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URALLA TOWNSHIP AND ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (UTEC)

Date:Monday 2 September 2024 – General MeetingTime:4:00 PMMeeting called to order by:Andrew Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrew Parker (Chair) AP, Rob Bowie RB, Gai Buchanan GB, Tony Lashlie TL, Kent Mayo KM, Annie Mayo AM, Cr Tara Toomey TT.

APOLOGIES: Rob Valler RV, Marlene Jacobs MJ, Jim Sinclair JS, Beth Platford BP, Leanne Doran LD.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (12 August 24):

Moved: KM Seconded: TL

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

1. Lighting outages in main street.

Mick Reiby (MR) was not in attendance to report back on this matter; however, it was noted that there had been no action taken to date. A **recommendation** will be put forward at next quarterly meeting if there are still lighting outages.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2. Main Street Garden Blisters (AP)

AP noted that the blisters near the Top Pub and the Brewery were in an abysmal state. There was general discussion about the state of the blisters with TL indicating that Rotary were prepared to "adopt" a blister.

KM put forward that the USC should engage two keen local gardeners for four hours a

week at \$30 an hour to maintain the blisters. There was general discussion as this has been raised in the past. Matter to be put forward for consideration at next quarterly meeting.

AP will write to all newly elected Councillors expressing frustration at the state of the main street blisters citing examples of surrounding towns and their gardens.

It was decided that a **recommendation** be put forward at the next quarterly meeting requesting USC reverse their resolution not to engage those undertaking community corrections orders through Corrective Services to assist in maintaining open spaces.

AP will write to MR requesting USC update the committee on the outcome of quarterly recommendations.

 Request for USC to write to Uralla Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated to tidy up the Uralla Community Garden (AM).
Moved: AM Seconded: AP

This will be included in the **recommendations** at the next quarterly meeting.

4. Council requests Uralla Historical Society liaise with Heritage Adviser Mitch Mackay to please supply a relevant picture and text of no more than 200 words for Alma Park, Porter Park, Rotary Park, Barnes Vincent Memorial Lookout (KM)

It was noted that common signage had already been discussed in relation to the various parks. A recommendation could be put forward at next quarterly meeting for the signage to include a picture and text in readiness for any subsequent approval of updated signage.

5. UTEC Elections (RV)

AP noted that the Terms of Reference for 355 Committees stated elections should be held within 3 months of a Council Election. This would mean elections would be required in December 2024.

Councillor Tara Toomey (TT) joined the meeting.

6. Vacancies on UTEC

The Secretary write to the General Manager to

- a) Clarify the position of Council employees being a member of UTEC as BP is now employed by the USC, and
- b) If BP is required to resign from UTEC fill the vacancy with already approved expressions of interest or advertise for expressions of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING:

See notes above

NEXT MEETINGS:

Next Quarterly Meeting: Monday 7 October 2024 - 6pm, Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Meeting Closed: 5:06pm