



Mill Dam Special Committee of Council

Ordinary Meeting 14/02/2017. Held at Mill Dam Reserve 5.05pm

.1. Welcome:

Linus Grant Chair welcomed all and commenced site visit.

.2. Present:

Linus Grant Chair, Marie Chugg, Theo Haege, Jan Haege, Max Baker, Barbara Baker,

.3. In Attendance:

Monique Case: NMC NRM Facilitator, Cr Richard Goss from 5.10 pm.

.3. Apologies:

.4. Confirmation of Minutes 09/05/2016

Taken as read.

Mr. Theo Haege/ Mr Max Baker

.5. Correspondence:

It was noted that one membership nomination had been received by Council for the Group.

Action: Nomination to be circulated via emailed for the Group's consideration.

.6. Matters Arising from previous Minutes:

The service arrangements for Mr Bean's commemoration were discussed by the Group and it was *AGREED* that:

6.1 Invites:

Mrs. Beryl Bean, Des Jennings, Leigh McCullagh, Wayne Chellis, Hugh Mackinnon, Mick Boyd (FMT)
Tony and Robyn Cauchi, Greg Jordan, Duncan Payton, Aileen, Phil and Jamie Collins,

Advertise: Country Courier: Deadline next Tues 21/02/17 – public invitation

RSVP's: required due to proposed catering of informal BBQ.....

6.1.2 Venue: Mill Dam Reserve southern end.

6.1.3 Proposed Timing: Friday March 10th 4-5 pm followed by informal B.B.Q.

6.1.4 Service Arrangements:

Mr Linus Grant to prepare and deliver speech.

Musical tribute to be sought from "spud".

Actions:

Mrs. Barbara Baker to follow up with and Mrs. Bean regarding timing, further invites, approach Mr. Bean's sister and seek out the musical talents of "spud".

Ms. Maree Chugg volunteered to assist with manning the B.B.Q

Cr Richard Goss to approach Council regarding assisting with catering provisions.

.7. Matters Arising from AGM

7.1 Nomination

As read in section 5. Correspondence.

7.2 Correspondence to out-going Chair

It was noted that the correspondence to out-going Chair potentially remains an unfulfilled task. The 2016 AGM Minutes note:

The Group agreed to draft a letter of recognition and thanks to Hugh Mackinnon to be signed by the incoming Chair Mr. Linus Grant.

7.3 2017 Meeting Schedule

The Group discussed upcoming meeting requirements and *PROPOSED* the following dates for 2017 AGM and Ordinary meeting to be confirmed against Council timetabling.

Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting: Monday 5 pm - 01/05/2017 or 08/ 05/ 17

*** It is noted post meeting that Council's May meeting is scheduled for Monday 15/05/17.*

Action: Subsequent meeting scheduling for forthcoming 12 months to be addressed in the AGM.

.8. Other Matters:

8.1 Update and review of site clean-up post 2016 flooding

Ms. Case spoke to the item giving a brief outline of works undertaken on the Council Lease-hold, and "Hot Spot 3" (HS3). As well as the works undertaken at "Hot Spot 1" (HS1) the project site between the two bridges a collaborative action of the Major Stakeholders Group. Ms. Case informed the Group that there was a Report to Council in the February Agenda that would provide further detail on the matter.

The Group further discussed project efforts at the Reserve. The Group acknowledged the previous 12 months have been very difficult; and expressed concern of the well-intentioned but unsuccessful previous revegetation and associated fencing efforts. The Group acknowledge how successful the rock armoring has been since it's reinstatement.

The Group thoroughly recommends no further tube stock or fencing. The Group recommends any further revegetation efforts to be in the form of established tree stock, with appropriate guards as per previous successful plantings as undertaken by Mr. Ray Bean.

Mr Max Baker / Ms. Maree Chugg

8.2 Outstanding Matters

8.2.1 Gate closure

It was noted that the boom gate on Tannery Road remains open permanently again during the open season.

Action: Ms. Case to reaffirm with Council Works Department proposed Reserve seasonal closure for 2017.

8.2.2 Reserve Infrastructure:

It was noted that the Group remains *AGREED* on the matter of seeking a further 2 picnic tables for the Council Leasehold. It was further noted that the Group has no specific funding allocation in the current 16/17 Council Budget and that currently it was understood that a budget request would be required. There was no direct action delegated as a result of this discussion.

It was noted that the concrete fire pits / barbeques on site remain in disrepair and that further discussions with Council's Works would be ideal, however; the Group remained unresolved as to whether removal or repair was the best way forward.

The Group discussed installation of seating along the walking track between the rail bridge and the Council Leasehold. The also discussed approaching Council and JBS Swift regarding this matter, however; there was no resolution or direct action delegated as a result of the discussion.

8.3 Public Liability

The Group requested further information regarding public liability for the Mill Dam Reserve and in particular the walking track.

Action: Ms. Case to approach Council's Governance and Corporate departments to seek further advice on the matter.

8.4 Longford Strategic Plan

Mr. Grant advised members that the chair of the Longford Local District Committee, Mr. Michael Salhani, had prepared a *Longford Strategic Plan* for consideration by council. A major recommendation of the report is to develop the Mill Dam Reserve as a nature conservancy similar to the Tamar Island Wetland reserve. This would require agreement from all Mill Dam stakeholders and development of a management plan to achieve the objectives. Mr. Grant said he expected the idea would be discussed shortly at a council workshop.

8.5 Inappropriate site Use and Snakes.

It was noted by the Group that with the Tannery Road boom gate remaining open throughout the Season there has been a return to increasing incidences / evidence of anti-social use at the Reserve including signs of honing on the roads, camping and motorbike / quad bike use.

Ms. Case noted that Council has been receiving calls regarding snakes at the Reserve and that Council were looking to speak to the Community regarding the matter with inclusion of article the up-coming Country Courier.

.9. Meeting Closure

Mr. Grant declared the meeting closed at 5.55 pm.