

Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Turners Beach Hall
Thursday, 23 February 2023 commencing at 4.03pm

PRESENT

Community Representatives – Susan Spinks and Lyn Norton-Smith (Turners Beach Community Garden), Merryn Gilham (Community Representative) Clynton Jaffray (Community Member) Tim Horniblow (Landcare)

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

Minute Taker – Allison Kable

1 WELCOME

Sandra Ayton chaired the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

APOLOGIES

Daryl Connelly (Director Community Services)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Council acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of lutruwita (Tasmania), the palawa/pakana people. We acknowledge the Punnilerpanner tribe of this Northern Country, and in doing so, we celebrate one of the world's oldest continuous cultures.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Susan Spinks moved, and Merryn Gilham seconded: "That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 24 November 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record."

Carried

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a Railway bridge and shared pathway (continuing Item)

Paul advised the path is progressing and nearly completed. Finishing it will be delayed due to the planned highway widening at the Leith end. We will have a couple of month's delay while the roadwork is undertaken and then the remaining section of the path can be completed.

The seating structure in the middle of the bridge will be adjusted as the feedback is they are too wide creating a narrow section.

Discussion around the group, the path is a fabulous, long-awaited addition to the area. Even the residents that were against the bridge connection, now that it is open seem happy with the end result.

General Manager advised the group there have been concerns raised regarding dog management on the path. Dogs off leads has been observed on paths, but more of a concern is on the beach, there are many more dogs off leads. The General Manager advised it is a finable offence, and contractors will be monitoring over the weekend periods.

Tim Horniblow asked the timeframe for Don to Leith section of the pathway. Paul Breaden advised Central Coast Council has 700m, with the remaining section the responsibility of Devonport City Council. He estimated by the end of the year this would be well progressed.

Merryn Gilham asked if there will be more rubbish bins along the path? Paul Breaden advised access was challenging along the path to provide this service and more focus was needed around educating people to take waste with them. Could a dog poo bag dispenser be added at the Albert Street walkway?

Action: Paul Breaden to follow up.

b Street Scape and Traffic Management Project (continuing Item)

Paul Breaden reported that the Streetscape and Traffic Management Plan was approved by Council in January 2023. No trees will be removed near the café, but line of sight at Boyes Street and Esplanade to be improved, with adjustment to parking areas and slowing of traffic by the addition of a wombat crossing in the area. Project will be staged. Shared pathway will continue through Turners Beach, Susan Street is also included in the traffic management plan.

Question asked, what is happening with La mar? Discussion of group that it is believed it is going through planning and seems like it will be opening again as a café soon.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 COUNCIL UPDATE

General Manager asked the group to consider is the purpose of the group still relevant and are the meetings needed. Is there another more valuable way of working with the community? Community Cuppa meetings with Councillors' and Council Senior Management which were held every 3 years, will now be held every year to allow more people to be involved. These sessions are open to all to attend and then utilise working groups on specific focus areas and projects.

The Turners Beach Community Reference Group was originally established to assist, address and support a number of community groups with conflicting concerns in Turners Beach.

Clynton Jaffray supported the concept of the group needing more purpose.

Tim Horniblow believed it did fit the need for the time, however it is challenging to find broad community representatives that have time available and interest. What is the replacement? The more specific focus and working groups for projects and concerns seems to be working well. Community meetings that have been held also have been well attended. Large community meetings promoting discussion need to have structure be well facilitated.

Susan Spinks stated without this meeting, groups need to have awareness of what's happening and who is the contact person for each area or project to get updates from or raise concerns with. Current, regularly updated information in a variety of mediums would need to be available, these meetings have provided that. What do we replace this with to make sure we don't lose the networks and connections?

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Tim Horniblow – Rusty wire on path near cafe. Who do you talk to about having trees in nature strip. Paul Breaden noted concern with wire on the path and discussed the trees in nature strip.

Lyn Norton-Smith – reported that the Christmas Gathering was a great success.

Requested a hand rail be placed on the three steps up to the hall entry, book library and garden.

Action: Paul Breaden to follow up

Susan Spinks – The community garden group are hoping to secure some grant funds, who is good at grant writing and can Council help? General Manager advised there are regular grant writing workshops in the area for Community groups to attend. Council can do letter of support. Also a reminder that if projects are on Council property make sure you discuss with Council staff first and they can provide assistance of what might be required by Council for the project to go ahead.

Merryn Gillham – will there be signage along the track and any indigenous interpretation? Paul Breaden said general rules at key entry points will be installed. Interpretation signage at centre of the bridge in seating area is also planned. General Manager advised the first stage of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan is based around staff awareness, as we move to the second stage it will focus on community.

Is there plans to revegetate the areas disturbed by path construction? Paul advised currently budget is tight and also best timing of planting to be considered, and ongoing management plan for next year's budget.

Requested could we also please have an opening celebration of the path.

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4 NEXT MEETING

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5:14 pm.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4.00pm on Thursday,
35 May 2022 at the Turners Beach Hall.