

MINUTES



URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEAC)

Date: 01 July 2024 – General Meeting

Time: 4:06 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.

APOLOGIES: Beth McGrath BM, Marlene Jacobs MJ.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (06 May 24):

Moved: BA

Seconded: TL

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

1. SCCF Grant redistribution
(AP excused himself from this discussion and left the room) Discussion was held between members. Individuals raised points both for and against the redistribution of funds. All members were reminded to make their submission to the Secretary by COB Fri 05 Jul 24 and a consolidated report would be sent to Council by Wed 10 Jul 24
2. TfNSW fencing at The Glen
AP noted that concerns had been raised by community members re the barbed wire in the newly reinstated fence adjacent to the railway line. AP proposed that this is potentially a hazard to wildlife (e.g. sugar gliders) and requested for the top strand to be removed. MR noted that the fence was completed to State Rail standards and that Council did not have a say in the design. RB raised concerns over the state of the ground/foliage around where works have been undertaken by UGL. MR confirmed that Council would communicate these concerns with UGL.
3. Information Panels at The Glen
RV reported that the design of the template was underway and that he would be meeting with the graphic designer 13 Jul 24. The proposed template will be sent to all members for discussion shortly thereafter.

4. Park Signage
The previously raised issues of both standardised signage across public spaces and the inclusion/exclusion of 'not permitted' signage was again raised by RV and KM. The community survey is still an outstanding action item and remains with RV, MJ and MR to lock in a date to discuss.
5. Update on Volunteer Policy
No further work has taken place on the Volunteer Policy. UTEC resolved to invite the newly appointed Manager of Governance to the next UTEC meeting to discuss. MR undertook to invite them to the next General Meeting on behalf of UTEC
6. Work for the Community – NSW Corrections
MR reported that he has spoken with property owners in the CBD (RV noted he had not been spoken to) to understand what they wanted re blisters, main street etc. MR reported the FTE for Ground Crew is now at 5 ppl and feels that this should achieve an adequate level of maintenance of the public spaces in Uralla. It was noted by RV that there is far more work than can be achieved by even 5 FTE ppl. UTEC has requested to know why Councillors did not agree to approaching Corrections to a Work for the Community program to assist with this shortfall. MR undertook to seek further information from the Councillors and report back to UTEC
7. Maintenance of Parks and Gardens – including Uralla Creek Walk
Points reiterated as per item 6. RB noted there was little to no maintenance of the Creek Walk and that this was falling to private citizens to undertake. MR gave an undertaking to bring to Ground Crew attention to address.
8. Courthouse remaining funding
RV followed up on comments made by MR that there was remaining funding for the Courthouse project. MR confirmed that this was the case and that Council had been granted a further extension to expend funds by Oct 2024. MR invited individuals to make submission on any ideas they had to use the remaining funding.
9. Update re UTEC Casual Vacancy
No further action has been taken by the General Manager and no update was available.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

10. Replacement of trees
RB noted that tree which have died on Salisbury Street have not been replaced and that stumps remain. It is requested that stumps are ground out the trees replaced. MR noted.
11. Gostwyck Reserve
KM raised the notion of renaming Gostwyck Reserve. Discussion was held with members, and it was resolved that no further action would be taken by the committee. KM commented he would take up the matter as a private citizen.
12. Public Art Policy
JS raised the issue regarding the lack of a Public Art Policy and requested that action be taken to formulate one. MR noted that Council lacked the necessary skill to achieve this and has invited Uralla Arts Council through AP to assist in the development of the policy.
13. Wordsworth Report
RV raised the idea of generating greater level of communication and interest with the community through publishing UTEC Minutes and Agendas in the Wordsworth. Some concerns were raised re the media clause in the Terms of Reference. To be discussed further with General Manager.
14. Letter to USC to be drafted by the Secretary for Chair's signature re the success of the opening of public spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

Nil

PM NEXT MEETINGS:

Next General Meeting: Monday 12th August 2024 - 4pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday 2nd September 2024 - 6pm, Uralla Shire Council Chamber

Meeting Closed: 05:38pm