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MANJIMUP TOWN CENTRE
REVITALISATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Manjimup Townscape Committee Meeting held at the Shire Offices (JC Rose Room), Wednesday, 8 May 2024.

1. Declaration of Opening of Meeting:

Jocelyn Baister opened the meeting at 4.44pm.

2. Attendance

Members Present:

Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works
Gail Ipsen Cutts (GC)	Director Community Services
Jocelyn Baister (JB)	Manager Statutory Planning (Proxy)
David Giblett (DG)	Community representative
Philippa Gavranich (PG)	Community representative
Kaylene Roberts (KR)	Minute Taker

Apologies:

Cr Steve Moilin	Councillor
Evy Apeldoorn (EA)	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)

Absentees

Michelle Di Salvo (MD)	Community representative
Mary Nixon (MN)	Community representative
Bevan Eatts (BE)	President, Manjimup Chamber of Commerce
Brian Robinson	Fmr Director, Development and Regulation
Spencer Roberts	Fmr Manager Parks and Gardens (Proxy)

3. Guests:

Kim Starkie (KS)	President, Manjimup Chamber of Commerce
Donelle Buegge (DB)	Councillor

GC suggested we write to both Mary Nixon and Michelle Di Salvo regarding their attendance at MTAAC meetings and to confirm if they are still interested in being on the Committee.
May need to advertise for new members.
Find out from Gaye Burridge

The minutes of this meeting are being recorded.

4. Presentations:

Nil.

5 Disclosure of Interest:

Nil.

6. Council Decisions on Previous Recommendations

-Council resolve to note the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2023.

7. Previous Minutes

Moved: David Giblett **Seconded: Pip Gavranich**

That the previous unconfirmed minutes of the Manjimup Town Centre Revitalisation Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried 5/0

8. Standing Items

8.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

ML - Number of improvements to the age friendly infrastructure
Replaced a number of old concrete footpaths with solid concrete 1.5m footpaths with kerb ramps which meet the Australian Standards.
DB – issue with kerb ramps at the Ralston Street crossing. Ramps are to high for wheel chair access.

JB – wants to acknowledge the houses being built by James Ryan on the corner of Ipsen and Bath Streets for NDIS compliant homes. Great private investment for the town and that community.

GC – has been advised by one of the directors at Department of Communities that they are going to build out the final lot of the over 55's as social housing for over 55's, what was formally known as Cherry Glades. There have been 6 houses built and there are about 9 lots left to finish off the area.

KS – the path is exceptional. Could we look at from the Woolworths complex going over to the main town through Karamfiles Lane.
ML – has been brought up a number of times. There is an informal trail from the back of Karamfiles Lane across the linear path and then onto the car park and road network at the back of the Woolworths and Red Dot complex. Can't put a footpath in that opens up directly from a road and have it end at another road or carpark without another footpath connection, there are no footpath connections within the private property at the Woolworths complex or site.
GC – can we link it to Linear Park?
ML - we could but then the path would become non-compliant due to the gradient being pretty steep.
KS – can we put a pedestrian crossing in or a pedestrian line with a warning.
ML – its private property and we can't get them to do anything.

- There are connections onto the linear path from the old railway at the back of Tall Timbers just south there's a couple of form connections through there.

GC – Shire wanted to put a vehicle route through there and wanted to be able to connect the town through there.

ML – the Shire has a management order over the rail reserve, rail line we are still bound by certain criteria of what we put in there and how we manage it.
ML – to bring back some potential designs for footpaths to the next meeting.

Moved: Pip Gavranich Seconded: David Giblett

That the Director of Works bring back to the next meeting some concepts for connections from Johnson Crescent through to Woolworths Complex.

Carried 5/0

DG – can we put an access ramp in front of Southern Belle, there is a disabled bay on the corner and the access ramp is only for the driver and if there is a passenger in a walker they have to walk around the rear of the parked vehicle to get up the access ramp.
ML – disabled parking, accord parking has had a number of changes over the years. At the time the bays were created and line marking occurred they were compliant with the current standards.

