

Turners Beach Community Representatives Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Turners Beach Hall
Thursday, 25 May 2023 commencing at 4.00pm

PRESENT

Community Representatives – **Lyn Norton-Smith** (Turners Beach Community Garden),
Merryn Gilham (Community Representative) **Tim Horniblow** (Landcare)

Central Coast Council (CCC) Representatives – **Sandra Ayton** (General Manager);
Paul Breaden (Director Infrastructure Services); **Daryl Connelly** (Director Community
Services)

Minute Taker – Tracey Clark (CCC)

1 WELCOME

Sandra Ayton chaired the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

APOLOGIES

Clynton Jaffray (Community Member), **Susan Spinks** (Turners Beach Community Garden)

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

Merryn Gilham moved, and Tim Horniblow seconded: "That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2023 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 contractors are waiting for highway works to be completed before they can finalise the pathway. A defects walk has been completed to identify items that need to be fixed within the next 12 months. The railway crossing on Short street will be progressed by TasRail, however no time frame has been provided to Council.

Lyn noted the pathway is very well utilised.

b Street Scape and Traffic Management Project (continuing Item)

Paul reported that stage two of the project has been considered in the 2023–2024 budget discussions, with funding proposed for the final link of the pathway from the corner of the railway line and along the Esplanade to Susan street. This will be a major part of the works program for next year. Detailed designs are still to be completed but the generic concept has been approved. Sandra acknowledged the valuable contributions provided by the streetscaping working group in the planning of this project.

c Discussion regarding future of Turners Beach Representative Committee

Sandra asked the group to return to the discussion from the previous meeting regarding the future of the committee. One of the issues raised last meeting was how to tell people what is happening in the community, and Sandra reported that a noticeboard has been provided and would be installed at the hall as a central location for community information.

ACTION: Paul to liaise with Susan Spinks to arrange the installation of the noticeboard.

The group was asked for their input. Meryn noted the group had a strong purpose and focus in the beginning, and is a good way of keeping in touch. Tim added that he believed that while the committee was needed in the beginning, it has now run its course.

Sandra suggested that it is better for people to raise their concerns directly with Council staff through established channels rather than waiting for meetings, as this gets things actioned quicker. Staff are very happy to help where they can. The Council will continue to establish working groups or advisory groups for individual projects, like the streetscaping group, which will allow community members to have input into projects that affect them. The Councillors and Senior Leadership Team will also be visiting each community once a year for Community Conversation sessions. Alternating between morning tea and evening sessions.

Tim noted that community members can also reach out to the Councillors with feedback.

Lyn asked if the Bowls Club could be approached to join the committee, as the number of community members on the committee has reduced. Sandra advised that a decision should be made on the future of the committee before any expressions of interest were sought for new members.

The decision was made to place the committee on hold for six months, and reassess the need again in November. If the decision is made to continue with the committee at this time, an expression of interest process will be undertaken to fill the vacancies.

4 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 COUNCIL UPDATE

Sandra reported that the second stage of the streetscaping project would be allocated approximately \$900,000 in the upcoming budget, making it a very significant project for the works department.

Sandra provided an update on the OC Ling Caravan Park matter. The Council's Director Organisational Services and Regulatory Services staff have been working to address the issues raised by the community. The Director Organisational Services is reviewing the lease with the Forth Valley Lions Club to ensure the site is meeting its lease obligations. Staff have visited the manager of the caravan park and discussed requirements under the current lease. Tim noted that there has been a long history of the community having to fight to maintain the boundaries in this area and it is pleasing to see Council taking proactive measures. Sandra reported that the Lions Club of Forth Valley are keen to do the right thing and it is expected that a good outcome will be reached.

Daryl asked if the group was aware of an issue with homelessness or rough sleepers in the area. None were reported.

Daryl reported that his department had been made aware of a truck being parked in the street along Esplanade and asked if the group had heard concerns from the community. Lyn noted that it would become an issue once the pathway was completed and parking was reduced along the Esplanade. Daryl advised that the driver had been spoken to regarding parking in residential areas

Daryl advised that the Turners Beach Specific Area Plan (SAP) review was still underway, with progress impacted by the ongoing Cultural Heritage Study. The SAP will likely be presented to the Councillors at the July Council meeting for consideration. The SAP affects maximum building heights and types of businesses allowable in the area and proposes that the discretionary maximum building height is increased to 8.5m and broadens the types of businesses acceptable in the area, while remaining sensitive to the feel of the Turners Beach area. Once the SAP is presented to the Councillors, Council needs to agree to initiate an amendment to the planning scheme, and a public notification period will be held. The Council may then make adjustments based on the feedback received, before the amendment is sent to the Planning Commission for approval. Public consultation sessions were held which guided the changes to the SAP and feedback will be carefully considered before progressing.

4.2 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Tim Horniblow

Tim shared his thanks for the recent Volunteer Week event held at the Gnomon Room.

Lyn Norton-Smith

Lyn reported that the 7 day makeover group is working through steps to re-establish the group and would like some guidance. Daryl suggested reaching out to him and he can attend a future meeting.

The Community Garden group have been successful in securing a grant which will allow them to install a new accessible pathway through the garden, as well as adding a picket fence and purchasing new tools. Generous donations of plants and compost have been received from the Two Oaks Vineyard and The Berry Patch, and Council have delivered bark for the garden.

The group have been monitoring the hall but would like further guidance on the requirements. The hall is also in need of some more storage. Tracey advised that the storage issue had been raised with Council's Facilities Officer for follow up. Instructions for the hall are being prepared and questions regarding the hire of the hall should be emailed to Tracey at bookings@centralcoast.tas.gov.au for follow up.

The group would like to see more work done to the hall. Is it possible for the group to submit budget requests? Daryl advised that Council have a large number of facilities to manage and maintenance is generally considered in a long term plan. What has worked well in the past is if community groups put together a funding application for specific projects they think would benefit the community, and Council can support that process.

Lyn shared with the group a photo of an artwork by Elizabeth Dana (circa 1968) which once hung in the hall. Tim reported that he believes the original is now stored at the museum. Lyn asked if it would be possible to get the artwork hung in the hall. Daryl will liaise with the new museum Curator to discuss getting a copy of the artwork for display.

ACTION: Daryl to follow up artwork with museum Curator

Merryn Gillham

Merryn asked if the illuminated sign (VMS Board) at the entrance of the Esplanade had been placed there due to speeding in the area which is a regular problem. Paul reported that these signs generally rotate across the community with various messages. They are also used to remind people to watch for wildlife and often get better results than permanent signage.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

Sandra advised this will be her last meeting with the committee following the announcement of her retirement. She thanked the committee members for coming along to each meeting and showing such a strong commitment to their community. Tim shared his thanks to Sandra on behalf of past and present members for always being approachable and having a good handle on everything.

NEXT MEETING

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 4.00pm on Thursday, 30 November at the Turners Beach Hall.