

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 8th June, 2021
 Time: 7.30.00- 9.00pm
 Venue: Dwelling Community Village “ Old Nursing Post”

1 ATTENDEES:

John laird, Tom Quirk, Patricia Hines, Jody Worthington (Police) Phil Cuthbertson, Christine Cuthbertson, Colleen Sing, Shelley Sturgeon, Frank Spear, July Myles, Sarah Birmingham, Jaime Coccivera, Cara Samski, Anne Moore, John Moore Rebecca Moore, Colleen Warr, Rob Sheppard, John Cusack, Chris Portlock, Margaret Noble, Sue Fyfe, Jennie Wise

David Bolt. Dean Unsworth, Brette Flugge

APOLOGIES: Therese and Rick Oswald, Andrea & Bil Hawkes and Vanessa Ord, Jo Clarke, Margaret Turner

2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare any possible conflict of interest with any item of business to be discussed at this meeting. John Laird declared a conflict of interest with Alcoa.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

As there was no April meeting the minutes are from the February meeting.
 Minutes of previous full meeting 9^h February - circulated by email.

Moved John Laird Seconded Colleen Sing

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

4.1 Matters from previous meeting- these are the actions from the December meeting

ACTION NO	ACTIONS PENDING	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
1.	contact FarLane to talk about how to connect with the community.	Chris Portlock	
2.	make submission to Dean Unsworth at Shire of Murray re Skills Park proposal	John Cusack	
3.	put a proposal to DCC for funding	Colleen Warr	
1.	Ask Fiona at Dwellingup Transfers for numbers using the bus	Colleen Warr	

2 TREASURER'S REPORT- NO TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved Seconded

3 CORRESPONDENCE

IN

1. Request from SOM for support letter for Building Better Regions funding
2. Invoices – Hire of Old Nursing post room, project invoices
3. Letter from Holistic Wellness organisation proposing an auspicing arrangement for a weekend program to be run in September. info to be tabled at meeting

OUT

1. Letter to SOM for Re Skills Park proposal
2. Letter to Mr Raalin Wheeler, Wheeler Field Airport West Coolup WA 6214
3. Funding application to Mandurah Murray Mayday for fortnightly Bus service Dwellingup to Pinjarra
4. Invitation to Shire of Murray to speak at this meeting

IN noted , Out endorsed.

Moved.

John Laird

Seconded

John Cusack

5. GENERAL BUSINESS- THE MEETING WAS GIVEN OVER TO THE PRESENTATION BY THE SHIRE OF MURRAY AND QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

5.1 Presentation from Shire of Murray

Dwellingup Futures. Accommodation issues for renters and home owners/ builders in Dwellingup . Possible options.

DWELLINGUP FUTURES

Dean presented on the Trails project \$15m spent. Usually, this investment takes 8-9 years to see real change, but this has been much quicker in Dwellingup – partly due to the COVID restrictions on travel. Trails is the “hook” on getting people to visit . We need to consider water, fire, encroachment of mining. Also need to focus on the environment. The Shire is not going to drop the ball on this. Dwellingup Futures is meant to be the roadmap for the development of Dwellingup into the future- how do forestry, mining and tourism co-exist. Dean described the structure of the Dwellingup Futures – set up by the State government – it has a Stakeholders working group – on which the DCC is represented by Peter White (Chair DCC) and Chris Portlock (Chair , Dwellingup Protection Group – subcommittee of the DCC).

A draft road map has been completed by the consultants and revised – provided to the Shire on 16th June 2021. It will be finalised and then reviewed by Council with opportunity for the community to respond. The report will be available on the Shire’s website, Hope to be finalised by September 2021.

There was discussion about an exclusion zone – Chris Portlock showed the map of the Dwellingup Discovery Forest (DDF) area which identifies the boundaries of the areas proposed for protection from mining. In the 109970s there was a “greenbelt” but this was called an indefinitely deferred zone- not an exclusion zone.

Concern was raised about the role of the EPA in reviewing the mining proposal from Alcoa into Holyoake but that the rest of the DDF doesn’t come under the EPA Act in this submission by Alcoa.

Comments were made about MLA Robyn Clarke’s recent support for protecting the area in her speech to Parliament. Dean Unsworth has talked with the Premier about the issue.

ACCOMMODATION

Dwellingup Structure Plan currently under development. The Shire has engaged a fire consultant to help with the plan - If we were to build Dwellingup to be a National Trails town then it is likely to require 200 more houses. But this would be very difficult as the Department of Planning is unlikely to release land in fire prone areas. There is enough water, but sewerage

is a problem – not insurmountable though. Currently all blocks in town are 1000 sq m or larger (R10) . Bush Fire Attack levels need to be considered as they add cost to building . The Dwellingup Seniors village however was successfully built to BAL 29 requirements – the second highest level.

Current population is 400 in the town centre, 720 if we count surrounding areas.

There was discuss about the number of short stay accommodation venues. Views that this is affecting rental accommodation in the town. There are a couple of families living in the Caravan Park. However also a view that people who use holiday homes for short stay are unlikely to rent them for the long-term rental market. Also the mill houses are not what many families are looking for now.

There are some sites that could be considered for expansion of blocks- Shire is keen to find some solutions. Possibilities are

1. Batt Way, Blocks
2. behind the school
3. at the end of Poplar St.
4. Chris Portlock raised the possibility of Del Park road as the rehabilitation that was undertaken there was all foreign species – could be easily cleared for housing.
5. Colleen Sing talked about Marginata Crescent – zoned Urban but with State Forest very close
6. Tom Quirk raised the idea of cluster farms
7. Raised the issue of the Dwellingup Seniors village having 19 house sites, 7 built but no financial model to build more.

The Dwellingup Structure Plan will be released in late June with opportunity to comment on the Shires website.

John Laird congratulated the Shire on the work in front of the Hotel.

8. NEXT MEETING Dates to be endorsed for 2021-

Tentative dates based on 2nd Tuesday alternate months

Tuesday 6th (Easter Tuesday) or 13th April 2021

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Tuesday 10th August 2021

Tuesday 12th October 2021

Tuesday 14th December 2021

Tuesday 8th February 2022 AGM