GC – the Shire is revisiting the Dementia Friendly town program and will be looking at working together with Dementia or Alzheimer's Australia to do a bit more activation. Have just appointed a new coordinator so just waiting to see what they expect us to do and what they are doing.

JB – The Housing Minister has announced a budget of millions of dollars towards additional, affordable housing.

8.2 Action Sheet

- Terms of Reference – changes were made.
  ML – add DB as Councillor Proxy
  Change both the Manager Parks Operations Proxy and Director Development and Regulation to Vacant.
  Remove the Events Administration Officer (non-voting)
  Remove BE and add KS as Manjimup Chamber of Commerce
  Add Sam Cleveland as the Visitor Centre represent

Moved: Pip Gavranich Seconded: David Giblett

That the Terms of Reference be updated to reflect the changes required.

Carried 5/0

Interpretive Water Tank – JB asked who would like to see the concepts brought back to this meeting if we can find them.

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Pip Gavranich

That the Concept plans are brought back to this meeting and be voted on.

Carried 4/1

GC voted against.

9. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Matters arising were discussed above.

10. New Business

10.1 Manjin Park Fountain Update

ML - In August 2023 Council approved a capital works budget that included $15k to upgrade the fountain at Manjin Park. Since that time Council have expressed interest in what that upgrade would consist of and a pause was put on doing any kind of work on upgrading the fountain until this Committee has given the design some consideration. During that time a design has been prepared inhouse by the Parks and Gardens team and consists of taking the pump and water out of the fountain and turning the area into a botanical garden with a number of tough landscaped\ type plants and no fountain.

Brought back to the committee as there were some Committee members and Councillors that wanted to have some input into it.

KS – looking for a mural location, the back wall of a native garden display. The back wall of the existing water feature is concrete/brick and could potentially be something quite awesome feature.

KS - Also has a big thing against the annual flower garden changing regularly, expensive money and would love to see native and drought resistant plants.

PG – drought tolerant plants need just as much water as annual flowers.

ML – Species to replace the water fountain will be native.

ML – Further consideration and decision whether by this Committee and/or Council into what we can do and thinks $15k is really not going to cover it.

PG – could it be a project for volunteers to undertake.

ML – consideration should be given to the whole front area of Manjin Park from the gabion basket areas at the top and gardens, and turf is under water 3 months of the year.

DB – Cr Moilin keen to see the gabion baskets pulled down a little – is it possible to open it up so that you can see up into the town.

ML - Potentially but once you remove those gabion baskets walls that stop people from falling off from that height you may have to replace with a fence.

ML - suggested that the works be undertaken by a professional landscape architect company to really consider what to do with that front part of Manjin Park.

ML – use the budget to get a design for the park including the fountain.

GC – advertise the opportunity for the community to provide their design ideas. We are talking about trying to engage the community about seeking ideas/designs.

Moved: Michael Leers **Seconded: Jocelyn Baister**

That the Director of Works Services prepare an Expression Of Interest for Manjimup Community members to provide the Shire with a Concept Design for the redevelopment of Manjin Park garden beds and including potential redevelopment of the fountain.

Carried 5/0

JB – the Shire will need to provide a minimum amount of detail in terms of space, plans, levels etc.

10.2 Vanguard Road Safety Training

ML – attended a workshop in Bunbury with Cr Buegge and Cr Eiby which was held by Main Roads WA.

One of the alarming quite pertinent issues discussed was speed reduction being the easiest way to improve road safety in particular in and around urban areas in particular around the CBD's and shopping areas.

Data shows that being hit by a car at 50km/h would most likely end up in hospital but someone being hit by a car doing 30km/h is most likely to get up and walk away.

Proposing to reduce the speed limit on Giblett Street and Rose Street to 30km/h. Rose Street is included as there has been a long standing issue with another Committee of Council and that is the Road Infrastructure Advisory Committee to do something to improve pedestrian safety from the Drs and Pharmacy on Rose Street towards Blue Tiger. Have tried putting in crosswalks but Main Roads refused as it didn't meet the criteria and constructed the pedestrian nibs to try and create the walking distance to be shorter. About to do some line marking to help get people to slow down.

