

Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Turners Beach Hall
Thursday, 27 May 2021 commencing at 4.05pm

1 PRESENT

Community Representatives:

Tim Horniblow (Turners Beach Coastcare Inc); Elaine Eiler (Friends of the Dunes);
Lyn Norton-Smith (Turners Beach Community Garden); Andrew Leary (Community
Member); Rod Priestley (Community Member) and Clynton Jaffray (Community Member).

Central Coast Council (CCC) Representatives:

Paul Breaden (Director Infrastructure Services)

Minute Taker: Simon Angilley

- 2 **APOLOGIES:** Susan Spinks (Turners Beach Community Garden);
Merryn Gilham (Community Member); Sandra Ayton (General Manager,
CCC) and Allison Kable (Community Development Officer, CCC).

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Tim Horniblow noted minor amendment to Minute 5.2(b): reference to “Friends of the
Dunes” should have been “Turners Beach Coastcare”.

■ Tim Horniblow moved, and Elaine Eiler seconded, “That the minutes as amended for
the meeting held on 25 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Carried

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a Railway Bridge and Shared pathway progress

Paul Breaden provided an update on the shared pathway progress:

- ALCAM assessment (rail crossing impacts) has now been received, and meeting held last week to coordinate the start of works.
- Materials for the pathway are being ordered, and construction work scheduled to commence by end of June 2021.

b Turners Beach 7 Day Make Over

Simon provided an update on finalisation of the works.

- The community library (raised at last meeting) had been incorporated into the Makeover.
- The outdoor shower still to be fitted-off. This requires plumbing permit, which in-turn requires specialist engineering sign-off and formal, written permission from the Crown (owner of the land).

The engineering documentation has been received and all documents have been provided to Crown for their approval.

Andrew suggested that the weekend workshop for Ideas Generation and Project Planning (on first two days of Makeover) seemed locked-in to the works locations and did not look further afield.

Community representatives agreed that:

- Overall, the Makeover had been very good experience for all, including many members of community who were new to local or group activity participation.
- The community would welcome further 'makeover' activities which involve the community, whether using same or modified model.
- Any further activities or planning should also consider various other locations throughout Turners Beach.

c Brick Retaining Wall

Paul reported the building team have undertaken repairs to the wall.

The Hall access, including steps (onto road) and ramp for universal access, will be properly reviewed as part of broader facilities audit program during 2021-2022.

d New Caretaker for Turners Beach Hall

Since the previous meeting, Council have adjusted how they provide bookings functions across all facilities - will add hire of Turners Beach Hall to that updated approach.

New caretaker will therefore have slightly different role, to ensure consistency with that approach - expressions of interest for the role should occur soon.

e Sandbag Protection (at Forth River and Beach walkway)

Staff have inspected, and believed that vegetation and other approaches to improve stability should work (rather than additional sandbag protection)

Community raised the need to also inspect other areas of the foreshore, including zone immediately west of the viewing platform.

Paul noted that Council is commencing a program in 2021–2022 to assess erosion along the coastal foreshore for the whole municipality.

f Mobility Access to Beach

Discussed that the Council's aim is to provide access for limited mobility, but not able to achieve ramps with grades for full wheelchair compliance.

Paul noted that the Council is commencing a program in 2021–2022 to assess all beach accesses between Heybridge and Leith.

Lyn noted there are special beach-use wheelchairs being introduced at various Surf Life Saving Clubs, and available for use by public at those beaches.

Elaine noted that many people with limited mobility would like to see the beach, even if they cannot fully access it.

Requests that the Council's upcoming beach access review include review of accessible viewing platforms or facilities.

g Removal of Vegetation from Dunes/Foreshore

Council investigated the apparent cutting and removal of vegetation near the Makeover area (opposite La Mar Café).

Understood to be from a wedding party and their photographer, trampling bushes to get photo with view to beach.

Public education may help reduce likelihood of this type of activity.

h Speed Limit along Blackburn Drive

The speed limit for Blackburn Drive is already 60km/h. Additional signage will be installed to make this more obvious to users, particularly closer to the Berry Patch cafe.

5 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COUNCIL UPDATE

Paul advised that the working group to assist in creating an integrated pathway, street scaping and traffic management plan for the Turners Beach to north of the Bass Highway has been formed and had initial meetings.

Many ideas from the community members, some ingenious, with particular interest around traffic and parking, and the possible routes and location of the shared pathway.

Council is currently gathering existing traffic data to better inform the consideration of those ideas – intent is that any infrastructure works may help improve streetscape and overall safety.

5.2 COMMUNITY UPDATE

a Andrew Leary

Future (and Composition) of the Committee – Given the success of the 7–Day Makeover, does Council intend for the Community Representatives Committee to continue, or will Council focus on the Makeover or other groups.

Advice: Paul confirmed that the Committee remains important to Council and will continue.

The Committee is established to help Council understand the concerns and needs of the Turners Beach community and provides for regular feedback between Council and community. It operates as an advisory Committee with a charter and formal link to Council.

There are various community groups which through their activities provide valuable contributions to the environment, infrastructure, and social fabric of Central Coast.

Within Turners Beach such groups include Coastcare, Friends of the Dunes, the Community Garden, the Scouting community, and others – for instance, the women’s social surfing ‘Albert Street Gang’.

Council seeks to support those groups and encourage their activities where appropriate.

The broad representative membership of this Committee is intended to ensure that the ideas and thoughts from across the community, including those various groups, can be communicated to Council.

Similarly, information and ideas can be disseminated to the other groups.

b Elaine Eiler

Rubbish Bins and Litter – The public rubbish bins at the east/river end of Esplanade were over-filled and over-flowing at times during past few months. Can this be addressed.

Action: Council are currently reviewing waste practices as part of the creation of a Waste Strategy. Public area collections will be included with direction more on recycling and education than more bins or collections. In the meantime, please report overflowing bins as you find them so that we can understand where the issues arise and consider how to address them.

c Clynton Jaffray

Noted the section on Council's website to report issues and request works, and his recent experience of efficient and timely response.

Suggests this feature can be more broadly advertised to community.

Also reported the continuing issue of potholes near his driveway.

Action: Paul to report the issue for investigation of the cause as it is a recurring problem

d Tim Horniblow

Reinforced the message in relation to reporting issues through Merit.

Also commented on community groups in other areas wearing 'fluoro' uniforms or branded clothing to identify them when working.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

7 NEXT MEETING

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4.00pm on Thursday, 26 August 2021 at the Turners Beach Hall.