

MINUTES



URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEK)

Date: Monday 12th August 2024 – General Meeting

Time: 4:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Andrew Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Parker (Chair) AP, Rob Valler (Secretary- via TEAMS) RV, Bob Anderson BA, Rob Bowie RB, Gai Buchanan GB, Tony Lashlie TL, Kent Mayo KM, Annie Mayo AM, Mick Raby (Director Infrastructure and Development USC) MR, Jim Sinclair (via TEAMS) JS, Cr Tara Toomey TT, Emily Lanyon (USC Governance Officer) EL.

APOLOGIES: Beth McGrath BM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (01 July 24):

Moved: KM

Seconded: TL

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

1. Main Street Garden Blisters

GB raised the issue of the lack of maintenance of the blisters with the upcoming New England Garden Festival and Open Gardens in Uralla, 01 Nov 24. After considerable discussion MR gave an undertaking that the blisters would be in pristine form for that weekend. As an aside RV raised what the Grounds Crew were currently doing since the numbers had been raised to 5. MR stated that the Grounds Crew had been diverted to the Construction Crew due to the rain and the effect on the roads. Robust discussion was had given the previous undertaking from MR that this would cease in order to bring the Parks and Gardens up to standard. MR has stated that the Work for the Community proposal as previously recommended by UTEK needs to go back to Council for Resolution as they had previously voted against the use of this resource to supplement the deficient resources of USC.

2. Discussion with USC Governance Officer, Ms Emily Lanyon EL

Introduction to the Governance Officer and welcoming remarks. RV raised the status of the Volunteer Policy. EL stated that there was a draft policy from 2023 and there is a review to be undertaken in Oct 2024.

3. Information Panels at The Glen

RV distributed the proposed template. Discussion was held re colours. RV will supply different colour options in due course.

4. Update re speed limit on south entry/exit

This has not gone to the Local Traffic Committee as previously advised by MR. MR stated that the regional representative is not inclined to support the proposal and so it has not advanced to the Local Committee. RV raised concerns about UTEC not being appropriately briefed on the detailed process.

5. Public Art Policy – AP tabled a draft Public Art Policy. AP was commended on his work. This policy will now go back to Uralla Arts Council who will look to submit directly to USC.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

6. Correspondence

RV read the letter from UTEC to USC GM re the opening of Public Spaces and by way of return also read the response from the GM USC.

7. CBD Lighting (Kent Mayo)

KM raised concerns re lighting which was U/S in the main street. MR gave an undertaking that he would look into this and have it resolved, and report back accordingly.

8. September Quarterly Meeting

It was decided that the September meeting would be a General Meeting and the Quarterly Meeting would be held over until Oct 24.

9. Dog waste

AP tabled a plan for the inclusion of dog waste bags at The Glen. This was received with a positive response. MR has taken this proposal for consideration and will also look to include other Open Spaces in the Uralla Shire.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

Nil

NEXT MEETINGS:

Next General Meeting: Monday 2nd September 2024 - 4pm, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Meeting Closed: 5:12pm