

UTEC Meeting. Monday April 11, 2022, 6pm sharp. Uralla Shire Council Chambers

Meeting Opened: 6.04pm

Present: K. Mayo, A. Mayo, N. Porter, L. van Ekert, J. Sinclair (Zoom), A. Parker (Zoom), C. Shantal & R. Bowie (observers), Cr. T. Toomey and Cr. L. Doran (USC). *Again there were problems with Zoom.*

Apologies: R. Anderson, P. Smith, Sonia Repin (observer).

Mov: N. Porter Sec: K. Mayo

Election of Acting Chairperson: K. Mayo

Mov: Sec:

Election of Acting Secretary: A. Mayo

Mov: J. Sinclair Sec: L. van Ekert

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Jan 10, 2022)

Mov: K. Mayo Sec: A. Mayo

Matters Arising

(See General Business)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

Email from Karen Johnston, to inform the committee that due to family commitments she has resigned from UTEC, and extends best wishes for our future endeavours.

Outwards: "Thank you" letters to Cr Strutt and Cr Toomey.

Mov: A. Mayo Sec: J. Sinclair

General Business

Constitution

Recommendations:

1) Constitution to be amended to include "UTEC's recommendations shall relate to Open Spaces, and other sites significant to the appearance and amenity of the township and environs".

Mov: J. Sinclair Sec: A. Parker

2) Other: Cr Toomey informed the meeting that there will now be just one document "Terms of Reference".

Military Museum Sign on NE highway.

Background: This is an absolute embarrassment to our community, creating a terrible first impression for visitors to Uralla, now a magnet for cultural tourism. The difficulty is that this rusty, bullet-ridden relic is not in Uralla Shire, but is the responsibility of Tamworth Regional Council.

Recommendation: Uralla Council engage with the property owner and Tamworth Regional Council to resolve the issue.

Mov: K. Mayo Sec: J. Sinclair

Main Street

Background:

During the past few years Council has invited two different consultancies to provide concepts for the upgrade of the main street. The community dismissed the first of these reports as nonsensical, to put it politely. The second was rejected by Council as unaffordable/not achievable in the current climate. The fees paid to consultants achieved nothing. Meanwhile the condition and appearance of the main street continued to deteriorate.

Recommendations:

1) The three redundant garbage bin posts be removed ASAP

Mov: Kent Mayo Sec: A. Mayo

2) Council seek advice from the RMS about the future of the "mystery" two gal-steel signs installed in the blisters some years ago, and still unmasked.

Mov: L. van Ekert Sec: J. Sinclair

3) Council plant trees (ASAP) in the empty blisters at the northern end of the CBD, a matter "postponed" for many years.

Mov: A. Mayo Sec: L. van Ekert

4) Council employ an enthusiastic person on a permanent one day per week/ fortnight basis to improve and maintain the blister gardens.

Mov: A. Parker Sec: J. Sinclair

5) Council remove the three redundant signs at Pioneer Park.

Mov: K. Mayo Sec: A. Parker

Public Spaces Legacy ProgramThe Glen, Rotary Park, and Fibonacci Park.....recent information/ workshop meetings with Civile Landscape Architects.

Recommendation: The "Constellations" project to include a contemporary aboriginal perspective.

Mov: A. Parker Sec: J. Sinclair

Court House Restoration/Refurbishment:

Images on Council's website suggest that the submission by Uralla Arts Council has provided a "blueprint". It is a matter of grave concern that Council's Heritage Adviser, Mitch Mackay, has not been consulted about this \$900000+ heritage project.

Recommendation: Before proceeding any further, Council engage the services of its Heritage Adviser.

Mov: Kent Mayo. Sec: L. van Ekert

Noel Corkery's Offer of tree planting on Quartz Gully Road on the "eastern" perimeter of the cemetery.

Background:

This is a very generous offer, which shouldn't be ignored. Phil Smith has advised us that the verge there is used as parking, and therefore it's crucial to retain the space. Would it not make sense to plant some trees there on both sides of the road, but spaced out to provide parking places...and shade? Could some of these trees also be planted along the road that leads up to the niche wall, and maybe one beside each of the newly installed shelters?"

Recommendation: Greening Uralla (Carol Shantal) to consult with Noel Corkery about this and "Seven Entrances" tree planting.

Mov: J. Sinclair Sec: N. Porter

Seven Entrances to Uralla Tree Planting:

This was planned and adopted by the Creative Village Committee, thanks to members of The Garden Club, but never implemented. Noel Corkery has offered to be involved in this project. (See above.)

Meeting Day:

Recommendation: UTEC meet on first Monday of the month, 6pm sharp.

Mov: L. van Ekert Sec: A. Mayo

Meeting Closed: 7.08pm

Next Meeting: Monday 2 May 2022