



Shire of Northam
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Notes

Bakers Hill Community

Meeting

28 June 2017

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr S Pollard declared the meeting open at 7:03pm and explained that the purpose of the meeting is to provide the community with an update in relation to current and future matters. In addition, respond to any questions/queries where possible.

Cr S Pollard introduced the Elected Members in attendance.

Mr Jason Whiteaker introduced the Executive Management team and staff attending the meeting and advised that the Executive Managers of Development, Engineering and Community Services will provide an overview of their service areas and some current projects being undertaken.

2. ATTENDANCE

Council:

Shire President

Deputy Shire President

Councillor:

Cr S Pollard

Cr T Little

Cr C Davidson

Cr C Antonio

Cr J Williams

Cr U Rumjantsev

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Manager Development Services

Executive Manager Engineering Services

Executive Manager Corporate Services

Executive Manager Community Services

Executive Assistant – CEO

Operation Manager

J Whiteaker

C Hunt

C Kleynhans

C Young

R Rayson

A Maxwell

T Pearce

Community Members:

Geoff Both

Lew Couper

M J Wallace

T Ebsary

J Dawson

H Chambers

M Flynn

Joy Harding

Colin Hassell

Lisa Giorgi

Jan Cook

Wilf Harwood

Shirley (Maggie) Both

Joyce Daniels

Brian Daniels

K Ebsary

B Chambers

J Flynn

Attila Mencshelyi

A Poulten

Deborah Clune

Anne Baer

Laraine Harwood

Barbara Hopla

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Shire of Northam Overview

Chief Executive Office

- Review of the Strategic Community Plan – Mr Whiteaker explained the purpose of this document, outlining that this guides the entire Council and Community. Council has undertaken a significant consultation process and it is expected that a draft will be available for public comment in the coming weeks.

The following community members requested a copy be forwarded to them:

- Barbara Hopla;
 - Lew Couper; and
 - Reg Tipple.
- 2017/18 Draft Budget – Council will be holding a Special Council meeting to consider the draft budget for the 2017/18 period on Thursday 29 June. It was advised that a response is not able to be provided for any questions in relation to the budget as it has not been considered by Council at this stage, however the meeting is open to the public.

Engineering Services

- Drainage in Carlin Valley and Koojeda Heights – Works are currently underway in an attempt to resolve drainage issues in these areas. It is expected that the current work underway will be completed by the end of July and Officers will then identify a long term plan to manage this into the future.
- Great Eastern Highway Realignment Works – This is a joint venture project with Main Roads Western Australia and is expected to be underway in the coming months. Main Roads WA are responsible for the Highway work and Council will be undertaking work in relation to the footpaths and Council roads.
- Public Open Space – Council will be undertaking some improvements to the playground at the Bakers Hill Recreation Centre which includes installing soft fall and upgrading some of the equipment.

Executive Manager Development Services

- Bakers Hill Recreation Centre Air Conditioner - Upgrades have been undertaken.
- Fire Mitigation/Burn Program – This will be undertaken in the Council managed reserves in consultation with the Brigade's.

- Wundowie Bush Fire Brigade – The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is in the process of recommending to Council that it create a Wundowie Brigade, this will impact the Bakers Hill Brigade as it is currently covering the Wundowie area.
- Environmental Sustainability – Council has recently appointed an Environmental Sustainability Officer who will be focused on a range of environmental projects and initiatives. This is the first time Council has provided staff resource to focus on the environment.

Executive Manager Community Services

- Bakers Hill Community Plan – It was advised that Council is currently behind schedule for the completion of the Plan, however it is expected to have the draft available for community comment in the next few weeks. This will allow community members the opportunity to provide feedback on the Plan to ensure that it is consistent with the community feedback provided through the consultation process.

Through the consultation process there were a range of themes identified, including the development of the Recreation Precinct (BBQ, playground etc), caravan/short stay camping areas, public transport, youth programs, relocation of the BMX track, tracks/trails and equestrian. The matters raised will become actions within the Plan and provide clear guidance for the future.

The following members requested a copy of the Bakers Hill Community Plan once this is available for community comment:

- Barbara Hopla;
- Lew Couper; and
- Reg Tipple.

3.2 Matters Raise by the Community

Mr Whiteaker requested community members to be polite and respectful when asking questions, as will the staff when providing responses.

- Carlin Valley Drainage Works - MJ Wallace
Question: Ms Wallace stated that section 1 will be completed this financial year, however asked when the remaining stages will be undertaken, will they be completed and is the Council committed to improving the drainage?

