

Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 25th July 2018 at the Henley Town Hall

Attendance: 25, as per Roll

APOLOGIES Marg Easson, Heather and Calvin Brown, Helen Manning, Lisa Redman

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved Marilyn, Sec. Fernando Passed

Treasurer's Report _ Richard Smith - We are holding \$12,462.65 of which 6,502.32 is Wacra's and the rest is for Discretionary Ward Allowances for the Tennyson Dunes Group, the Defibrillator and the Henley Dunes Care Group. The Report was Accepted - Moved Richard, Seconded Theo. Passed Unanimously.

Motion to allow Electronic Funds Transfer - Moved Richard Smith, Seconded Jim Douglas - Passed

President's Report - Paul Laris

Public Consultation on Public Consultation - Meeting on Monday - pretty disappointing - there are Council Elections in November - we have Sonya Bates at the meeting who is going to be a Candidate - we need some changes in Council.

Antunes Drain - nothing has happened — again.

State Govt is changing the NRM Board and how it works. More info on the YourSay website.

AGENDA ITEMS

Public Consultation Paul/Richard/Pedro

The final version of the Charles Sturt Community Consultation Policy was approved by 8:2 despite a motion by Jasmin Woods. We have concerns over Part 3 - 'issues Council MAY consult on' - the Policy now means that there is no need to consult - optional. There should be a balance between efficiency and democracy. Paul said that the international IAP2 Model sets out some principles which were good but now not included. Richard said that the Council had arranged for the Councillors to have a workshop about the Public Consultation. It would be good if we could talk to Council without a huge reaction to it. Paul made a deputation to Council on Monday night to delay dealing with the Policy as the LGA is producing some guidelines and a template on how to do Public Consultation but it was to no avail. Any issue of concern are determined by Council - there is no scope if the Community wants to have input on Policies.

A straw poll at the Meeting conducted by Theo found that about half of the attendees had been in touch with their local councillor. Maybe we should invite Councillors to our meeting. 'A members Workshop'!

Paul and Jim should get a response from the CEPG - the Coastal Ecology Protection Group. Don Howie in attendance thought it was a 'sad way forward' and everyone is looking forward to providing candidates for the election. Paul felt that the Council is not engaged with the Consultation policy. Lots of examples where the Council has failed with Consultation - the Library, the Parking Meters etc.

Coastal Management - Jim Douglas.

The recent storm has removed much of the sand that the Coastal Protection Board had moved to West Beach. A Scientific Report by DHI - Danish Hydraulic Institute, out of Flinders University, has been completed and handed to the Board but the Board will not release it for public discussion or the Council. We have been asking for a copy of the Report but the Report goes to the the Department of Environment and Water and then to the Minister who will make the final decision. We tried an FOI but failed but now Mark Parnell has also put in an FOI and is awaiting results. As are we! The Chairman of the Board is Alan Holmes, formerly CEO of the Environment Board. Dr Ian Dyson is proposing 4 tonne Geo-tech bags to be placed strategically on the beach and the water to try and keep the sand on the beach. He wants the sandbags to be located at different angles and heights like at Brighton - but improved with good science. We want to trial it rather than use break waters like at Semaphore which are quite dangerous.

Dredging at Outer Harbour - the EPA along with other Govt agencies will provide Jim and Pedro with details about the requirements they are setting Flinders Ports when they commence the dredging. 2,000 Hectares of sea-grass died in the 2005 dredging. Flinders Ports plans to dump the spoil on the same area, despite that it is reviving partly. Conditions will include silk-screening around the dredging and monitoring of the turbidity on an hourly basis. We would like someone permanently on the Dredge from the EPA or external monitoring from a station. We have not seen the stringent conditions but will be able to see them when they are ready - an undertaking given by Catherine Burlett from the EPA who is managing the project.

The dredging will probably start at the end of Summer, March, in 2019. Flinders Port will complete the tender process and then EPA will provide a Licence Agreement and will be checking sensors placed around the Gulf. The Coastal Protection Board set up the bags at Brighton but not sure why they are reluctant to do a similar thing at West Beach. When the Boat Harbour was constructed it was recommended that the harbour should be beaved (blown up??!!) if it resulted in the dunes being lost.

Concerns were expressed by Theo about the dolphin sanctuary and we were a bit amazed that Friends of Gulf St Vincent were not unhappy with the dumping off the spoil in the Gulf. The EPA thinks the turbidity will not go into the Port River but we are worried about the second dredging proposed for Torrens River.

