



SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
WALPOLE TOWN ACTIVATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walpole Community Resource Centre, Wednesday 7 June 2023.

1. Declaration of Opening of Meeting:

Jennifer Willcox opened the meeting at 10.45am.

2. Attendance

Members Present:

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| Jocelyn Baister (JB) | A/Director Development and Regulation |
| Michael Leers (ML) | Director Works and Services |
| Cr Jennifer Willcox (JW) | Councillor |
| Louise Pickett (LP) | Community Representative |
| Sarah Walker (SW) | Community Representative |
| Sheree Gray (SG) | Community Representative |
| David Tapley (DT) | Community Representative |
| Kaylene Roberts (KR) | Minute Taker |

3. Apologies

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| Gail Ipsen Cutts (GC) | Shire Representative |
| Evy Apeldoorn (EA) | Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy) |
| Sarah Walker (SW) | Community Representative |
| Cherie Smith (CS) | Community Representative |

4. Guests

Nil.

5. Presentations

Nil.

6. Disclosure of Interest

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

7. Council Decision on Previous Recommendations

ML – There is \$25k within the infrastructure budget for the sealing of the CRC carpark.

Playground to be discussed at the 15 June Council meeting along with other budgetary items.

8. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Jennifer Willcox

That the previous minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16th February 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

9. Standing Items

9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

ML – sealing of Pioneer Park car park on hold till next construction season – November/December due to weather and contractor availability. Council will be requested to have funds carried forward to next financial year.

JW – public are already aware of the proposed accessible path works to be undertaken at the time of car park works.

JW – Dr situation – still need to liaise with others getting paediatric services into Walpole. Have liaised with GC.

The CRC have taken on the aged health support.

Approached by Denmark Medical about subsidising Dr's visits to Walpole.

Subsidising travel from Denmark to Walpole.

Denmark have lost 4 Dr's which reduces the Dr's visit to Walpole to 1 day a week.

DT – Shire provided \$20k towards subsidising quite a few years ago.

DT – Silver Chain closed down the Health Advisory Committee.

ML – Will look into past budgets.

JW – Denmark Medical want a body organised in Walpole to lobby the resurrection of the Health Advisory Committee – will need to raise with Council and speak to the CEO /DCS.

JW – Elizabeth Gerner library – CRC undertook a survey regarding the naming of the library with an overwhelming response.

An official request has been tabled and will be presented to Council at next meeting.

SG – Dog exercise area – undertook a door knock in the area and there was an overwhelming response of NO for the proposed area, with the majority of the responses relating to bringing more tourists to the area, carparking on Shotter Street, parked up on the Laneways etc.

ML – it is up to the Committee whether to proceed with the process of progressing with the dog exercise area.

JW – Sandy Beach is proposed to be a dog beach area. DBCA are modifying one of their tracks.

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Louise Pickett

That the Committee not proceed with the investigation into the Unallocated Crown land on Shotter Street for a dog exercise area.

Carried 6/0

JW – meeting with MPO re playground at Community Gardens on Friday, 9 June regarding specifications for the footings.

Not donating to Pioneer Park.

ML – Nature-based Playground for Pioneer Park – DBCA have plans through the Trail Heads project in 23/24.

ML – Proposed 2023/24 Budget to prepare design, plans and consultation regardless of who pays for it – Shire, DBCA or grant funding. To be discussed at 15 June Informal Council Meeting session where grant funded projects are to be presented.

ML – Capital Works program for Walpole.

22/23 Drainage works – Priority areas throughout Walpole – contractor has been engaged and started work with value of works being \$200k;

Nockolds Street – pit and drainage, kerbing included.

Sealing of Pioneer Carpark & Walpole Jetty car park with asphalt has been postponed due to contractor availability and weather. Jetty Car Park Project which is grant funded with funds being carried forward to next year. Both jobs to be completed at the same time.

Pioneer Car park to include disabled bay in front of toilet.

North Walpole Rd is ongoing and the funds have been carried forward.

Karri triangle area Lights are fixed and in place. JW – not working. ML to look into.

JW – Dump point being repaired. JB to follow up with MBS.

JW – EV station – works in progress.

JW – Fish cleaning station – with MBS.

MBS working out specs for the station and liaising with the Work Camp.

10. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

11. New Business

DT – Looking at entering in the Tidy Towns again.

Would like to have the 'love grass' in front of the Post Office mail box and the Telstra building as well as the vine on the fence.

ML – stated that it needs to be dug up.

DT – spraying of the foreshore – ML stated it is part of the spraying program.

DT – Would not spray but can do with volunteers using cut and paste method.

ML – Would need formal request and ML will pass onto MPO.

ML – Be aware the Foreshore is classed as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.

JB – do the Council need to support the entry into the Tidy Towns?

ML – stated that it is normally the Tidy Town committee.

JW – waiting for Wiseman Signs on a quote for the replacement of Tidy Towns signage.

SG – Approached by Steve from Bibbulmun Foundation regarding their 25th Anniversary happening at the end of August for 3 days.

Not sure if this is part of this forum – JB/ML have stated definitely a function of this committee.

Wanting to do a parade down the main street.

Community get together on the Saturday night for 100 – 200 people.
Wanting help from the people of Walpole to help organise sausage sizzles and become active participants in their 25th anniversary.
Tour guides coming out from the track and then the parade.
SG - Has an email and will forward onto the Committee that has an overview of what they are proposing.
ML – with the parade they will need a traffic management plan.
LP – has Steve only been emailing with SG
SG – Steve has made contact with CS and looking at options whether it be the Recreation Centre which could cater for 100 – 200 people and SG suggested looking at the Town Hall which would be a better venue for this type of event.
LP – liaise with the Tourism Association through the Visitor Centre who can help with marketing and advertising.
ML - Council may get requested to waive the fees for the hire of the Town Hall but JW stated that the hall is already under lease with the CRC and if it gets waived then they will decide.
SG – small budget - CS is aware of this - \$300.
Are there any community groups that would be able to assist?

Moved: Sheree Grey

Seconded: David Tapley

That Council support the 25th Anniversary of the Bibbulmun Track in Walpole and to assist with the required traffic management.

Carried 6/0

A small committee can informally meet to organise the 25th Anniversary. Council cannot make any formal recommendations.
Assistance from Council with regards to waste management and rubbish management.
ML – suggest also using the street bins that are available.
Organise markets for the weekend.

Organise the next meeting of this Committee for early July to ensure that matters can be presented to Council for approval if required.

LP – Marine Rescue Group are receiving a new vessel. Christening within 2 months. The Minister and other hierarchy will be attending with a date to be advised. Looking at 3 weekends at the end of July beginning August. New vessel will be here in a couple of weeks and the new name is being kept under wraps.

12. General Business

Nil.

Next Meeting:

Monday, 10 July 2023 at the Walpole CRC at 10.30am.

Meeting Closed:

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