



SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
WALPOLE TOWN ACTIVATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walpole Community Resource Centre, Thursday 27 October 2022.

1. Declaration of Opening of Meeting:

Jennifer Willcox opened the meeting at 10.33am.

2. Attendance

Members Present:

Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works and Services
Evy Apeldoorn	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)
Cr Jennifer Willcox (JW)	Councillor
Louise Pickett (LP)	Community Representative
Sarah Walker (SW)	Community Representative
Sheree Gray (SG)	Community Representative
Cherie Smith (CS)	Community Representative
David Tapley (DT)	Community Representative
Kaylene Roberts (KR)	Minute Taker

3. Apologies

Brian Robinson (BR)	Director Development and Regulation
Gail Ipsen Cutts (GC)	Shire Representative

4. Guests

Tim Foley	DBCA – Warren Region
Jamie Conway Physick	DBCA – Frankland District Manager
Davina Eden – Austin	Walpole Visitor Centre
Elizabeth Shaw	Walpole Historical Society
3 Students from Walpole Primary School	

5. Presentations

Tim Foley – Valley of Giants and Paddle Trails Update
Currently there is \$16m in funding for trails projects which include 50km of cross country/mountain bike loops with connections to Walpole, Nornalup, Valley of the Giants – linking both the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trails. New carparking and Accessible facilities are proposed.
Stakeholders included in the proposal are the local community, traditional custodians as well as the local government, local businesses, and WA Para Paddles.
Some of the challenges they are facing are the Nornalup Bridge Access over Southcoast Highway, collecting user data and monitoring, trail maintenance and funding.

The tourism and commercial side will include the hire of bike/paddle equipment, tours, accommodation/food/beverage, extended stays/packages overnight as well as tree top walk tours.

Next step is going out for tender with currently only about 4 commercial builders available and will cost about \$40m. The trail head is to be located in Pioneer Park.

Paddle Trails are looking at going out to tender for the new launch pad with Shire of Denmark looking into grants. Provide a paddle craft launch for para paddles (1st of its kind in WA/Australia). There will be no fee for the paddles, walk or bike trails. May look at merchandising in the future as well as grants for the upgrading of the trails.

JW asked if DBCA have looked at using the WPWC (Walpole Prison Work Camp) to undertake some of the maintenance of the tracks/trails. TF said may look at in the near future.

Walpole Year 6 Primary School Students

Previously were presented to Council at the February 2022 meeting with the following questions being followed up;

- Dog Park Area
Informal dog park opposite the YHA. The area in question is classed as Unallocated Crown Land with the purpose of the land is for Government Requirements and would not be consistent with the current vesting.
Currently in planning stage
Looking at funding / grants for fencing
Town Oval – designated dog area – dogs on leash
DT – the foreshore is apparently a dog exercise area. Foreshore is not classed as a dog exercise area with the only area being the Town Oval which is 3ha in area.
- Recycling – Waste Management – need to stop going into landfill.
ML – there are currently recycling bins located on Nockolds Street.
- Recreation Centre – there is a cost of hiring out of tennis courts/basketball courts – fees for Courts.
Comes under the Rec Centre Fees & Charges.
Keys for Rec Centre / courts are available from the Visitor Centre.
There's a \$10 key bond.
QR Code for Tennis Club Australia.

6. Disclosure of Interest

Louise Pickett who runs the Houseboat Holidays and the Post Office.

7. Council Decision on Previous Recommendations

JW asked why the minutes of meeting being presented to Council as being unconfirmed and then for Council to receive the minutes.

Local Government Act 1995 requires Committee minutes to be presented to Council at the very next meeting. Committee meetings do not coincide with this time frame.

Nil.

8. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: David Tapley

That the previous minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1st September 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried 7/0

9. Standing Items

9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

DT – There are 6 new seniors housing to be constructed adjacent to the existing housing.

10. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

11. New Business

JW presented a list of issues that have been identified in town site which ML has identified as Operational Matters.

Some of the matters arising relate to Walpole Foreshore, Town Jetty – New Toilet, SW Highway/Nth Walpole Road, Street/Road signs.

ML will respond to the JW's list. (See attached list)

DT has a list of volunteers to carry out maintenance works.

ML stated that all ideas should be sent through to him.

Dump Point Closure

Council did agree to consider a number of options to relocate the dump point, however none were suitable and were not approved by Council.

BR has stated that a letter was sent to Caravan and Campers Guide re wet wipes not being use in dump points.

BR is still finalising the plans, outside of office hours, for the Shannon Buildings. BR will liaise with JW once plans have been finalised.

12. General Business

Nil.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, 2nd February 2023 at the Walpole CRC at 10.30am.

Meeting Closed:

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.00pm.