NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Waikerie Delivers Committee will be held at the Waikerie Council Chambers, Strangman Road, Waikerie on Wednesday 8 January 2020 commencing at 5.30 pm

A light meal will be catered for committee members from 5.00 pm.

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer
20 December 2019

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. On Leave
4. Community Question Time
5. Deputations
6. Member’s Declaration of Interest

Committee members are required to:
1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 and determine whether they have a material, actual or perceived conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in the agenda, and

2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 on the approved ‘Declaration of Committee Members Conflict of Interest’ form (accessible via council’s website or upon request) and forward to the responsible officer no later than 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting.
7. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of meeting held 6 November 2019 (attached) 1 to 4

**Recommendation:**
That the minutes of the Waikerie Delivers Committee meeting held 6 November 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

8. Business Arising

9. Questions without Notice

10. Questions on Notice

11. Business

   11.1 Waikerie Prosperity Strategy
       Development of a priorities work plan.

   11.2 Waikerie Ageing Well Strategy
       Verbal update, consultants to present to the February 2020 meeting with a one hour workshop.

   11.3 Waikerie Riverfront Masterplan – Public Consultation
       Feedback received is attached.

12. Notice of Motion

13. Motion without Notice

14. Business – Information reports

15. Next meeting: As per regular meeting schedule - 1st Wednesday of each month, commencing at 5.30 pm

   Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 5.30 pm

16. Closure
1. Present
Henry Crawford (Chairperson), Frances Asher, Meredith Arnold, Paul Croft,
Margaret Thiel, Graeme Paschke, Joe Vikor and Cr Kym Webber

David Beaton (Chief Executive Officer), Cheryle Pedler (Manager Environmental
Services) and Adrian Dick (Asset and Property Officer/Minute Secretary)

2. Apologies
Sarah Kuchel and Cr Jordann Kleemann

3. On Leave

4. Community Question Time
Nil

5. Deputations

5.1 Waikerie District Ratepayers & Residents Association

Ms Eva Sherriff was unable to attend due to illness and extended her apology.

6. Member's Declaration of Interest
Nil

7. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved Cr Webber seconded Paul Croft
That the minutes of the Waikerie Delivers Committee meeting held
16 October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising

Waikerie Ageing Well Strategy Community/Public Workshops scheduled week

9. Questions without Notice
Nil
10. Questions on Notice

10.1 Waikerie CBD Revitalisation Plan

Paul Croft:
What are the next steps regarding planning and funding for the next stages of the CBD Revitalisation post Peake Tce?

Response as provided by the Chief Executive Officer

Firstly the council decided at its October 2019 meeting to expedite Peake Tce it would undertake the works itself with the assistance of contractors to give Peake Tce the priority and not have the delays of the tender process and contractor scheduling.

Secondly an engineering firm has been engaged to undertake the design of Francis Street to accommodate the turning circle and legal requirements for safe access.

Council is in a robust financial position and will develop up shovel ready projects for funding opportunities; additionally there may be a second round of Drought Communities Funding.

11. Business

11.1 Waikerie Riverfront & Trails Draft Concept Master Plan

Moved Frances Asher seconded Paul Croft
That the Western end section of the Waikerie Riverfront & Trails draft Concept Master Plan be endorsed and prepared for public consultation to be concluded prior to mid December 2019.

CARRIED

11.2 Houseboat Management Plan

Ms Cheryle Pedler, Manager Environmental Services provided an update on the Houseboat Management Plan.
Moved Joe Vikor seconded Cr Webber

1. That the Committee recognises the value of the houseboat industry to Waikerie and will seek their input.

2. That the Committee’s preference for the future development of the Riverfront Masterplan area is that no permanent moorings remain in that area and that the houseboats be relocated.

3. That only temporary moorings be supported in the Riverfront Masterplan area.

4. It is the intent that the houseboats will be able to be relocated to suitable sites in the near vicinity of Waikerie as a part of the process. **CARRIED**

11.3 Development of Work Plan

Chairperson and CEO to work together on redefining the terms of reference, objectives and agenda reporting to accurately reflect the current responsibilities out of the Waikerie Prosperity Strategy and effective reporting for the projects that are being pursued.

Meredith Arnold left the meeting at 7.21 pm

12. Notice of Motion Nil

13. Motion without Notice

13.1 Section 41 Committee meetings

Moved Frances Asher seconded Joe Vikor

It is recommended to Council, that the chair or delegate of each Section 41 committee attend each others committee meetings with a view to ensuring alignment and not duplication. **CARRIED**
13.2 Community Multi-use Facility

Moved Cr Webber seconded Paul Croft
The Waikerie Delivers Committee recommends to Council that a community multi use facility be investigated and costed on council owned land near the Men’s Shed.

CARRIED

14. Business – Information reports Nil

15. Next meeting: As per regular meeting schedule - 1st Wednesday of each month, commencing at 5.30 pm

Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 5.30 pm (to be confirmed)

16. Closure The meeting closed at 7.39 pm
To CEO David Beaton
Mayor Leon Stasinowsky
All councillors and Waikerie Delivers Committee

Re: Riverfront and Trails Masterplan as per River News article 27th November 2019 I believe there are many positive proposals for the riverfront for both on and off water activities, however I can’t find many positives in the latest proposal.

