural playground and/or play area
- Fishing jetty
- Preserving overflow car parking options for music festivals and school fairs
- Preserving cross country running tracks for Forth Primary School students.

The Association believes that acquisition and development of the land would have additional benefits for the greater Forth community.

The Association would like to discuss with the Council the available funding options to procure the parcel of land on behalf of the Forth township and support its future development.

The meeting agreed that the Council discuss this with the Association and complimented the members on their forward planning for the area.

Sandra advised that this will be discussed with the Councillors at a Councillor workshop shortly.

## 5 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 5.1 Council Update

#### *Forth – Actions for the 2020–2021 Financial Year*

Sandra reported on items which affect the Forth community in the 2020–2021 financial year.

#### *Budget*

- . Turners Beach -- Leith Shared Pathway
- . Westella Drive development – (urban roads)
- . Kindred Road/Old Kindred Road intersection (rural sealed).
- . George Street (north of Forth Road) – (rural sealed)
- . Forth River– flood opening (bridges)

#### *Interplan Actions*

- . Implement an annual Adventure Festival for Central Coast.
- . Continue investigations into urban and rural flood catchments, including the Leven River, Forth River and Penguin Creek.
- . Development of Central Coast Tree Strategy – this includes a tree management plan. The Council will seek expressions of interest from members of the public to work with the Council to discuss the implementation.
- . Prepare a Pathways Plan to ensure connectivity between areas within towns and with the Shared Pathway.
- . Review of Council's arterial roads.
- . Waste Management Strategy which includes looking at a composting facility at Dulverton and the need for rural waste transfer stations.
- . Disability and Inclusion Action Plan.
- . Reconciliation Action Plan.

## 5.2 Community Update

*Noise at Harvest Moon* – Alan Wheeler request this be taken off the Agenda at this time.

*Barrier Middle section William Street* – People in 4-wheel drives driving over the rock barriers.

**Action:** Paul to inspect the area and look at an additional barrier and signage.

*Line Marking Braddons Look Out Road and William Street, Forth Intersection* – the members requested council to look at the line marking in this area as it needs to be renewed and replace the Give Way sign.

**Action:** Paul to inspect the area.

*John French reported that items were missed off the agenda for this meeting and could they be placed on the agenda the meeting to be held on 5 November 2020.*

*Land fill Forth hill* – the committee would like to know if the property owner is complying with the Council regulations.

**Action:** Sandra to follow up and report back to next meeting.

*Braddons Look Out Road* – A large quantity of silt wash from a farming property near Williams Street.

**Action:** Paul to follow up on whether communication was sent to the property owner and if the problem has been fixed.

*48 Hour RV Friendly areas* – The Council is developing a By-Law and Camping Policy. An update to be provided at the next meeting.

**Action:** Sandra to report to next meeting on the policy.

*Armco Barriers* – The Armco barrier up the Forth Road hill which is on opposite sides of the road has been reported as unsafe when two trucks pass each other on this section of road. Paul to follow up with Department of State Growth to report it as a black spot area that needs attention.

**Action:** Council to write to the DSG to report it as a black spot area that needs attention.

## 6 OTHER BUSINESS

*Realigning of Intersections* – John French asked the Council if consideration has been given to the realigning of the intersection near the Bridge Hotel and Wilmot Road. Paul advised that the Council's Traffic Management group have this on their agenda.

*Forth Hall* - Alan Wheeler reported that the COVID-19 regulations have been applied and adhered to by user groups.

*Report on Tim Pierce* - The meeting was advised that Tim is now a resident of Eliza Purton Home and he is enjoying improved health.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5 November 2020 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.