Response: Mr Kleynhans advised that the Council is committed to improving drainage and allocates approximately \$450,000 for Shire wide drainage management generally each year through its Long Term Financial Plan. Mr Kleynhans advised that the drainage works in the Shire are assessed by priority and at this stage is unable to provide an exact timeframe until there is a clear understanding of the area.

- Koojeda Heights Drainage Works – Attila Mencshelyi

Question: Mr Mencshelyi advised that the works are coming along nicely and asked whether WANDERA funding was secured for this.

Response: Mr Kleynhans advised that WANDERA funding had been secured however the conditions of the funding only allows for the works to be reinstated. There are two elements to the project, this includes maintenance/reinstatement and additional work such as the rock pitching. In addition, Council was not allowed to do the work itself and must use a contractor, however this condition has recently been amended to allow for this. Mr Kleynhans advised that he was unable to provide the exact figure at the meeting however this can be provided.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is also important that landowners do their part in relation to managing stormwater on their properties. In addition, Council will be appointing a Hydrologist to identify properties of concern and give residents some tips/pointers to manage their stormwater.

- Bakers Hill Community Plan – Brian Daniels

Question: Mr Daniels asked how serious/committed the Council is in relation to this Plan.

Response: Mr Rayson advised that the Council is committed to implementing the Plan and has recently finished Wundowie's at the beginning of the year. The existing Plan is approximately fifteen years old. Council is not required by legislation to develop this Plan, it is something it wants to develop in order to establish a clear direction for the community. In some cases, some of the actions in the Plan

may be out of the Council's control, however Council can lobby for these items on behalf of the community.

- Bakers Hill Progress Association – Lisa Giorgi
Ms Giorgi advised that progress is a two way street with the Council and community needing to work together (both need to be on board). It simply cannot sit back and wait for the Shire to do everything. Mr Whiteaker advised that the Council is committed to working with both the Progress Association and community into the future.
- Bakers Hill Primary School P&C – Lisa Giorgi
Ms Giorgi presented a petition (attached) in relation to improving the footpaths around the school. Mr Whiteaker advised that this will be used as input into the Community Plan.

PETITION

To: Mayor
Shire of Northam
395 Fitzgerald Street, NORTHAM

REQUEST FOR IMPROVED PATHWAYS & A ZEBRA CROSSING AROUND BAKERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We the undersigned residents of Bakers Hill in the Shire of Northam respectfully request that the pathways and roads around the Bakers Hill Primary School be upgraded where required and that a zebra crossing be placed for our children to safely navigate across the roads around the school.

Our children are taught about road safety at school and via many various community and television based initiatives and request that the Northam Shire assist in ensuring our children are provided with clear areas surrounding the school to put these practices in place.

Walking is a simple, everyday means of getting from A to B, and walking should be safe and enjoyable for everyone and most of all our school children within our community. Despite recent progress, in many parts of Bakers Hill safely walking is difficult due mainly to driver behaviour, narrow or non-existent footpaths, and various obstacles. To encourage walking we need a cultural shift and enabling infrastructure.









This is especially necessary because it is the most vulnerable in society who are most effected by poor walking conditions, for example children, the elderly, or people with a disability.


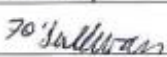




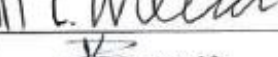

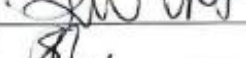
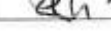
Bakers Hill P&C is working to promote improved walking conditions around the school.

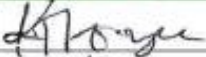

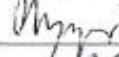
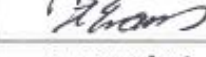
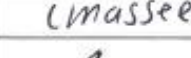


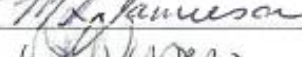
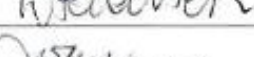
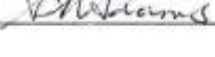
Your petitioners therefore humbly pray [respectfully request] that the Shire of Northam will allocate a portion of your budget towards bringing these areas up to scratch and provide a safer environment for our children to walk safely to and from school.

I look forward to discussing these matters with you further in future.

