

Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Turners Beach Hall
Thursday, 25 November 2021 commencing at 4.05pm

1 PRESENT

Community Representatives – **Sam Andrews** (Turners Beach Coastcare Inc); **Merryn Gilham** (Community Member); **Lyn Norton-Smith** and **Susan Spinks** (Turners Beach Community Garden); **Robert Best** (Friends of the Dunes), **Andrew Leary** (Community Member) and **Clynton Jaffray** (Community Member).

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

Chairperson – Sandra Ayton

Minute Taker – Allison Kable

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Rod Priestley (Community Member) and **Elaine Eiler** (Friends of the Dunes)

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Andrew Leary moved, and Lyn Norton-Smith seconded, “That the minutes for the meeting held on 26 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Carried

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a Railway Bridge and Shared pathway progress

Paul Breaden provided an update on the shared pathway progress:

- . Pathway was due to start on the 29 November, however this has now been rescheduled to 6 December. This will likely begin with the poledriving machine in wetlands for raised platform path on the Turners Beach side to the end of Lukan Street, where it will continue to the Esplanade.
- . The working group is exploring three possible options to be considered for the coastal pathway through Turners Beach to connect to Ulverstone.

- . Leith to Don and West Ulverstone path stages will go out for tender early in 2022.
- . It was asked if there was a plan of the works available to view. Currently not available on our website.

Action: Paul to follow up and have a plan of the pathway added to CCC website

b Mobility Access to Beach

The program to assess all beach access with a system to assess various types of access, what and where they are, to progress to what type and where they should be. This is for the whole Central Coast municipal area not specific to the Turners Beach area. Paul advised this assessment will be a long process. Not every beach access point will be DDA compliant but this process will identify the right spots for access to be added or improved.

It was agreed this item can now be removed from future agendas and updates will be provided as the program progresses.

6 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 COUNCIL UPDATE

7 Day Makeover Shower

The extensions of land and amendment to the lease with crown land has now been received and the plumbing application for the shower is now being submitted.

Turners Beach Specific Area Plan

Council planning department held a community meeting last week at the Turners Beach Hall to discuss the review of the Turners Beach Local Area Plan. The meeting was well supported and attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions. The Council is happy with the number of responses received for the survey sent out seeking feedback regarding the plan.

Committee representatives reported the Council team did a fabulous job, that the plan is difficult to interpret and the session provided a great opportunity to understand it. Noted the opportunity for community involvement was very positive.

5.2 COMMUNITY UPDATE

- a Susan Spinks** – The Community Garden is hoping to start works before December on their landscaping and path project around the hall with the grant received from Central Coast Council. This will also rehome the table removed from other areas in the 7 Day Makeover. Allison is liaising with

the depot staff for the installation. The garden is looking fabulous at the moment and is hosting community carols on the 4th of December.

It was noted that the hall had been left unlocked and lights on, several times by different hirers and that the community garden committee always check the hall and fix when needed.

- b Clynton Jaffray** – asked for an update on the Turners Beach (Paul’s working group – check name with Paul). Paul advised the group would be meeting next Tuesday on site working through concept options Several options will be presented for community consultation in early 2022.
- c Sam Andrew** – reported Coastcares quarterly newsletter has been issued. Sunday is their last working bee for the year.

Would like to see some progress around the grass triangle at the start of the Esplanade, with options again discussed for low lying options with no root bases. Paul advised this could be included as part of the streetscaping project and also include the other area with playground toilets and beach access path.

Sam raised that the sand bagging extension is good but possibly needs to be four sandbags high with the addition of an extra row. Signage is needed to highlight the danger of collapsing dunes.

Action: Paul to follow up and action on required signage

- d Meryn Gilham** – Raised her concern over the Port Fenton history sign which was added as part of the 7 Day Makeover and that there is no recognition of the indigenous history of the area.

Sandra advised that Council is progressing with our Reconciliation Action Plan and that this type of recognition could be part of this project. Meryn noted it would be great that some history be included with the pathways being added to the area.

7 OTHER BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

7 NEXT MEETING

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 4:56 pm.

Sandra wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and thanked everyone for their contributions this year. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4.00pm on Thursday, 24 February 2021 at the Turners Beach Hall.