As a boat owner with a mooring licence (WC3) I am wondering what new infrastructure will be in place if the boats are relocated further west?

Why relocate to a boat ramp area?

Houseboats generally do not require ramp access.

At present we have a bitumen road, some street lighting, access to town water and the commercial operators have a fuel outlet, good mooring poles at different levels to cater for different river levels, easy access to the boats and in close proximity to the pump out facility.

Will all these facilities be provided at a new site? Providing rubbish bins both general and recycling would be a plus.

Ramp 2:

Good location for jet ski launch etc - picnic and toilet facilities in this area could cater for many locals and visitors. Speed limit signs and general information regarding requirements when in the vicinity of moored boats would be a great advantage as at present there is not a lot of compliance.

Vegetation:

I notice that there isn’t any mention of the removal of the Athel pines, these trees are listed as Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) and previous councils should have removed them 20 years ago. As the riverfront is being redeveloped hopefully this will present as an environmentally sensitive development, therefore it is definitely time to take care of the problem. As there is always the opposing view - “we like them, they provide shade etc” it may be worth remembering “only a few cane toads, only in Queensland” I feel sure everyone knows that outcome and I think of future generations that may be impacted by neglecting the removal of the invasive Athel pines.

I look forward to your responses

Yours sincerely

Penny Moon

Sent from my iPad
Good afternoon

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Waikerie Riverfront master plan.

1) The general thrust of the proposals is positive.
2) Walking paths suitable for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers are a priority.
3) There is a need for a floating pontoon adjacent to Ramp 2 for temporary mooring of boats before and after launching. This was clearly identified in previous plans and should not be left off!
4) Signage needs to give priority to vehicles launching and retrieving on ramp 2, over traffic passing through.
5) 4 knot signs are needed on the river and bank to remind users of personal watercraft and speedboats of the regulations – there are frequent abuses of this which put launching boats at risk at present.
6) Consultation with houseboat owners should occur as a priority
7) Ramp 2 is for launching trailerable boats and watercraft, not houseboats – this fundamental ignorance of the nature and needs of boats and their users by design professionals is of concern and reinforces the need for robust consultation with users to ensure design mistakes are not made.

Kind regards

Lynley & David Jones
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Dear David,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Waikerie Riverfront and Trails Draft Concept Master Plan.

I have been coming to Waikerie on a very regular basis since 1982 water skiing at the riverfront and I permanently lived and worked in Waikerie with my young family for three years in the late 1990’s. I have been and currently a landholder in Waikerie township since 1992 and have been a houseboat owner with a mooring in Waikerie for the last 4 years. I am passionate about Waikerie and in particular the river and the riverfront.

I have purposely sat back, read and processed a substantial amount of information relating to the Waikerie Riverfront and Trails Project over the last 6 months or so. I now consider that I have something to contribute to ensure that Waikerie has the best riverfront that it justly deserves for the enjoyment of all.

I suggest the following:

Split the area into 3 distinct zones (safe to high risk) for the various water activities and upgrade each zone area riverfront accordingly (Refer Figure 1.).

**Zone 1 (between the Ferry and the Waste Disposal Station (WDS))**
**PRIMARY USE**
This area should be primarily designed for the use by kayakers, canoeists, rowers, swimmers as a safe zone area (not for use by water skiers, wake boarders or jet skiers).

**UPGRADES**
1. Repair the water’s edge by removing all concrete, sandbags and marine carpet (if any of these still exists).
2. Upgrade Ramp No. 1.
3. Upgrade the riverfront area between Ramp No. 1 and the WDS.

**Zone 2 (between the WDS and Ramp No. 2)**
**PRIMARY USE**
This area should be primarily designed for the use by houseboat owners and their houseboats (not for water skiers, wake boarders, jet skiers, kayakers, canoeists, rowers, swimmers).
UPGRADES
1. Extend the grassed area from houseboat mooring No. 28 to link up with the grassed area just upstream from Ramp No. 2.
2. Remove all existing snags, fallen trees, reeds etc. (especially between moorings No. 28 and No. 45.
3. Upgrade the riverfront area between the WDS and Ramp No. 2.

**Zone 3 (from Ramp No. 2 downstream)**
**PRIMARY USE**
This area should be primarily designed for the use by water skiers, wake boarders and jet skiers (not for houseboats, kayakers, canoeists, rowers, swimmers).

UPGRADES
1. What is currently proposed for the western end of the riverfront as posted recently on the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) website.
2. Install a floating pontoon next to Ramp No. 2 for temporary mooring of boats before and after launching.

**Figure 1. Proposed Zone Areas**

**GENERAL**
1. The DCLW needs to engage and consult as a priority with all key stakeholders, ie. houseboat commercial operators and owners, affected by this proposed development.
2. Please clarify the reference to "Ramp 2 launch for houseboats and jet skis", unless a slipway is going to be built. I believe this is misleading.

