

THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 7:00pm Meeting Room A, The Entrance Community Centre, Oaklands Ave, The Entrance

Chairperson : Vivienne Scott (VS)

1. **Attendance:** V Scott, T Scott, N Harvey, C Harvey, H Nayna, L Nayna, A Rowland, Mayor R Graham, R Slater, I Lucas, W Doroszak, J Price, J Thoreau, G Thoreau, B Dowd, G Smith, S Bradshaw, P O'Grady, J McCabe, P Eguaiabor, B Wilcox, N Gatos, David Darlington, R Toner, R Parsons, (25)
2. **Apologies:** Doug Darlington, Councillor L Webster, H Ford, K Ford, M Pennings, G Pennings, E Matus, R Mckendrick, V McKendrick, A Lee, E Lee, I Robinson and C Robinson (13)

There were no objections to the meeting being recorded. The Chair welcomed the new comers to the meeting and especially, the evening's presenter, Councillor Bob Graham, Mayor, Wyong Shire. **Standing Orders were suspended for the presentation by Mayor Bob Graham.** Moved: N Harvey Seconded: C Harvey

3. **Challenges & Issues facing Wyong Shire Council in 2012 (Mayor Bob Graham) Summary:**

- **Local Government Elections:** Need for voters to give serious thought to whom you place 1st on the ballot paper. Referendum for a popularly elected Mayor: If passed it would be implemented in 2016; there would be: Ward A: 5 Councillors, Ward B: 5 Councillors, plus an elected Mayor who would serve a 4 year term.
- **Priorities:**
 - seek a joint venture with the Federal Government to develop Council owned land;
 - seek approval for development of a University Precinct at Ourimbah;
 - focus on Porters Creek Wetland;
 - the Central Coast Highway through Long Jetty and The Entrance. We need to fix The Entrance Rd in Long Jetty;
 - develop a blueprint for the Long Jetty Village Centre;
 - Lakeside Plaza development;
 - Approval of Liquor licences including Fisherman's Wharf;
 - Unemployment: striving to encourage developments that promote employment including more housing for seniors
 - Reduction of revenue for section 94 contributions resulting from lack of developments;
 - The Entrance break wall: this will not work. We need to explore alternative measures such as the Estuary Management Committee examination of the catchment area. Mayor provided Chair with a paper to circulate on this issue;
 - Coastal Management Plan was adopted by Council in December 2011, but this should be a State government initiative;
 - The Art House is shovel ready but there are no funds;
 - The Mariners developments at Club Tuggerah – an unique development.
- **Questions/Concerns raised from the floor,** Meeting agreed that these would be put as motions when the General meeting resumed. Mayor requested that these be forwarded to him so that he can investigate these further.
 - Professional fishing in the Tuggerah Lakes system needs to be banned. At present there are no fish for recreational fishermen and tourists. (I Lucas) Mayor indicated that he is fully aware of the problem.
 - Traffic is turning illegally into Duffy Lane from Wilfred Barrett Drive. Signage needs to be improved. (I. Lucas) Mayor suggested that this be taken up with Council and the police.
 - Tuggerah Pde is in urgent need of an upgrade: uneven road surface; increased volume of traffic and speed limit. Originally Tuggerah Pde was intended as a tourist drive, not for heavy traffic (W Doroszak). Mayor noted the problems and indicated that these would be lessened when The Entrance Rd is fixed.
 - Improve water quality of lake by cleaning up gutters and drains to reduce nutrient deposits into the lake, as a matter of urgency (R Slater). Mayor reported that this was already a priority.
 - Stench from weed in Tuggerah Lake at Long Jetty needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency, as it is driving away the tourists (J Thoreau). Mayor reported the heavy demands on the weed harvester as we have 3 lakes.
 - Why is the weed harvester idle for a significant part of the year? There is a massive job to be done clearing the rotting weed from the lakeshore. (B. Dowd) Mayor assured meeting that the harvester is fully utilised but will look into the matter.
 - Most developments concentrate on residential. The Shire desperately needs developments which would generate more employment opportunities. (J Price)
 - Why are the roads and footpaths in the Peninsula area in a terrible state? (P Eguaiabor). Mayor reported on the heavy demands on the limited pot of funds.

Chair thanked the Mayor for his excellent presentation and wished him well in the coming local government elections.

