

MINUTES



URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEC)

Date: Monday 4th March 2024 – Quarterly Meeting

Time: 06:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Andrew Parker (06:00pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Parker (Chair) AP, Bob Anderson BA, Rob Bowie RB, Gai Buchanan GB, Cr Leanne Doran LD, Marlene Jacobs MJ, Tony Lashlie TL, Kent Mayo KM, Annie Mayo AM, Mick Raby (Director Infrastructure and Development)MR, Jim Sinclair (via Zoom)JS, Cr Tara Toomey TT.

APOLOGIES: Noelene Porter NP, Rob Valler (Secretary)RV.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS QUARTERLY MEETING (4th DECEMBER 2023)

Moved: KM

Seconded: BA

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Update requested regarding communication from USC with the State Rail Authority in respect to maintenance of rail lands (Quarterly Meeting 04 Dec 23).

MR reported that it is in the hand of a third-party contractor (possibly UGL). No communication has occurred to date – Dean Weiley to follow up.

2. Update requested on resolution 07.09/22 (\$17,000 for gardens) (Quarterly Meeting 04 Dec 23).

MR and TT advised that they are unable to provide any information on how these funds were expended, if at all. UTEC resolved to make recommendations for funds to be committed in the 24/25 Financial budget (see below).

3. Update requested on expending of funds re OLG on banners and signage (Quarterly Meeting 04 Dec 23).

MR provided a report of the current state of funding breakdown. OLG has applied additional caveats over the funding. Despite Council having received funds into local accounts, the expenditure of these funds on signs and banners has not yet been approved by the OLG/relevant Minister.

4. Update requested on work order regarding Walking Tour signage (General Meeting 06 Nov 23).

No work has been undertaken by Council. KM proposed that the Historical Society fund the works and MR indicated that Council endorsed this proposal.

5. Update requested on seeking expressions of interest from the community regarding Mt Mutton mural (Quarterly Meeting 04 Sep 23 – Resolution 10.09/23).

After discussion it was suggested that UTEC consult with the community on this matter through the Wordsworth publication and that Council would look to address this through the USC website. .

UTEC Secretary note: This has been before Council and the recommendation, which was not objected to, is as per Resolution 10.09/23:

"UTEC recommends Council seek applications from the Community on the value of maintaining, upgrading or removing the murals on the water tanks on Mount Mutton" This matter has now been referred back to Council solely for their action.

6. Update requested on 'gal poles' liaison with Transport for NSW (General Meeting 05 Feb 24).

Transport for NSW has agreed to the removal of the poles with a cap fitted to ground inserts to take temporary signage when required. Council staff will undertake the removal of poles and the fitting of caps – no timeframe has been given.

LD left meeting at 06:55PM

7. Update requested on Porter Park – removal of rusty object (General Meeting 05 Feb 24).

Works regarding this matter were completed 4th Mar 24.

8. Update requested on dates of completion of projects – The Glen and Pioneer Park.

The Glen has one sculpture remaining to be installed. No final completion date provided.

Pioneer Park has the ceramic work on the entry statement (2358) to be completed. Lengthy discussion about picnic tables – no further action at this stage (concept designs by

Guy Crosley are to be presented again in regard to this matter). Date for completion expected to be by end May 24.

9. Updated report requested on Defect Liability Period issues for Rotary Park.

MR advised that the DLP still applies, and he will undertake an inspection on 05 Feb 24 to address any issues including weeds and signage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Recommendations

1. That Council accept the minutes from the UTEC General Meetings of 08 Jan 24 and 05 Feb 24 and UTEC Extraordinary Meeting of 19 Feb 2024.
2. That Council resolve to:
 - a) Review the southern approach/departure to Uralla for risk to wildlife (particularly koala's) and take appropriate actions to reduce the speed limit in this area.
 - b)
 - i. Establish a volunteer program to support community involvement in the maintenance of the main street blisters.
 - ii. Develop a program in partnership with Community Corrections to support Shire wide parks maintenance.
 - iii. Review the current budget with a view to including in the 24/25 Open Spaces Maintenance Budget additional funds to ensure proper maintenance of the newly established parks and to improve the maintenance of existing parks.
 - iv. Review the Plan of Management for all Open Spaces

Next General Meeting: Monday 8th April 2024 - 4pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday 3rd June 2024 - 6pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Meeting Closed: 07:12pm.