30km/h also for Ipsen Street, Mount Street and Brockman Street.

JB – Rose Street from Ipsen to Mount Streets does not have pedestrian refuse islands. Can we consider that as part of this safety measure.

ML – we can reconsider it but has been considered before and the road distance particularly with the parking unable to get sufficient space for the islands.

ML – will certainly reconsider now has a new Manager Tech Services.

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: Pip Gavranich

That the Director of Works Services commence the process to speed limit Giblett Street, Rose Street, Mount Street, Ipsen and Brockman Street to 30km/h.

Carried 5/0

PG – signage on the median strip on Giblett Street, has this been addressed?

JB – there are few that have been approved in the centre median. It is the opinion of Shire officers that no further signage will be approved and only on the verges.

10.3 Christmas Tree

KS – Well loved community Christmas tree. Falls under the Chamber of Commerce since its fruition. Studies have proven that for the CC it doesn't drive any additional retail growth, doesn't provide anything extra for the

businesses in town. Usually ties in with the Cherry Festival or another weekend. Could make its own weekend.
It really shouldn't sit with the CC, it really needs to be part of the town and communities ownership.
GC – what was the Chambers strategic intent to get the tree in the first place? It was a Chamber process in the beginning.
KS – driven by CC members as a retail Christmas activation for the retail Christmas period. Over the years its been done by the committed few that have been the drivers of that. For a few years it was broken and was driven by Donelle and Jenny Markotis and then went to KS in October. Found no retail reason for the tree to go up at all. Driven by a very few people that got the tree up and no one in existence to bring it down.
If the tree is to continue it needs to be looked at from a perspective that it is a cost to the community, its paid for as something we want to do to activate Christmas in the town or Shire.
Would like it to come to the Shire and be managed out with a budget for it to be continued with or if you have other ideas or you don't think you want it then does it get shelved because there is cost of the upkeep and a cost to put it up every year.
JB – asked other community members their thoughts.
PG – where does this go, whether you get community input as to whether they love it or whether it is something that needs to be done or does it just fade away.
DB – tree is stored in a sea container at Cutt's yard and the chamber own the sea container and they allow them to store it there.
ML – SMT have been discussing Christmas decorations over the past 8 years and it fell fairly short. The Council has to make a decision whether it is prepared to put some serious money in and perhaps a Christmas tree is not enough maybe needs to be more. Maybe this should trigger a broader discussion and very serious consideration by Council and the Shire on what it does for Christmas Decorations in each of our towns.

Moved: Gail Cutts **Seconded: David Giblett**

That the Council and Shire Administration consider a Strategic decision on what it would contribute to Christmas marketing and decorations within the Shire.

Carried 5/0

GC – these conversations have been had on numerous occasions the most we have been able to secure to support the chambers is $5k a year for about 3 years, that was about $2500 for each of the chambers to buy decorations which were bought at a cheaper level and didn't have longevity.

10.4 Town Teams Training

JB –there is a budget item to undertake any paid or town team training and there is a free town team training available on their own website.
DB – attended a meeting in Joondalup and it was well worth it. Has a pack for the Chamber.
It is not Shire based, its about getting an external group to activate the town and to activate the town space. It means your eligible for funding

JB – Town Team is an organisation that basically assists community groups to help activate their towns in collaboration with Shires.
The Planning Institute WA Branch is hosting a Place Activation Professional development workshop in Perth. JB can send a link to that event. Can potentially use the budget for this particular event.

KS – is there a Strategic Plan for Manjimup? What is the drawcard for Manjimup.
DB – there is a Strategic Plan and is on the website.
ML – it is to be reviewed this year.
JB – long answer is there is going to be community consultation occurring over the next 12 months to inform that strategic direction.
GC – Service centre for the region

11. General Business

Nil.

12. Next Meeting:

Due to held 6 November 2024.

13. Meeting Closure:

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.22pm