

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

LIVEABLE TOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Member opened the meeting, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr Paul Bridges, Presiding Member
Cr Renee McLennan
Alison Healey
Victoria Brown
Angie Piantadosi
Jeanette Maddison
Kylie Turner

Officers

Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development
Marnie Woodley, Acting Manager Children Services
Salvatore Siciliano, Manager Recreation and Culture
Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

Visitors

Nonie Jekabsons
Raeleen McAllister, Shire of Mundaring

Apologies

Ken Cardy, Manager Asset Services

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean Liveable Town Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 October 2016

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Jeanette Maddison, Seconded Alison Healey, that the minutes of the Bassendean Liveable Town Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 October 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

4.2 Meeting of the Bassendean Liveable Town Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 November 2016

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.2

MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the Committee notes that Bassendean Liveable Town Advisory Committee meeting scheduled on 29 November 2016, did not achieve a quorum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8.0 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Parenting Services Funding (Ref: COMS/SVPROVS/4: Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development)

APPLICATION

To be informed of a successful funding application that will result in improved parenting services in the Town.

BACKGROUND

In October, the Department of Local Government and Communities tendered Parenting Services based on a regional funding model. The Town lies within the North-East Metro Region that includes the Cities of Swan and Bayswater and the Shire of Mundaring.

The Midvale Hub (a partnership between the Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan) has been delivering parent engagement and parenting education services for 30 years with coordination from their facility in Midvale. The Town was approached to consider an expansion of the Midvale Hub business model to include the City of Bayswater and the Town of Bassendean with the establishment of a “replica hub” for the new “western” municipalities.

A letter of support was provided to accompany the funding application (see attached).

The Parenting Services to be operated within the new Hub would be coordinated through the establishment of a Parenting Hub Action Group made up of key stakeholders, including the Town of Bassendean.

The Town has offered that the Town’s community facilities can be considered for the delivery of services.

On 21 December 2016 the Minister, Paul Miles, announced the outcome that included \$456,000 per annum for 5 years to the Shire of Mundaring to deliver parenting services in the North-East Metro region (see attached press release).

The projects commence on 1 April 2017 and funding concludes 30 June 2022.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Town's Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 has as a key theme inclusiveness, lifelong learning, health and social wellbeing.

COMMENT

Discussions on the establishment of the Bassendean-Bayswater Parenting Hub Action Group and Hub coordination location have commenced.

Raeleen McAllister from the Shire of Mundaring has advised that she will be in attendance at the meeting and will provide a briefing on the scope and form of the new service.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no known financial implications for the Town at this time. If necessary, any co-sponsored activities will be subject to budget consideration.

Raeleen McAllister from the Shire of Mundaring spoke to the committee about this service.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION ITEM 8.1

LTAC – 1/02/17 MOVED Cr McLennan, Seconded Victoria Brown, that the information on the Parenting Services funding by the Department of Local Government and Communities be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.2 **Australia Day Celebrations and Fireworks Event – Future Direction (Ref: RECC/EVMNGT/10: Salvatore Siciliano, Manager Recreation and Culture)**

APPLICATION

For the Committee to consider forming a working group to review the staging of the Town's Australia Day event.

BACKGROUND

The Town of Bassendean on an annual basis has, from 2005, has been staging the Australia Day Celebrations and Fireworks event: A total of 13 occasions.

The event has grown over the years to become one of the main Australia Day events in the Perth Metropolitan area and a flagship event for the Town of Bassendean with 15 - 20,000 people attending. There is indeed conjecture that the crowd numbers this year were greater than 20,000.

The Town's Australia Day event has been designed and promoted as an inclusive family friendly community event, featuring top class entertainment, an official welcome to Country, carnival rides, food vans and a spectacular fireworks display. The Town has prided itself on delivering a professional and highly organised event that would appeal to a broad audience.

In regards to the sensitivity of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January each year, the City of Fremantle Council voted in January 2016 to cancel its Australia Day fireworks display and replace it with a new event. In November 2016, the City of Fremantle announced its new event in favour of a "culturally-inclusive alternative" celebration two days later to be held on Saturday 28 January 2017.

The new event was called *One Day* and was seen as an opportunity for all Australians to come together and celebrate the multicultural diversity of the nation. For many Aboriginal Australians (and as a result non-Aboriginal Australians), there were mixed feelings in celebrating Australia Day as it was not always seen as a day that would bring all Australians together given the early history of European settlement in Australia.

Feedback received on the *One Day* event through the media has indicated that the event was a success with broad support from the general public and residents within the City of Fremantle.

In regards to the staging of the Town's 2017 Australia Day event, Council approved the event and budget in July 2016 to be held on Thursday 26 January 2017.

Planning and implementation for the staging of the Town's 2017 Australia Day event was well underway at the time of the City of Fremantle's decision to host an alternative event on 28 January.

Essentially, Officers were bound to Council's resolution to stage and fund the 2017 Australia Day event and that any change to the date or format for the staging of the event would need to be considered in the future.