As the initiator of this petition, my name is Name Emma Sinclair and I can be contacted on 0438 115 082 or emmasinclair82@bigpond.com

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
DAVID ADAMS	1935 STONELEIGH RD STONEVILLE	
NAOMI THOMAS	238 TAMARILLO COURT BAKERS HILL	
Teagan Hart	201 Almond Ave Bakers Hill	
Lisa Giorgi	12A St George Street	
Colin Hassell	187 G, E Hwy. B, H	
GARY WILLIAMS	275 Calkin Rd	
Shane Green	275 Calkin Rd 311 Gumtree Rd	
Anne Baer	25 Accedens rs	

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
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Fiona O'Sullivan	309 Gleeson Hill Road	
Yvonne Scrivener	12 O'Driscoll St	
Alison Dellow	91 Kimberley Rd, Chackline	
Imone Parker	307 Pebrackby Rd Bakers Hill	
Janelle Miles	3 Fernie Road, Windawee	
Lisa Williamson	47 St George Street, Bakers Hill	
Kelly Brown	332 Glenmore Dre Bakers Hill	
Bec Wirth	58 Jose Rd Bakers Hill	
Sarah Gomersall	357 Cottage Crk, Bakers Hill	

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Karla Thomson	14 Bambraw rd	
Kizz Portlock	23 RAYMOND CRT	
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Claire Masse	PO Box 434	
Crystal Parker	41 Lukin Rd, Chackline	
Patricia Pitman	BHPS	
MARIE JAMIESON	BHPS	
DIXIE HANSE	1317PS	
ANNE-MARIE ADAMS	AD BHPS	

- Kerbing on Carlin Road - Joy Harding

Question: Ms Harding queried when this will be completed?

Response: Mr Kleynhans advised that this will be inspected on Friday, 30 June 2017.

- Truck parking on Great Eastern Highway - Joy Harding

Question: Ms Harding queried how truck drivers will know to turn off of the Highway towards Yates Street if there are no available bays for parking? In addition, will the speed limit be reduced?

Response: Mr Kleynhans advised that this is a Main Roads WA project and Council has provided their comments in relation to the project. It is Council's understanding that the intent is not to direct trucks off of the Highway and there is a provision for parking in front of the Pie Shop, in addition to the southern and northern sides. Mr Whiteaker advised that the limited parking may mean that truck drivers are unable to stop and therefore this may impact the business of the Pie Shop however, safety is considered paramount. The project is constrained by the pre-existing environment and Main Roads WA are working with this to get the best possible outcome.

Mr Kleynhans advised that his understanding is that the speed limit will be reduced to 60km with white marking in the centre. In addition, it was advised that Main Roads WA are confident that the adjustments will make the area a safer environment.

- Speeding along O'Driscoll Street, Redcourte Estate – Terry Whalan

Question: Mr Whalan queried why he had not received a response to his email on 31 May 2017 in relation to speeding and

Response: Mr Whiteaker advised that speeding is a Police matter however the speed signage is regulated by Main Roads WA.

Mr Kleynhans advised that they will arrange a site meeting on Friday, 30 June 2017 to assess the areas of concern in relation to insufficient signage.

- Welcome Signage – Mathew Pavlinovich

Question: Why did Council refuse a sign welcoming people to the Shire on the east and west boundary of the Shire?

Response: Cr Pollard advised that Council is moving away from static signs and has purchased two mobile electronic signs which are being used to promote things happening in the area (currently on Mitchell Ave and Peel Terrace).

Mr Pavlinovich congratulated the Council on this initiative.

- Antisocial Behaviour – Mathew Pavlinovich

Question: Mr Pavlinovich raised this as a significant issue in the area and advised that it is making it difficult to attract people. What methods are Council putting in place to tackle this

Response: Cr Pollard advised that there are no methods for dealing with this as it is a Police matter. It was further advised that Council's Community Safety Committee is working to develop initiatives to improve community safety.

The community members indicated their frustration with the Police call centre and no answer at the local (Wundowie) Station.

The CEO reminded people to call the 13 14 44 number as this is the correct method which has been developed for centralisation. Mr Whiteaker advised that it is extremely important to call and log matters as this is how the Police statistics are generated and from these, the Police can establish areas of concern which may require attention or further resources.

Mr Whiteaker further advised that staff are meeting with the Police on Friday, 30 June 2017 and would raise these matters with the Police. In addition, staff will gauge whether the Police would be interested in attending a community meeting to discuss matters/concerns in detail with members of the community.

- Reserves - Anna Baer, Accedens Rise

Question: Ms Baer queried whether the Reserve behind her property is Council or state government managed as people are regularly chopping wood and selling.

Response: Mr Hunt advised that he believes that this Reserve is managed by the state government however would need to confirm this.

Community members advised that they have contacted the state government who have advised that there is not enough 'man power' to monitor this situation.

Customer Request No: ICS69412 has been assigned to this matter to generate further investigation.

4. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

The Shire President, Cr S Pollard declared the meeting closed at 8:09pm.

Mr Whiteaker thanked those who attended the meeting and advised that their feedback/comments are valuable and Council is committed to working with them into the future.