

## **NOTES**

**MEETING OF THE CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM HELD IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM AT THE TOWN HALL, CAMPBELL TOWN ON TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 9:30AM**

***AS THERE WAS NO QUORUM PRESENT AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WAS HELD***

### **1 PRESENT**

Mrs Jill Davis (Chairperson), Mrs Laura Double OAM, Mr John Ashman, Ms Sally Hills, Mr Michael Roach

### **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Kerin Smith-Harvey, Mr Ross Latham (LINC Tasmania), Mr Gary ? (LINC Tasmania), Inspector Scott Flude (Tasmania Police), Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Amanda Mason (Governance & Community Development Officer), Mayor David Downie (9:41am)

### **3 APOLOGIES**

Mrs Jill Clarke, Mr Bevis Perkins ESM, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr Duncan Payton (Planning & Development Manager), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mrs Judith Lyne, Mrs Debbie Thomas

### **4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

[Nil declared.](#)

### **5 POLICE PRESENCE IN CAMPBELL TOWN**

Miss Mason welcomed Inspector Scott Flude who was attending the meeting as a result of recent concern raised by the Campbell Town District Forum regarding police presence in Campbell Town.

Inspector Flude gave a brief overview of the police services offered in the Northern Midlands region. The head offices for this region are located in Longford and Deloraine. There are 9 police officers covering the Northern Midlands. Three officers stationed at Campbell Town. Longford is the headquarters, officers report there and travel to where the jobs are.

At present, crime is low in the Campbell Town area. There were 7 crimes reported last year, 3 so far this year. Tasmania Police try and keep Police on the roads, road safety is a priority. Average response time to jobs for the Northern Midlands is approximately 25-30 minutes in comparison to 15-17 minutes in Launceston.

Inspector Flude stressed that the Police can only act on what is reported to them. If crime is higher than what is reported, then please report incidents to the Police, all information is recorded and any information is good.

Mayor Downie arrived at the meeting at 9:41am.

It was mentioned by the Forum concern on the increase of hooning in Campbell Town. Inspector Flude confirmed that incidents must be reported for Police to be able to take any action.

Enquiry was made regarding basing traffic patrols outside of city limits. Inspector Flude reported it would be unlikely that a traffic base be relocated to a central location such as Campbell Town. It was noted that there is probably a greater police presence in Campbell Town than residents are aware with a large number of unmarked police vehicles travelling through the region on a daily basis.

Concern was raised about not having a police officer living at Campbell Town.

Inspector Flude advised he would be happy to take calls at any time and meet with the Forum to discuss any concerns.

Mrs Davis thanked Inspector Flude for his attendance at the meeting.

Inspector Flude left the meeting at 9:54am.

## **6 LINC PRESENTATION**

Councillor Gordon welcomed Mr Gary ? and Mr Ross Latham to present on plans for the Library at Campbell Town.

Mr Latham advised he is a member of the LINC Tasmania Executive and oversees Launceston and its catchment, which includes Campbell Town.

LINC is presently looking at the way they're established in regional Tasmania and how to best deliver services to regional areas.

Presently there are two LINC locations in Campbell Town, the library on High Street, and the online access centre at the Campbell Town District High School. It has been identified that two locations is not the best way to deliver services to Campbell Town. As such, LINC are looking at consolidating the two services by updating the library building and moving the online access centre to the library building. It is anticipated this would be in place from 1 July 2016.

LINC are also looking at changing the opening hours to better suit the clients using the services. It was noted a suggestion from the Forum that Friday hours operate from 2pm to 6pm, to allow those working an opportunity to attend the library.

A further suggestion was made regarding having a 24 hour return box. It was advised that at this stage this is not being considered by LINC, however, could be looked at as systems upgrade into the future.

Mrs Davis thanked the guests for attending the meeting and for the information they have provided.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Deferred until next meeting for lack of quorum*

That the minutes of the meeting of the Campbell Town District Forum held on Tuesday, 5 April 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

## **8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **8.1 Campbell Town War Memorial Oval**

Update to be provide on progress of project as available. Council awaiting outcome of funding application from the Federal Government – National Stronger Regions Funds.

### **8.2 Campbell Town Traffic Management Strategy and Entrance Statements**

General Manager in process of reviewing quotes. Update to be provided as available.

### **8.3 Motions to Council**

Meeting of 19 October 2015: Min Ref 287/15	Northern Midlands Council note and investigate the following recommendations of the Campbell Town District Forum	That the signs for the museum are re-hung so they are more visible for passing cars. <i>Request submitted to Works Department. Planning application to be submitted.</i>
		That council investigates Blackburn Park's suitability for free overnight camping for self contained vehicles and opportunities for relocation. <i>Planning &amp; Development Manager to attend June Forum meeting to discuss.</i>

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Riparian Management**

Forum to discuss email received from Mr Bill Chugg regarding riparian management within the town of Campbell Town.

Forum discussed Mr Chugg's email and noted that Miss Mason has referred the request to the Works & Infrastructure department for action with the relevant state authority responsible for the river area, and Council where appropriate.

Concern was also raised regarding the poplar suckers near the Red Bridge.

#### **Action**

*Miss Mason to follow up requests.*

### **9.2 Midland Highway Safety Improvements Project**

Forum to note an 11km section of highway between Epping Forest and Powranna has been identified by the Department of State Growth for the next package of safety works planned for the 2017/18 construction season.

### **9.3 Nominations – Campbell Town District Forum**

Forum to note that the term of the committee expires in June 2016. Nominations are now open. July meeting will be the first meeting for new members.

### **9.4 Other business**

- It was suggested that a shower be installed at the Valentine Park toilet – to be deferred until a meeting where a quorum is present for a motion.
- It was noted that the State Government has released funding for the installation of bus shelters. Miss Mason advised that this funding related to road infrastructure rather than physical bus shelters themselves and that the Works & Infrastructure Manager is aware of the funding.
- Cr Gordon reported that following meetings with TasWater, it has been agreed that TasWater will install a drinking water tank at Conara for residents who are permanently on a boil water alert.

## **10 CLOSURE**

Chairperson closed the meeting at 10:53 am.

Next meeting to be held on **7 June 2016** at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.