

Forth Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the 83rd meeting held at Forth Hall

Thursday, 4 February 2021 – commencing at 4.00pm

1 PRESENT

Forth Community Representatives: Alan Wheeler, John French, Peter Miller, Dianne Robb and Neil Armstrong

Central Coast Council: Sandra Ayton (**General Manager Central Coast Council**)
Paul Breaden (**Director Infrastructure Services**) and
Allison Kable (**Community Development Officer**)

2 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Apologies: Neil Armstrong, Simon Angilley (**Community Development Group Leader**)

Sandra Ayton chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made for the benefit of the new Central Coast Council Community Development Officer Allison Kable.

Action: Dianne Poulton the Forth Primary Principal had been transferred to Spreyton. Allison to follow up with and contact the new Principal and invite to future meetings.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Alan Wheeler moved, and Peter Miller seconded, “That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 5 November 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record.”

Carried

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a Traffic concerns Highway intersection (continuing item)

The Leith Overpass project is still in design phase, with meetings being undertaken regarding land issues. It is intended to deliver the contract as a Design and Construct model with tenders expected to be called in May 2021.

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

b Turners Beach to Leith Shared Pathway

Paul reported to the meeting that there have been two months of negotiations over changes to contract. Project funding, even with delays still secure. We are now able to proceed with works dependent on the contractor's availability.

Cradle Coast Authority are managing other sections of the coastal pathway and negotiating with TasRail. The construction of the Ambleside to Latrobe section of the pathway is well underway.

The connection of Forth onto the coastal pathway, is not in this project plan and would require future funding.

c Bitumen on Shared Pathway

Paul reported this had been raised with the Council works crew. It was discussed that it had been repaired, however the same thing keeps happening and again there were concerns over the holes.

Action: Paul will follow up with Council works crew.

d New Members

Sandra had met with clubs prior to Christmas, and sought representatives from the Forth Football Club and the now Central Coast Cricket club (combined Forth and Turners Beach Cricket Clubs), but no expression of interest had been received yet. Sandra to follow up with these clubs.

Action: Sandra to follow up with members of the clubs.

e Barrier middle section of William Street

Paul Breaden confirmed this has been satisfactorily completed.

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

f Armco Barrier

Still on the to do list, Paul unsure of response and will follow up. Discussed possibility of accessing funds through the Black Spot Program

Action: Paul to follow up with Department of State Growth (DSG).

g Line Marking Leith Road

Paul reported this has been completed.

h Painting of the Forth River Bridges

The need for the bridges to be painted was raised and discussed if they have to be white.

Action: Paul to follow up and investigate colour.

i Display of the Forth Community Group Committee Minutes

Allison advised that the minutes of the last two meetings are now on the Central Coast Council's website and all future meeting minutes will be added.

Alan advised that the Forth Shop is happy to install the noticeboard donated by the Lions Club soon and the minutes and notice of meeting will then be displayed for the community.

5 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Council Update

Sandra advised the meeting that all areas of the Council have had a very busy start to 2021.

5.2 Community Update

Peter reported 9–10 car tyres dumped on both sides of the road near the Braddons Lookout intersection. Discussed may have been placed for heavy machinery to cross the road.

Action: Peter to monitor and if not removed in the next 24–48 hours phone report to Council.

Alan advised that a signed copy of the Forth Hall lease had been hand delivered to the Council in early December 2020, but they had not received a copy yet.

Action: Sandra to follow up

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Item j from Thursday, 5 November 2021 minutes – Land Fill Forth Hill

In relation to 491 Forth Road– John asked if the final inspection had been completed.

Action: Sandra to follow up.

Council Contact Person

Alan asked if there had been a person appointed to replace Adrian Mansfield. Sandra advised that the position had been advertised, interviews conducted with applicants short listed.

Pathway Construction

John raised the concern of needing a pathway to be constructed away from the intersection of Wilmot Road and Forth Road. Students currently walk along the grass near the boundary fence. It was discussed that the steps were replaced after the flood.

Action: Paul to investigate.

Eastern fence along river in reserve

Concerns were raised regarding no fence along the park reserve on the eastern side of the river, diagonally across from the Forth Pub. This is an area that council maintain the lawn and there are tables in the area to encourage use.

Action: Paul to investigate.

Unsafe Drivers

Peter advised the meeting there are concerns of cars doing burnouts and general unsafe driving around the pub, forth hill and Braddon's Lookout circuit. Identified it is happening in other areas in Forth but also Devonport. Timing is often Thursdays from 5:30pm and even earlier in afternoon near the Forth Pub on weekends. Paul advised this needs to be referred to police who need to be made aware when it is happening.

Action: Sandra advised Council will raise through the Community Safety Partnership which includes Tas Police.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 May 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 4.45pm.