

MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD AT THE OVERFLOW BOOKSHOP, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 9th June 2020 COMMENCING AT 09.30am

1 PRESENT

Mr Michael Roach (Chairperson), Mr John Ashman, Mrs Jill Clarke, Mr Ken Reid, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr Bevis Perkins ESM, Mrs Judith Lyne, Ms Sally Hills, Mrs Jill Davis

APOLOGIES

Mrs Debbie Thomas

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

Nil declared

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Memorandum of Understanding for next forum

Correspondence relating to the intended changes being considered by the NMC in regards to the MOU for the incoming C'town District Forum was discussed. The members of the existing forum agreed that whilst in the main the changes were not of concern, they did not agree that a change to bi-monthly meetings would be an advantage.

Mrs Jill Clarke, Seconded Mrs Judith Lynne

That the Campbell Town District Forum express its concern that the move to bi-monthly meetings would undermine the efficiency of the forum as there may be matters that require more urgent consideration and feedback to council. It would be the preference of the current CTDF members that the existing secretarial services for monthly meeting remain in place.

Motion Passed

5.2 Resumption of Regular Meetings

Members of the forum agreed that while a delayed meeting held in a private venue was appropriate, it would be preferable if regular monthly forum meetings could return to council facilities as soon as possible.

5.2 C'Town Bicentennial Planning Update

Mr Roach provided an update on the response to the public meeting held at the Campbell Town town hall just before the COVID-19 shutdown. Ideas raised by attendees included that more than a single event be scheduled, that the community and Campbell Town social and sporting clubs be involved, and that a lasting legacy be left. The forum noted that there must now be additional effort to move planning forward as the COVID-19 shutdown eases and restrictions are lifting.

5.3 Midland Highway Upgrade

State Growth has recently advised that is seeking feedback to its proposed plans for the upgrade of the Midland Highway both to the north and south of Campbell Town. The forum encouraged its members and the community to get involved and provide feedback to get the best outcome.

5.4 Valleyfield Road

The forum discussed a section of Valleyfield Road near Barton Road which has recently been resealed. It now has deep verges either side of the resealed section without adequate warning signage.

Mrs Judith Lynne / Ms Sally Hills

That the council examine safety issues relating to the deep verge on Valleyfield Road - a recently resealed but narrow road where large vehicles are common and passing room is limited.

Motion passed

5.5 Weed control in Campbell Town

Mrs Lynne raised the issue of an outbreak of capeweed noting a particular concern being an outbreak in Queen St between Bridge and High Streets. There was general discussion about the need for more weed control in and around Campbell Town and the fact that recently sprayed weeds on the northern side of the Town Hall had left an an eyesore.

Mrs Judith Lynne / Mrs Jill Clarke

That the council allocate resources from its parks and gardens workforce to improve the Campbell Town's public gardens and lawns including as a priority the northern face of the Campbell Town Town Hall.

Motion passed

It was also noted by the forum that there has been a lack of maintenance on the southern bank of the Elizabeth River and that a large willow tree on the southern bank has split down the middle and needs to be removed.

5.6 Federal Government funding for Town Hall improvements

There was a discussion about a federal government funding program for town hall improvements and that the NMC should seek funds under the scheme for the Campbell Town Town Hall.

6 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at **11.15am.**