

Minutes 17th April 2018

Attendance: Tony Fowler, Margaret Fowler, Steve Gates, , Mary Syme, , Kevin Goss, Jane Wallis, Catherine Hall, Vicky Laurie

Apologies: Elaine Sargent, Katharine Outten

Minutes of February meeting accepted by Jane Wallis, and seconded by Steve Gates.

Business Arising:

- All items to be dealt with in Presidents Report or General Business

Correspondence Out

- Numerous emails to St. Brigid's residents group.
- **1 March.** Email to Chair of the Parks of the Darling Range Community Advisory Committee chair (Toni Burbage). 'Why we need a management plan for the parks.'
- **2 March.** Questions to Attorney-General on possible Supreme Court challenge to revocation of MRS amendment on Wilkins Road (don't hold your breath).
- **9 March.** Submission on Kalamunda draft Public Open Space Strategy. City of Kalamunda environment section knew nothing of the draft Public Open Space Strategy until it came out for comment.
- **9 March:** 5 questions to Mayor of City of Kalamunda about the St Brigid's plans.
- **11 March.** Submission to Chair of Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs ref Pember Petition No. 034 (Wilkins Road).
- **9 April.** Five questions to Mayor on St Brigid's proposal.

Correspondence In:

- Numerous emails from St. Brigid's residents group.
- Response from Minister Dawson (Feb. 26) ref. Wilkins Rd future and St Brigid's proposal.
- Response from Minister Saffioti (April 11) ref. Mangles Bay Marina submission – development now cancelled.

Reports:

President: (wide ranging discussions took place during the President's report. The main points are mentioned here but the broader aspects are listed in General Business)

- **March 1.** Parks of Darling Range CAC meeting. Dallas Lynch representing City of Kalamunda.
- **March 8.** Perth Airport environment committee meeting (ACES). Dallas Lynch and Mick Davies from City of Kalamunda. New runway report and commercial plans for Airport North (conservation Precincts 'wot were'). Tony Brun very straight forward and opposed to NRPG's stance on keeping the Banksia woodlands on Kalamunda Rd. It would appear that they are all to be cleared. Offsets will be created. Vicky asked whether Steve Hopper at UWA has had any input.
Kevin reported that in 1997 the pine plantations were planned to be replaced with banksias but now they will remain because they have become a nesting area for black cockatoos.
- **March 14.** Emailed invitation to AGM to CEO and Mayor. Both attended. Now there are 4 City of Kalamunda members to consult with groups and workshops.

- **March 27.** Deputation to Ordinary Council Meeting ref Aged Care committee recommendation to take Minister to Supreme Court. Council compromised and, will investigate costs/benefits, rather than “**undertake**” a judicial review, as recommended. (see General Business)
- **March 9.** A submission was made on the City of Kalamunda Public Open Space Strategy. Since it is only a planning document environmental matters could only be raised within the planning framework. It was observed that the sports grounds rate more highly than the environmental considerations. (see General Business)

Treasurer:

- Account #1 - \$1107.30
- Account #2 - \$265.81
- Members = 55

KEAC:

- KEAC has 6 community members, 2 Council members, 2 staff members and 1 reserve. Meetings are quarterly although the February meeting was mostly a get to know you meeting and while the March meeting did not have a quorum a meeting did ensue and minutes were recorded – no decisions were made.
- Kevin wrote a letter re Public Open Space Biodiversity Strategy expressing the need for environmental concerns to be part of the strategy.
- An extension will be requested for submissions on the Public Open Space Biodiversity Strategy.
- KEAC is focusing on accountability, monitoring and reporting. They have suggested that strategies should not be just rolled out. Community views and values should be canvassed and plans should be made according them.
- May meeting addressed the dual density policy, tree protection in the planning scheme, Stirk Park Master Plan and Forrestfield North local structure plan.
- KEAC will address the Local Environment Planning Strategy which will be coming up for discussion later this year.
- Local Biodiversity Strategy is discussed at every KEAC meeting
- Tony stated the intention to write to Minister Dawson re waste management.

Cons. Council: The committee expressed appreciation to Steve for his comprehensive report on the Conservation Council’s AGM.

Steve commented that Cons Council works very collaboratively with associated groups.

Volunteer hours

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| Toornaart Creek 2 | Crumpet Creek 0 | Poison Gully - | Ray Owen - |
| | | Old Yorna Rd - | Other - |

General Business

- Constitution update from AGM meeting wording needs to be approved. Catherine Hall agreed to look at it and report back.
The Constitution needs to be redone sometime soon to fit the new model – this will be done in due course.
- St Brigid's clearing application. The community group is still actively engaging with the City of Kalamunda .
- **Wilkins Road.** Creating a Class A reserve. Jane has been in contact with Julia Cullity in DPAW with queries about whether a Friends Group needs/could to be set up. Nothing will happen until the Supreme Court challenge after it is presented to Parliament. Also, it cannot be classified as an A Class Reserve until the South West Indigenous Settlement agreement is finalized. Some Friends type work could be done but permission, requested by NRP, needs to be attained. Julia Cullity is concerned that Wilkins Rd being zoned urban. Some discussion about whether City of Kalamunda would support a Friends group given their other plans. Suggestion made to start submitting for Grants for work to be done and then make sure that the media knows about it. Jane will activate potential members of a Friends group for a quick start.
Kevin mentioned that he had met with Malcolm Roberts and discussed Wilkins Road and how there were two local residential groups at loggerheads. He wondered whether there was a mediation type of approach to make our way ahead.
- **City of Kalamunda Public Open Space Strategy** Kevin reported that KEAC has discussed and made submissions. A letter has been written to City of Kalamunda expressing surprise that biodiversity ratings were not applied or included. The various blocks are all in isolation with no consideration for corridors or friends' groups.
- **Stirk Park Master plan** has been drawn up for discussion. It includes moving the skate park to north of the bowls club. There is a need to check changes to parking, trees and concrete. KEAC has had a look at it and have noted that the lake can use water run-off from the business district and that there are a good mix of multi-use areas with quiet areas and good vegetation. Skate Park relocation comments close 26th April.
- **Lemon scented gums on Welshpool Rd** were discussed at Council meeting night before. CEO was asked to investigate the Heritage aspects as an entrance to the city. It would seem that all but 1 tree will be saved with a realignment of the drive in area.
- **Local Planning:** it was reported there is a plan to rezone Lot 7 Marion Way in Gooseberry Hill for Special Use. Tony observed that the bushfire risk will be high.
- Web matters, including Facebook will be coordinated between Toni Warden and Mary.
- Tony is in the process of creating the Autumn Newsletter.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting: May 15.