



**SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
MANJIMUP TOWN ACTIVATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Informal Minutes of the Manjimup Townscape Committee Meeting held at the Shire Offices (JC Rose Room), Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING:

Cr Steve Miolin opened the meeting at 5.00pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

3. ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

Cr Steve Miolin (SM)	Councillor
Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works & Services
Gail Ipsen Cutts (GC)	Director Community Services
Jocelyn Baister (JB)	Manager Statutory Planning (Proxy)
David Giblett (DG)	Community representative
Philippa Gavranich (PG)	Community representative

Apologies:

Evy Apeldoorn (EA)	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)
Mary Nixon (MN)	Community representative
Donelle Buegge (DB)	Councillor (Proxy)

Absentees

Michelle Di Salvo (MD)	Community representative
Kim Starkie (KS)	President, Manjimup Chamber of Commerce

4. GUESTS:

Andrew Conway (AC)	Manager Parks Operations (Proxy)
Kelli Summerfield	Planning Administration Officer (minute taker)

The minutes of this meeting are being recorded.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Nil.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil.

7. COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Council resolve to note the minutes of the meeting held on 08 May 2024.
- Council acknowledged all other recommendations from previous minutes.

(Gail Ipsen Cutts joined the meeting 5.03pm)

8. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Jocelyn Baister

That the previous unconfirmed minutes of the Manjimup Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 08 May 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

9. STANDING ITEMS:

9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

(SM) Is there a plan to create a formal footpath from Brain Street to the Lawn Cemetery as there is currently no footpath there and scooter riders, bicycles and pedestrians have to use the road, which is dangerous.

(GC) Confirmed this could be included for the footpath in the Bike Path Plan.

Moved: Gail Ipsen Cutts Seconded: Jocelyn Baister

Look at creating pedestrian linkage from Brain Street to the Lawn Cemetery and have it included in the Bike Plan.

Carried 6/0

9.2 Action Sheet

Terms of Reference

(ML) Reformat Action sheet and remove Terms of Reference from it.

(ML) Update Terms of Reference.

Moved: Jocelyn Baister Seconded: Michael Leers

That the Terms of Reference be updated as follows:

- **The title of Director Development and Regulation to be changed to Director Development Services throughout the document.**
- **Mr Jason Giadresco to be added as Director Development Services**

Carried 6/0

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Phillippa Gavranich

That the Terms of Reference be updated as follows:

- **Mr Andrew Conway to be added as Manager Parks Operations (Proxy)**

Chamber of Commerce

(JB) Wait for the Chamber of Commerce AGM for Kim Starkie to have her position qualified, and then confirm representation on this committee.

Community Representatives

Notify those interested to officially nominate themselves for positions on the Terms of Reference.

Laura Bolitho from Southern Forests Food Council is interested.

Mural Locations

Ongoing.

Windbreak to Undercover area Brockman Street

(GC) Bluegrass group has asked for the possibility of blinds and anchor points etc.

(ML/JB) The proposal was considered but the decision was not to proceed with it.

Invitations

Remove from Action Sheet.

Water Tank Tower in Coronation Park

(JB) A 3D concept drawing by a landscape architect is all we have so far. Will email concept to the committee.

(GC) Against the idea of the water tank.

Promote Meetings via Social Media

(SM) Probably not worth promoting meetings on social media, however posting community projects would be a good idea, eg, Manjin Park Fountain upgrade.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

10.1 Manjin Park Fountain Update

(GC) The initial community consultation for Manjin Park was in 2009.

(ML) There is a \$15k budget to either fix the fountain or remove it and replace it with something else.

A general discussion was held around ideas and goals for Manjin Park.

It was proposed that a committee workshop session will be arranged at Manjin Park by Works (AC) before the next meeting to prepare some concept proposals which can then be discussed at the next meeting.

(ML) Add Manjin Park Fountain to the Action Sheet.

10.2 Christmas Tree

(GC) The Shire has a \$20k budget to assist with Christmas Tree preparations, including banners.

(GC) It is the Chamber of Commerce responsibility. They have been contacted but (GC) is still awaiting a response. The Chamber of

Commerce AGM is on 13 November 2024 if anyone is interested in going.

(GC) Previously a lot of volunteers were relied on, but they have dwindled in number and now contractors will need to be used if the Shire decorates it. This will cost more.

(GC) Hoping for contractors within the timeframe for erecting the tree. (DB) is in communication with the Chamber of Commerce about it.

(ML) Add the Christmas Tree to the Action Sheet.

10.3 Connections from Johnson Crescent to Woolworths Complex

(ML) There is currently no official footpath from the back of old Karamfiles building to the Woolworths complex. It is dangerous because of traffic.

(ML) Waiting for a technical officer to respond with details and prepare a design for Committee consideration.

10.4 Speed limit Giblett, Rose, Mount, Ipsen and Brockman Streets to 30km/hr

(ML) Motion at last meeting and have commenced the process of seeking MRWA approval for adjusting speed limit.

(ML) Add to Action Sheet.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Greening the Town Centre

(JB) Reads email submitted to committee from Michelle Di Salvo regarding ideas for "greening" the town centre.

(AC) There is a plan in place for the revitalisation of Giblett Street street trees which will go to Council at the next meeting.

(ML) The plan is to get 2m cherry trees with new laser cut guards and grates, as old guards are falling apart and are not cost effective to repair.

(AC) New trees are confirmed quarantine safe from pests and disease.

(ML) Lomandra grass looks nice to begin with but is too problematic long term.

Vision for the Town

(GC) Aging demographic, but has a good number of youth, less between the ages of 18-30, and increasing between the ages of 30-40 with families. School attendance is increasing, however homelessness is increasing and there are still low socio-economic areas.

(JB) One of the functions of this committee is to promote developments for reshaping the town via communication between the community and the Shire.

(GC) The Shire will be doing some Future Forums for each of our towns within the next 12 months. It is about community reshaping and there is funding for it. For Manjimup this will be a Growth Plan.

The last plan was done 12 years ago, and there has been \$200mil invested in the town since then.

(GC) The Growth Plan includes spreadsheets with feasibility studies on facilities and population. It is about resetting the vision for the future and fitting in strategic plans. Each town in the Manjimup shire will get one.

(JB) Developing design guidelines in the Planning Policies is where this sits. Similar ideas can be taken from other Councils such as Como or York and other heritage towns.

(JB) State Heritage office has the Giblett/Brockman Streets shopping precincts as a potential art deco listing on the state register.

Structure Covering Brockman Street

(SM) The structure is not really sympathetic to a country town vibe. It could be modified somehow to blend in with the amenities of the town.

(ML) Previous suggestions to “green’ it up with plants would be too difficult to maintain.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil.

13. NEXT MEETING:

Due to be held Wednesday 5th March 2025.

14. MEETING CLUSURE:

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.17pm.