Protest about the Private Beach at Glenelg - Saturday 4th August.

Henley South Dunes Group - Bernadette Cranwell reported that much progress has been made - and that Council has provided funding thanks to lobbying by Lisa Redman.. 4 planting days - on Sunday 30-35 people were helping to plant 800+ plants. The final planting day will be on the 9th August - the rest of the year will be putting up temporary fencing - regular weeding, watering. If you would like to help, go to www.henleydunes.org to register online.

AED - Automatic External Defibrillator

Rick brought a Defibrillator for the meeting to see. He succeeded in gaining a DWA Grant of \$2450. Rick went to St John's and they generously upgraded our model to the most expensive worth \$3500 A committee has been formed - DAGS - Defibrillator Action Group - Rick, Anne, Richard, Lynn and Bert and there are 4 aspects - a) installation - where in the Square? - b) training in the Henley Surf Lifesaving Club in CPR and the use of Defibrillator - no cost. c) public awareness that the unit is in the Square d) unveiling on the 7th October - same time as the start of the Surf Lifesaving season and the start of Daylight Saving - launch by mayor Angela Evans. Why has it taken so long to be adopted in SA? There are a few around - but this apparently is the first public access outside the CBD. We must de-mystify the use of the defibrillator - 3 minute training online - it tells us what to do. 'Just Use It!'

History Project

A suggestion coming out of the celebration of David Schofield's life, was that there should be a record of the history of the Association - from its roots as the Grange Ratepayer's Association in 1974, to 1985 Henley & Grange Residents' and finally Wacra in 2006 to the present day. Lots of campaigns. Tina, David's wife, is a professional writer and so the team (Paul, Richard, Anne, Jim and Tina) is looking up old members and the various campaigns. The exec has agreed to support the project - now a digital recorder and transcriber - Anne Wheaton - the State Library were very pleased to get some of our history about 18 months ago. People will be invited to assist as the project evolves. It should be useful to other organisations to show on how to set up a community organisation and a campaign - how to get people to act and enjoy the social inclusion.

Telstra Tower

Kenzie reported on this as Angela Vaughn not well - Andrew Bains and Wacra organised a Funeral on the 24th June for the loss of Heritage in Henley Square - a wake - about 100 people turned up , along with 4 dachshunds in top hats and a procession went to East Tce, opposite the Grange Bowling Club and next to the Tower. A 37.4 second silence was held to match the height of the tower and naturally a mobile phone was used to signal the time was up. Heather, Kenzie and Angela are meeting weekly about a) other locations for the tower, b) reasons for the site and c) the 3 levels of govt and the sense of disempowerment. Case Law - if there are previous cases which are similar. We want to help others who may experience other mobile towers. We are the only case which seems to be in a heritage conservation zone.

There are concerns about having other Services using the tower - affecting Heather's Solar panels - Telstra going through Council. Andre Wilkie has put a bill to Federal Parliament trying to limit Telstra towers - and big concern over 5G Towers. An action plan needed against the Council. 5G may be small enough on your stobie pole - less ugly but maybe more dangerous.

Military Road and Main Street Street view Project.

Pedro has been reading the Council Agendas - *Road Asset Management Plan* up for consultation closes on 6th August. *West Beach Wall Management Plan*. *Living Green Consultation* closes 16th August. **Council elections** - Rolls close on August 10th! elections in November. Nominations September 4th -18th.

Theo and Planning and Infra-structure

There is a big concern that the **Henley jetty's curved roof** but will be replaced by a Fiber-reinforced plastic pitched roof. Theo had no response from the Minister but Fran said her reply had stated the design of the jetty had cost \$80,000 and any alterations would cost more. **Planning Design and Development** - the State Govt and planners are not consulting with the community - great concern for Community Alliance, National Trust, EDO. Mark Parnell only parliamentarian with planning credentials. Matt Cowdrey - standardising the design of the jetties - Fran - *apparently \$80,000 for the shelter!!* maybe publicity in parliament. maybe an item in the Messenger.

Jim said there were two problems a) the State Planning Act applied to the whole State - the new govt has tightened up the Act even more than the previous govt! and b) local issues. Maybe a protest in parliament. Heritage buildings being knocked down. What is the Community Alliance doing - maybe Mark Parnell could use the Jetty as an example of poor planning. Big issue with smaller examples - govt not listening to the people. Jim has written to Tom of the Community Alliance - trying to reinforce the issue. SA Planning website worth a look.

Heather Flannigan is a member of the Charles Sturt e-panel.

Meeting closed 9.20