Once again, thankyou for this opportunity. If you have any queries, please contact me on 0439 704 084.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Menzel
17th December 2019

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Dear Council,

I am writing in relation to the Loxton Waikerie District Council (LWDC) Public Consultation feedback request for the updated December 2019 Waikerie Riverfront & Trails Draft Concept Master Plan. I previously wrote a submission in mid 2019 and stated I personally couldn't find value for money in moving Leonard Norman Drive on the Riverfront eastern end. I could never understand why the road was documented to be moved back twenty metres cutting in to the northern end of the oval, it is evident now once reading Waikerie Football Club’s 18/9/19 submission given to a WDC meeting, Representatives from the football club … of a redevelopment committee. Issues to be resolved are: • Clubhouse refurbishment potentially shifted towards the river on the north west side. I wish the WFC submission of a new Clubroom & Public Function area was included in the last Public Consultation and draft as I would have looked at the plan with a completely different viewpoint. I believe a large Functions Rooms where weddings/ general functions/ meetings/ restaurant/ café etc would be of great benefit to the Community. It could be utilised in winter through football and summer through tourism and local trade. Unfortunately, it is also not included in this current December updated Concept Plan, therefore I can’t give feedback on it. The updated Plan predominately concentrates on the western end development which was a major positive feedback from the previous Public Consultation. I do have some points I would like to raise in relation to houseboat sites, consultation process and asbestos which I will discuss further.

I raised previously and will once again in relation to the consulting process. I have attended a variety of meetings in regards to the Waikerie Riverfront & Trails Draft Concept Master Plan. There has been a glaring issue which appears to dominate these meetings, has Hemisphere Design met WDC consulting contract/hiring obligations? I discussed this topic personally with LWDC CEO and he confirmed not all stakeholders were contacted. It was also discussed at a recent WDC meeting that Hemisphere Design will not be supplying the WDC with the stakeholder’s consultation documents, as Hemisphere Design believe it is their working documents. I understand any consultation process is expensive and a necessary element of a development process. I also understand that a change of design consultant at this stage could be a costly exercise, but I personally believe it is a responsibility of WDC & LWDC to further investigate in depth if Hemisphere Design have met their contract/hiring consultation obligations, and then administer the appropriate action if found the Waikerie Riverfront & Trails Draft Concept Master Plan was designed under a deficient and negligent consultation process. I now expand and back this with current information, 5/12/19 River Newsletter to the Editor by Green & Gold Houseboats Owner/Operator stating “Running the major private owned tourism venture in our town that is based on the river, you would think that approaches would have been made or opinions sought of any changes that might affect us. Especially as we have been in business for such a long time (successfully) have brought, on our own volition, many thousands of tourists to Waikerie. I can state categorically that we have never been approached officially by anyone from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW) or consultants...“. Not only has Green & Gold not been contacted, neither have personal houseboat owners who both generate income through rates for the LWDC. There were many more organisations on Hemisphere Designs list who were formally meant to be contacted and never were. I do not understand why WDC decided to keep Hemisphere Designs as a Consultant, when minimal consultation occurred. After the previous mid year Public Consultation, the requested changes of updates were then submitted to Hemisphere Designs by the WDC to be implemented into the now updated version. The WDC then met and discovered after submitting their change requests and not all updated requested information was implemented or implemented incorrectly, as recorded in the WDC minutes. As a rate payer I can only hope LWDC cease any future contracts with Hemisphere Designs as they have clearly not delivered what they were contracted to do. I would like to add some suggestions also, a deletion of the ‘secure weekend houseboaters’ car park Hemisphere Design allocated in the new draft be removed as there will be no houseboats there for cars to utilise as secure car park. I
also raise a question in relation as to why in the newly updated draft the approx. 80 carparks for viewing along the western end which were shown previously have been removed. Will they not be included in updated plan? I believed this extra parking was necessary and an important inclusion in the previous draft.

I would also like to raise the issue of asbestos which is visible and scattered throughout the Riverfront western end. There was asbestos found where the Drought Funding Bike Park was proposed and the site was cleaned of contamination, to which I am unsure at whose expense. I attended a WDC meeting after the clean up and personally heard the CEO state he has been informed there is no more asbestos. I can openly and categorically state there is a large amount of small asbestos pieces the size of approx. 3-5 cm along the Riverfront on the western end. It is also scattered throughout the walking area of Hart’s Lagoon. A couple of regular walkers around the Lagoon have stated they have seen it is everywhere. I personally went for a walk along the western Riverfront end where grass and parking development will occur in the updated plan and took photos showing asbestos which was easily surface visible. Note: Winds shift sand around and cover and discover asbestos:

I am all for an updated Waikerie Riverfront, but want a practical approach administered and am hoping WDC & LWDC includes the expense of the asbestos clean-up in their budget for the proposed Waikerie Riverfront & Trails Draft Concept Master Plan, along with budgeting for a new site for personal houseboats and Tourism business Green & Gold Houseboats if shifting is deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely

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