Resumption of General Meeting after a 5 minute break

4. **Minutes of General Meeting** held on 15 November 2011 were accepted. Moved: C Harvey; Seconded L Nayna

5. Matters Arising from Executive Meeting held on 7 February 2012

5.1 Motion 01/02/12

Removal of Graffiti: *"To date, The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct has been able to obtain a rapid response to the removal of graffiti in the Peninsula .To avoid long delays, members authorise TEPCP's Executive to lodge Service Requests as required, via Council Online Services, thus facilitating the rapid removal of graffiti from WSC assets rather than waiting for approval at a monthly Precinct General Meeting."* **Moved: J Price, Seconded: G Thoreaux**

5.2 Affordable Housing: The committee is currently monitoring developments at North Entrance and Long Jetty . Precinct's Social Impact Submission was made in January 2012. Precinct also sent submission objecting to boarding house DA for Shelly's Motel

5.3 The Entrance Town Centre Masterplan: TEPCP supports the higher developments provided there are benefits which are returned to the community. e.g. .new library

6. Matters arising from General Meeting held on 15 November 2011

6.1 Liquor DA's: The local area command has set up a committee to examine this issue. The Precinct committee has already sent in submissions to the appropriate bodies including Wyong Shire Council.

6.2 Fisherman's Wharf: Precinct's submission objecting to use of public upper deck and walkway by leasee. .There has been no response from Council.

7. **Correspondence** – The Chair reported briefly on the list of correspondence. Correspondence report be accepted.

Moved: L Nayna, Seconded: I Lucas

8. **Treasurer's Report** was tabled (Treasurer C Harvey)

Bank account is currently in credit to the value of \$120.1 .Charles raised concern that 6 month invoicing is not viable and be limited to 3 months. He is writing to Council on this matter.

Moved: C Harvey, Seconded: H Nayna.

9. General Business

9.1 The following motions were put to the meeting, discussed and carried for action by the Executive with the relevant Council and/or relevant

Motions

02/02/12: *The traffic flow, signage and parking in Duffy Lane need urgent review by WSC and the police, as vehicles are turning illegally into the one way lane from Wilfred Barrett Drive, ducking against the one way traffic out into Coral Street and illegally parking in Duffy Lane.* **Moved: I Lucas, Seconded: G Thoreaux**

03/02/12: *Presently indiscriminate fishing by commercial fishermen in Tuggerah Lakes is destroying recreational fishing. We request that the Department of Fisheries review the current arrangements and recommend that no commercial fishing be permitted in the lake system. Letters to be sent to local member Chris Spence and Dept Fisheries* **Moved: J McCabe, Seconded: P O'Grady**

04/02/12: *As a matter of urgency the Precinct Committee writes to Council, regarding the safety along Tuggerah Parade caused by the poorly repaired potholes which have created an uneven road surface full of bumps requiring vehicles to veer around to avoid the bumps, hence increasing the potential for accidents.* **Moved: J Thoreau, Seconded: P O'Grady**

05/02/12: *The Precinct Committee requests WSC provide regular cleaning and maintenance of all gutters and drains that flow either directly or indirectly into the lake.* **Moved: R Slater, Seconded: N Harvey**

06/02/12: *Precinct to write to Council to ask why The weed harvester, currently moored off the Long Jetty foreshore ,is not employed more effectively with minimal idleness. Further to request information on the schedule for the use of the weed harvester.* **Moved: B Dowd, Seconded: N Harvey**

07/02/12 *Tourism along the Long Jetty foreshore from Picnic Point to the Long Jetty is in serious decline due to the state of the lake foreshore. The Precinct Committee requests that WSC alleviate this problem with appropriate clearing of weed, and the regular monitoring of nutrient flow into the lake.* **Moved: J Thoreau, Seconded: P O'Grady**

9.2. Poor state of local roads and footpaths raised by Pius Equaibor. Chair suggested that this needs to be raised with Gina Veraker, Director of Planning and/ or other Council officers when they address the Precinct.

9.3 Lodging complaints to Council: Bev Davis will be asked to explain the process at next meeting which is our AGM

9.4 Chair reminded members of the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20 March 2012 and invited members to nominate for the Executive.

9.5 Chair thanked Anne Rowland for taking on the role of Secretary in the absence of Doug Darlington.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

NOTICES

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 20th March, 2012 at The Entrance Community Centre at 7.00pm.

Executive Meeting: Tuesday 6 March. 2012 at The Entrance Community Centre at 4.00pm.