

# Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Turners Beach Hall

Thursday, 27 August 2020 commencing at 4.00pm

**1 PRESENT**

**Community Representatives:** Tim Horniblow, Susan Spinks, Andrew Leary, Merryn Gilham, Rod Priestley and Elaine Eiler

**Central Coast Council (CCC) Representatives:**

Sandra Ayton (General Manager), Paul Breaden (Director Infrastructure Services) and Jackie Merchant (Community Development Officer).

**2 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

■ Susan Spinks moved, and Merryn Gilham seconded, "That the minutes for the meeting held on 28 May 2020 be confirmed.

**Carried**

**4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**a Railway and shared pathway progress**

State Government Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the former Forth Railway Bridge has been signed. Two representors appealed the Council's decision to approve the pathway and mediation between the Council and the two parties was undertaken where consensus was reached. It has now gone back to the Planning Tribunal for consideration. Modifications such as a tighter corner away from properties, landscaping and a change in gradient, and not using bitumen, or a dark coloured surface for the pathway has been agreed on. A fence will also be built to protect the properties.

**b 7 Day Makeover**

The Committee agreed to put on hold the 7 Day Makeover until the community is able to meet in groups and on location (COVID-19). Sandra will follow up with 7 Day Makeover Director to get an appreciation of the new proposed remote working method now being used by the 7 Day Makeover organisation.

The group agreed to hold off until March – April 2021, if that time slot was available – otherwise to work best with the weather it will be delayed until the following year.

**c Regional Shared Pathway Plan**

Pathway plan still under development. The designers have applied to the Department of State Growth to put in a DA. TasRail sign off on the project will also be required.

**d New member**

Available positions on the group will be identified and advertised. Andrew Leary has volunteered to work with the General Manager in assessing applications. Expression of interest to be sent to committee members to share. A suggestion was made for a businessperson.

**5 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 COUNCIL UPDATE**

**a Discussion about the Strategic Actions for 2020–2021**

*Strategic actions for 2020–2021* that may impact on Turners Beach were noted:

- . Review of the Cycle Plan which will include cycle tourism.
- . Works at Westella Drive.
- . Construction of the Turners Beach to Leith shared pathway.
- . Undertake a 7 Day makeover.
- . Develop a street tree strategy and integrate Turners Beach traffic management into the Streetscape plan
- . Pathway plans for connectivity between towns
- . Disability and inclusion action plan which will require community consultation
- . Reconciliation action plan with Reconciliation Tasmania
- . Parks design and policy landscaping guidelines
- . Development of a Central Coast waste strategy
- . Energising the central business district – events, outdoor dining, conversion of above shop spaces.

Some of these groups will be working groups with community representation and others will not. Which Councillors will facilitate is yet to be decided.

**b Central Coast Council Draft Dog Management Policy**

A new officer has been appointed whose primary focus will be dog management including working with the community on the new phased in policy.

New signage is being developed and will be in place. There will be a phased in warning period and then it will be strictly enforced to encourage compliance.

## 5.2 COMMUNITY UPDATE

### a Rod Priestly

*Bollards and white lines on Shared pathway* – Paul Breden shared the new line marking design. The new line marking will go around all the bollards on the pathway.

### b Andrew Leary

*Improving communication between Council and community* – Discussion was held on opportunities for better communication with Council.

Earlier and broader communication may have prevented some of the fear around the release of the Dog Management Strategy.

### c Susan Spinks

Is it possible to get some gravel put down at the end of Lukin Street. When wet it becomes waterlogged. Paul Breden advises nothing will be done as it isn't at pathway as such at present and it will depend on the path of the shared pathway.

The community garden will be doing some mosaic work with kids on the front wall. Sandra Ayton and Paul Breden agreed this was fine and a good idea.

### d Elaine Eiler

Pleased to see the service station gone.

### e Merryn Gilham

*Rate Rise* – It was a good initiative of Council to not raise the rates this year.

*Speeding on the Esplanade* – Along the Esplanade it was suggest making it a 40km zone all the way. Suggestion was made that this would be up for discussion in the policy and consultation work to be done in the next 12 months.

*Erosion at Leith* – Council advised this is outside Councils scope.

*Access points to the beach across the dunes* – Question was raised about the number of access points and damage to the dunes. Suggestion made to make contact with the Friends of the Dunes group.

*Tree Canopy* – A motor home damaged its solar panels by driving under the tree canopy at Turners Beach outside La Mars.

Are Council aware of how many holiday homes are in Turners Beach. The Council advised no.

**f Tim Horniblow**

Would it be worthwhile to change the meeting venue of the group occasionally?

How to better engage with the community? Merryn suggests a Facebook page.

Tim suggested that a position description and application form and the Committee Charter be forwarded to committee members for passing onto interested members of the community that may like to be part of the committee.

Turners Beach community library still a good idea.

Tim asked could land that is given or part of open residential space be sold. Sandra Ayton advised, Council would have to have a good reason to do this and it would need to be publicly advertise.

## **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

Paul Breaden shared the work Council staff member Justin Smith has been doing on the community shelter at Turners Beach. It will be repaired utilising existing infrastructure.

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5.30pm. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 4.00pm at the Turners Beach Hall.