SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

WALPOLE TOWN ACTIVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walpole Community Resource Centre, Tuesday 27 August, 2024.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING MEETING:

Cr Jennifer Willcox opened the meeting at 10.15am.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES:

3.1 Attendance

Members Present:

Cr Jennifer Willcox (JW)	Councillor
Jocelyn Baister (JB)	Manager Planning Services (Proxy)
Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works and Services
Evy Apeldoorn (EA)	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)
Cherie Smith (CS)	Community Representative
David Tapley (DT)	Community Representative

3.2 Apologies

Gail Ipsen Cutts	Director Community Services

3.3 Absent

Sarah Walker	Community Representative
Louise Pickett	Community Representative
Brian Robinson	(*resigned as*) Director Development & Regulation
Spencer Roberts	(*resigned as*) Manager Parks Operations (Proxy)
Georgia Schipp	(*resigned as*) Events Administration Officer (Proxy)
Sheree Gray (*deceased*)	Community Representative

4. GUESTS:

Donelle Buegge (DB)	Shire President (Proxy)
Jason Giadresco (JG)	Director Development Services
Andrew Conway (AC)	Manager Parks Operations
Robyn Christian (RC)	President Walpole Nornalup Tourism Assoc.

Kelli Summerfield (KS) Planning Administration Officer

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(JW) – Acknowledgement of the recent passing of Sheree Grey with a minute of silence.
(RC) – Robyn Christian gave an update on the Visitor Centre.
- At the Visitor Centre they are trying to introduce a new model of visitor services as there are not enough volunteers to maintain the old model.
- The Visitor Centre has also stopped taking accommodation bookings.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil.

7. COUNCIL DECISION ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION:

Nil.

8. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: David Tapley

That the previous minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Carried 6/0

9. STANDING ITEMS:

9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

Introduction of new Manager Park Operations
(ML) – Welcome to Andrew Conway in this role.

Footpath between Boronia Ridge and Nockolds Street
(ML) – Currently people walk through the hotel carpark and there is no clear pathway between Boronia Ridge and Nockolds Street.
- Main Roads declined an initial Shire Plan for a footpath through road reserve land on Nockolds Street.
- Once a Shire Plan is approved, grants will be applied for from Western Australian Bike Network.

9.2 Town Teams

Town Teams Conference 2024
(JB) – The Town Team Conference 2024 is going to be held in Northam at the Town Hall 13th September 2024. If anyone on the Committee is interested, the Shire has a budget to assist people to attend and participate.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Walpole Tidy Towns

(JW) – The Tidy Towns Committee has withdrawn their Tidy Town application for this year due to personal loss.

Dr Issue

(JW) – Silverchain has chosen to pull out of eleven (11) remote locations across WA, and hand over to WA Country Health Services (WACHS).

- The transition for Walpole happened over the Easter period 2024.
- WACHS are introducing new services, including a child health nurse available a few days a week.
- JW has been invited to be part of the Health Advisory Committee for the Great Southern area, as our health services come from Great Southern.
- JW is going to suggest WACHS advertise locally as awareness of their services is low.
- The Silverchain Branch Committee money will be donated to WACHS for exclusive use within Walpole.

(CS) – Community Home Support Program (CHSP) will be phased out in 2027. They will be looking at home care rather than clinics.

- The Community Resource Centre can take over the other program Home Care Packages from Silverchain for aged care.

(EA) – Update on Breastscreen – The Shire of Manjimup has been approached by the BreastScreen van for the possibility of visiting Walpole. This is already in place in Manjimup and Pemberton.

- They would need access to 3phase power, water, privacy, parking, toilets etc in order to operate.
- It has been suggested they use the WACHS building and were willing to contribute funds towards its use and upkeep.

(JW) – They could also use the hall if the WACHS clinic does not work out.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

South Western Highway Road Conditions

(CS) – A concerned resident has submitted a letter which he would like published, outlining the dangerous conditions of the section of road between the South Western Highway and North Walpole Road to Allen Road (the dreaded strip), a distance of approximately 0.8km.

- Issues include a speed limit that is too high, steep drops, dangerous traffic conditions for cyclists and pedestrians including the Work Camp inmates who service the community.

(ML) – South Western Highway is speed zoned, but North Walpole Road is not currently speed zoned. There are criteria for speed zones which North Walpole has just complied with.

- Main Roads are the only ones that can erect speed zone signs and they will very soon be engaged by the Shire to do that in this area, possibly by the end of this year.
- Will write a response to the letter writer via (CS) and approved by (DB).
- Bike lanes are difficult to construct because of the narrowness of the roads, vegetation and wetlands.

(JW) – Publishing the letter and the response will be good for community awareness.

Terms of Reference

(ML) –Move a motion to change the Terms of Reference as follows -
Remove Mr Spencer Roberts as Manager Parks Operations (proxy) and replace with Mr Andrew Conway as Manager Parks Operations (proxy).
Remove Mr Brian Robinson as Director Development & Regulation and replace with Mr Jason Giadresco as Director Development Services.
Remove Ms Georgia Schipp as Events Administration Officer (Proxy)
Remove the position of Events Administration Officer completely
Advertise the position of Community Representative which is vacant due to the passing of Ms Sheree Gray.
Have the Shire express their condolences to Sheree Gray's family and acknowledge and give thanks for the work she did for the Shire.
Letters to current committee members to ascertain interest and how many positions vacant there may be to advertise.

(EA) – Meeting dates to be set in advance for the next year ahead.

- **Moved: Michael Leers Seconded: David Tapley**
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- **Carried 6/0**

Valley of the Giants

(EA) – the new trails are going to be opened by DBCA in February 2025.
- Still working out the details of maintenance and management between the Shire and DBCA.

(JW) – Possibility of moving the mural from the side of the public toilets to the side of the Recreation Centre facing into the Community Garden.
(ML) – Formal community consultation will be needed to relocate the mural so that Council can make an informed decision.

(11.45am – DB left the meeting)

Fire Risk around Brass Lane & Nockolds Street

(DT) – It is not Shire land but there is a fire risk with the vegetation on this land which is by the seniors accommodation.
(JB) – Correspondence from the State which states that they are going to divest that land and are currently going by Native Title.
(JB) – The Rangers will be doing their inspections by December for maintenance for the fire season.

Apron at the Fish Cleaning Facility

(JW) – Maintenance plans for that as it is still cracked.
(JG) –There is now a budget to fix it – the plan is to probably remove it and replace it with a new one.

Playground Equipment
(JW) – When the equipment was removed, the legs were just sawn off, which means it just need some bigger pipes concreted into the ground so that the legs can just be slotted in and bolted. This can happen when the weather clears.
New Skate Park Sign
(JW) – Noticed the skatepark sign has been replaced with a new one.
(EA) – All skatepark signs were renewed with input from the local kids to align the wording and safety guidelines to be more uniform in a more positive way across all the parks.
(ML) – Joint project between Parks and Community Services.

Pioneer Park Nature Playground
(ML) – Despite advertising with the community, there has been little feedback.
(ML) – It has a budget allocation and a draft proposal.
(ML) - Community Services are liaising directly with the schoolkids, so that will be happening at the next meeting.
(JG) – We will wait and see what the school says regarding the mural on the toilet block.

Action Sheet for Advisory Committee
(JB) – Would this committee like an ongoing action sheet?
(JW) – That sounds like a good idea, no motion needed as it is administration.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS:
Nil.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 12 November 2024 10.00am.

Tuesday 8 April 2025 10.00am.

Meeting Closed:
There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.48am.