

Western Adelaide Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 26th July 2017 at the Henley Town Hall

Attendance: 22, as per Roll

APOLOGIES

Fernando Goncalves, Paul Caica, Michelle Tucker, David Schofield, Paul Laris, Marg Easson, Sandy Schultheis, Val Wales, Angela Vaughan, Chrissy Schultz, Calvin & Heather Brown - Apologies Accepted
Moved Marilyn Bruhn, Seconded Bert Brown Carried

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st May 2017 accepted. Moved Pedro Schultz, Seconded Richard Smith. Carried

Treasurer's Report

Given by Pedro Schultz on behalf of Chrissy Schultz
Our bank balance as at 7th July is \$3, 454.41 and our Term Deposit is \$3,000.

Fund raising

We are planning further fundraising activities - we have our name down for a Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle, and plan a film night later this year and a Quiz Night early next year.

Treasurer's Report Accepted - Moved Anna Shepherd, Seconded Marilyn Bruhm. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Items

The proposed Telstra Tower at 73 East Tce.

The Matter will be going back to the ERD Court for a Directions Hearing on 7/8/17 and a Hearing date is set for late September. The preliminary structural report by the council on upgrading the current site for the new tower indicated that it was the best location but Telstra says the current location is unable to structurally support a 10m tower and it needs to be relocated. To fight this, it may need a Heritage architect independent of council but a Heritage Planning Report would cost \$20,000. The argument will be around the visual aspect, the amenity and character of the location versus the Need. There is a question as to whether Telstra will be acting under Commonwealth law. Heather Flannigan asked whether the Mayor was being directed by the Council or the Lawyer. John said many thanks to Jim and Wacra for all the help and advice.

West Beach Coastal Management.

Richard Smith gave a report about the workshops run by John Dundin to save the West Beach sands using a scientific approach - the groynes at Pt Malcolm is costing millions. There is a big debate over a breakwater or series of breakwaters or onshore groynes with over 30,000 cubic metres of sea weed being trapped.

Relocation of the Henley Library

There has been a push by Council since May to relocate the Henley Library and make it perhaps a 'boutique library' and part of its community consultation included a 'joke of a questionnaire' and an open day on 10/6/17 at Henley Square. Fortunately a group called **CLAG** has been formed to fight this and the whole Council plan may become unstuck. Certainly Bruce Williams expressed his surprise by the 'articulate, informed and determination not to move'!

Julie said that the poster organised by Pedro was most successful and had received many public comments. People are very irate about the whole thing. Heather questioned the whole notion of 'boutique library'. Cr Bob Randell favours only 2 libraries! while Cr Jasmine Wood is totally supportive of us.

Antunes' Ground water still discharging 82,000 litres everyday on the beach.

Coast Park

The Tennyson Dunes group has measured out a Discovery Path - its direction and width and it is hoped construction will start soon. There is still major opposition by various residents North of the Dune - Supreme Court Action. Stephen Mulligan hopes to have the path done by Christmas.

Nuclear Waste Policy

Bert Brown gave a report that the Charles Sturt Council had noted our policy but would not act on it as it was Commonwealth matter. The Commonwealth in fact wants Kimba to be used for a storage facility.

Our Newsletter - submissions wanted.

SALA (SA Living Artists) will take place from 26th August and there are 6000 artists participating. The Ramsgate has received a \$1500 grant to help display art in the hotel through-out the year. Adele said we need an Art Centre in the West. Possibly a new path from Grange to Henley Oval featuring the Art Society, Community Garden and an Indigenous area with edible plants. A wellness garden.

Breakout Creek

West Torrens Council wants the horses put on Apex Park with amenities at Lockley oval. The concept plan is with the NRM Board and is being pressured by Paul Caica and taking to the Minister.

Community Alliance

Theo Ellenbroek has reported that the Alliance with 20 other groups is very concerned about the current reformation being proposed for all the planning rules - the Engagement Charter. We need to be allowed to be consulted. A new **Planning Commission** was formalised in April this year and is led by Tim Anderson and includes Michael Lennon, Matt Davis, Janet Finlay, Fairly Delbridge and Allan Holmes.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm