

NRPG Minutes 18 October 2016

Attendance: Margaret Fowler, Tony Fowler, Mary Syme, Kevin Goss, Steve Gates

Apologies: Katharine Outten, Jane Wallis, Elaine Sargent

Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting 20 September 2016 - Moved: Steve, Seconded: Margaret, carried.

Business Arising:

- Cat brochure example - Elaine sent email and will followup further - ongoing.
- Mobile tower proposal Lesmurdie (moved to General Business).
- Fire access tracks Shire policy - ongoing via Steve
- Wilkins Road (moved to General Business).
- Government House Parks Fund Launch Oct. 19 - Steve attending on NRPG behalf, will report back on.

Correspondence Out:

- Email to CEO/Natalie ref. Aldi parking and EPBC Act.
- Email to Tim Fisher (DPaW) for tree advice.
- Ku-ring-gai levy survey to Rhonda Hardy.
- Email to Cr Destree re NRPG priorities (6/10/2016)

Correspondence In:

- Request for information from Shire of Denmark Sustainability Officer re Tree vandalism.
- Response from Tim Fisher (DPaW) direct to Serpentine officer, Donna Sampey.
- Response from CEO ref Environmental levy, who will put it to staff to investigate if permissible under LG Act.

Reports:

President: (See also details appended)

- ALDI enquiries (General Business),
- Attended Ordinary Council Meeting 27/9,
- Meeting (7/10) with Councillor Destree (and Steve) - see reports.
- 'Gladdie' Pull (M.V. Reserve, 2/10),
- ACES (Airport Consultative Environment and Sustainability Group) meeting at Perth Airport (6/10) - FAL spoil needs to be treated before bringing back onto airport. Kevin raised concern about containment of acid sulphate material away from bushland. Risk of rescue requirement from Munday Swamp may require access arrangements - to be discussed.

- Wilkins Rd. meeting with Chris Tallentire 9/10 (w/Jane): Positive, now understands value of the site.
- Attended Strategic Community Plan Review workshop 12/10 (General Business).

Steve & Tony mtg with Cr T Destree:

Tony was able to attend also. Discussed Old Rd Board block development appvl of Aldi site, concerns over loss of town vegetation. Plus later email to her w/NRPG priorities sent by Tony. She shares many similar concerns and strong on risk management to encompass triple bottom line, fire risk, etc and is pushing this with SoK.

Treasurer:

No1 acct: \$1,306.43

No2 acct: \$263.41

No of members: 83

KEAC: Kevin Goss

Info session held last week w/3 speakers (on urban wildlife; tree canopy, reducing climate change impacts, and community health; and Urban Forest) last week setting precedent for KEAC for preparation for upcoming meetings. Covered the many roles and benefits (ie Triple Bottom Line) of trees and vegetation. Almost all KEAC and 7 Councillors attended, including Natalie Martin Goode, Director Development Services and other staff. Focus was Urban Forest for Council consideration, and has implication for other environmental matters in SoK. Natalie stated SoK needs to press stronger on policies such as ENV9: Tree and Vegetation Preservation, which need to be more effective. Kevin & Natalie to meet further to discuss.

Next mtg 27 Oct agenda is: review of draft Street Trees & Streetscape Mgmt policy & procedures, advice on proposed urban forest strategy, consideration of more effective (binding) policies, focus on Forrestfield North structure plan, with brief by Natalie Martin Goode and with aim for TBL implementation, Local Environment Strategy (and interaction/overlap with other existing ones), discuss Stirk Park redevelopment, set KEAC agenda/priorities for next few years.

Cons. Council: No meeting – postponed until Nov.

EDO: Steve reported AGM was held and past issues with concerns about resignation of Principal Solicitor P Pearlman appear to have been addressed by recommendation from SAT to take issue to AGM. Interim Committee members all decided (except one) not to stand for new Committee. New committee was elected mostly of original Committee. EDO also has new office at Lotteries West, Delhi St, W Perth.

Volunteer hours

Toornaart Creek 6	Crumpet Creek 4	Poison Gully – no report	Ray Owen
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General Business

- Strategic Community Plan Workshop Tony, Steve, Alan Evans attended. Reasonably well run, based on obtaining community comment on what we like about Kalamunda now, and what we would like it to be like in 10 yrs. Opportunity for further comment via website and several more community consultations around SoK.
- Wilkins Road update. WAPC would have made decision however WAPC would have approached SoK to do fire mgmt plan which has since been sent to DFES for comment, and will go back to WAPC. ACTION: Tony to query evaluation of WAPC appearances.
- ALDI site: Owned by Newform Enterprises Ltd registered Sept 2016. Proponent and designer for Aldi is DiVirgilio Designs, who will also be the Lessee. Andrew Fowler-Tutt has assured Tony that no trees will be cleared until they have been assessed and identified as to which will be retained.
- Mobile Tower proposal Lesmurdie: minimal clearing footprint in midst of Lesmurdie National Park & Mundy Regional park.
- Dual density (R20) zoning, Marie Way/Josephine Crescent: ACTION: Tony to raise fire risk/evacuation & other issues of this proposal with WAPC (Gail McGowan) and or D Farragher.
- Email NRPG priorities to Natalie Martin-Goode cc CEO - ACTION: Tony
- Squatter on Crystal Brook Rd: Property has been cleared, and Dept of Lands has approached DPAW and SoK to take over reveg of the area.

Next meeting: 15 Nov

Meeting closed: 9:40

President report. Committee meeting 20 Sept 2016.

Since our last meeting (19 July) following activities:

29/7 Article sent to UBC. Published in Urban Bush Telegraph Winter 2016 ' Fate of the Darling Range Regional Park still Unclear'.

August Winter 2016 edition of NRPG Newsletter sent to members, outlining activity and critical of Shire performance [all accurate criticism, not popular with CEO or staff.

5/8 Private letter on tree vandalism published in Echo. Dealing with damage on Mundy Regional Park.

12/8 Follow up vandalism article by Echo journalist Rashelle Predovnik. She took some convincing but did a good job, accurately reporting our telephone conversation.

8/8 Questions on notice at D&I Council meeting. Aldi and Wilkins Road?

8/8 Email to David Loch requesting EPBC update on Wilkins Rd.

10/8 Meeting with Rhonda Hardy ref questions on notice asked at 8/8 meeting.

17/8 Submission on Bush Forever Site 390 (at request of UBC). Mining proposal on Bush Forever site.

18/8 Attended Parks of Darling Range CAC meeting [16 years cum December!]

22/8 Email enquiry to Duanne Ginger (Environmental Officer at PAP) ref surveying? Enquiry ongoing.

25/8 Rang Tim Hillyard ref. Aged Care Matrix. No info available from him.

26/8 Attended Shire Friends Group Coordinators meeting. Met some of the Green Army – very impressed. Coordinator for Ledger Road Reserve concerned about lack of access over asbestos contamination. I took matter up with Rhonda and forwarded the reply to Laurie Wright. The meeting, once again, provided a great networking opportunity. Well-worth attending.

6/9 Email to Andrew Fowler-Tutt ref. Old Road Board Block history. Still awaiting reply.

8/9 further email to David Loch re. EPBC referrals and Wilkins Road.

20/9 Emails to/from EPBC referrals ref Wilkins Road.

20/9 Draft of letter to Aldi for committee approval. Tabled.