



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.

Councillors: Debra Swan (Chair)
Colleen Furlanetto
Malcolm Little
Alister Purbrick
Patrick Storer
Robin Weatherald
Graeme (Mick) Williams

Officers: Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community
Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today. We recognise indigenous people, their elders past and present'.
3. Apologies

Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development
4. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Little declared an interest in Item 5.2.1 due to a land interest in Spencers Road, Avenel

EXCERPT FROM MEETING PROCEDURE LOCAL LAW NO. 1

CONDUCT OF PUBLIC

52. VISITORS

- (1) Visitors must not interject or take part in debate.
- (2) Silence shall be preserved in the gallery at all times.
- (3) If any visitor is called to order by the Chairperson and again acts in breach of this Local Law, the Chairperson may order that person to be removed from the gallery.

53. CALL TO ORDER

Any person who has been called to order, including any Councillor who fails to comply with the Chairperson's direction, will be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$500

54. REMOVAL FOR DISRUPTION

The Chairperson has discretion to cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction under the provisions of this Local Law.

5. Reports

5.2 Infrastructure

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5. REPORTS

5.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

5.2.1 Proposed Reconstruction of Anderson Street, Avenel

Author & Department

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File Reference

T40/0180/02

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989

Summary

Council has invited submission under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposed reconstruction of Anderson Street, Avenel, North of Watson Street, to create car parking within two cul-de-sacs, a pedestrian zone, and to provide alternative vehicular access to the Avenel Recreation Reserve via Watson Street, all shown on the attached plan.

At the closing time of 5.00pm, October 26 2012, 13 submissions had been received. Copies of all submission have been provided to Councillors for their information.

A total of 3 submitters have requested to be heard.

CRS WEATHERALD/LITTLE –

That one of the submitters, Michael Spencer, be given three minutes extra time to present his verbal submission in support of his written submission.

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ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5.2.1 Proposed Reconstruction of Anderson Street, Avenel (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive the written and verbal submissions.
2. That the proposal be discussed at a Community Information Session scheduled for 4.30 to 6.30pm, Monday 3 December 2012, at the Avenel Hall.
3. That the submissions be formally considered at the Ordinary Council meeting of Tuesday 18 December 2012.

14/13 **CRS LITTLE/STORER** : *That the Recommendation be adopted.*

CARRIED

Background

Council's proposal was devised to improve pedestrian safety between the School and the Recreation Reserve and between facilities and car parks by:

- Providing angle car parking for the school and recreation reserve within two cul-de-sacs
- Discontinuing through traffic
- Creating a pedestrian access way between the school and recreation reserve and
- Providing alternative access to the recreation reserve from Watson Street.

Council has foreshadowed a community information meeting occurring at Avenel if warranted.

Submissions

The content of submissions can be summarized as follows:

- Effect of additional traffic on nearby unsealed roads – raised dust and health matters
- Safety improvements are not needed other than a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights
- Effect of the closure on general traffic movements including emergency access and the loss of the second “main” road
- The effect of additional traffic on Livingstone Street and Livingstone / Mitchell Street intersection, not considered satisfactory
- The possible environmental harm and cost of other infrastructure needed as a result of the proposal
- Proposed angle car parks not considered as safe as current arrangements. Current arrangements have proven to be safe
- Support for the drainage and footpath elements of the proposal
- The new Recreation Reserve entrance off Watson street will cause traffic problems in that street

5.2.1 Proposed Reconstruction of Anderson Street, Avenel (cont.)

One submission put forward a comprehensive alternative design which is being evaluated and discussed with the authors.

The Avenel Action group has offered to assist in the discussion and evaluation process

Discussion Meeting

A Community Information Session would provide an opportunity for Council and Community members to examine and discuss the issues raised. The session has been scheduled for 4.30 to 6.30pm Monday 3rd December 2012 at the Avenel Hall. At the session, Council will also be able to display and discuss progress on both the Avenel Recreation Reserve Netball Clubroom and the Queen Street intersection upgrade projects.

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action. No feasible alternatives have been identified.

Risk Management

The author considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP) / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 implications

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

Funding for the Anderson Street proposal was allocated in the in the 2012/13 Council budget.

Economic Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.”

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

Community Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

5.2.1 Proposed Reconstruction of Anderson Street, Avenel (cont.)

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council

Consultation

The author of this report considers that the Section 223 process of inviting submission to the proposal gave community members the opportunity to provide input and feedback to the proposal. The Community Information Session will strengthen Council's understanding of the issues identified.

Attachments

Plan of proposal

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.30 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date