Following the staging of the event in 2016 and in the lead up to this year's staging, there was considerable discussion on the merits of a review into the events ever increasing complexity, the expanding financial demands and staffing resource requirements and of the community benefit derived.

Given that the Town's 2017 Australia Day event has now been staged and prior to the setting of the 2017/18 Budget, it now provides opportunity to undertaken a review into the future staging of the event for Council consideration.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Australia Day event aligns with the following key themes and strategic objectives of the Corporate Business Plan 2015-2019:

Arts, heritage and culture

- Maintain the rich culture of heritage of the community; and,
- Encourage and support community connections.

Inclusiveness, lifelong learning, health and social wellbeing

- Build a sense of belonging and connectivity in community.

COMMENT

The Town of Bassendean is respectful and aware of the sentiment that exists within the Australian Aboriginal and broader community of the sensitivity of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January each year.

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the Nyoongar people as traditional custodians of this land and acknowledges their continuing connection to land and community.

The Town is also committed to the reconciliation process and adopted its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) (2012-2016) in 2012 and is currently reviewing the RAP to develop a new plan for the next four years from 2017 to 2021 through close liaison with the Bassendean Aboriginal Advancement Group (BAAG).

Council has expressed that the Town will grow understanding and respect for Whadjuk traditions and culture.

Council and Officers have undertaken a great deal of work to advance the reconciliation process and to genuinely understand and develop authentic relationships with the Aboriginal community within the Town.

In terms of reviewing the staging of the Town's Australia Day event around the sensitivity of holding the event on 26 January each year, to also review the staging of the event within the context of:

- The effectiveness of the Town's Australia Day event from the perspective of measuring intrinsic value to capture feedback from the public, peer assessors and self-assessors on the quality and impact of the event and experiences. For the 2017 Australia Day event, feedback surveys were conducted and whilst data received is currently being analysed, indicative feedback is overwhelmingly positive of the event;
- The current investment of the Town, given that the approved budget for the staging of the event is now in excess of \$110,000 with staff devoting up to 90% of their time working on the event from late November through to January 26. Staging an event of this magnitude is becoming increasingly complex each year given the many components of the event and the risk management issues associated with the fireworks and overall event management; and
- The Cultural Plan review that will be conducted in the first half of the 2016/2017 financial year. The new Cultural Plan will capture Council's and community's aspirations for arts and cultural development and will include a future direction on the Town's public events program.

To manage the review process, Officers recommend the Committee establishes a Working Group, whose membership could include:

- A Councillor of the LTAC; (*Cr McLennan*)
- 2 LTAC Community Members; (*Kylie Turner*)
- 2 Co-opted Aboriginal Elders; and
- Other Community Members

The Working Group would be facilitated by staff.

It is envisaged that the working group will consult broadly and will be required to report back with at least interim recommendations on the future direction of the Town's Australia Day event to the LTAC in April 2017.

Officers also recommend that consideration could be given to appointing an independent expert facilitator to guide discussion and assist with developing a future direction.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Subject to the appointment of an independent expert facilitator, costs could be funded from GL 151360 – Cultural Plan Projects.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION - ITEM 8.2

LTAC – 2/02/17 MOVED Kylie Turner, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the:

1. Liveable Town Advisory Committee forms a Working Group, comprised of the membership outlined in this report to review the staging of the Town's Australia Day event;
2. Scope of the review be focused around:
 - The sensitivity of holding the event on 26 January each year;
 - The effectiveness of the Town's Australia Day event from the perspective of measuring the quality and impact of the event and experiences;
 - The current investment by the Town, complexity of the event each year and risk management issues associated with the fireworks and overall event management;
 - The Cultural Plan review that will be conducted in the first half of the 2016/2017 financial year;

3. Working group report back to the April 2017 LTAC meeting with at least their interim findings and recommendations; and
4. An independent consultant be appointed to facilitate the review process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.3 Committee Work Program

At the meeting held on 14 April 2016, the Committee resolved to establish the following three Working Groups and to appoint members of the Committee to the Working Groups:

- Regional Playground;
- Urban Forest Strategy; and
- Renewable Energy.

It was decided to defer establishment of two additional Working Groups, being:

- Bicycle Boulevards; and
- Arts.

Notes of meetings of working groups in which officers are in attendance are attached. Outcomes of any informal meetings of working group members are referred for deliberation to the next working group meeting.

Regional Playground Working Group

The working group met on Wednesday 16 November and was introduced to Nature Play Solutions, which successfully quoted for the design of the facility.

The consultant discussed the preferred location for the facility and of the community engagement plan.

The pros and cons of the four sites were discussed. The sites included:

- The end of Hamilton Street and including the slope to Ashfield Flats;
- The irrigated area that is Sandy Beach Reserve;
- The parcel of WAPC land to the south of the Sandy Beach Reserve access road (opposite the toilet block); and
- 37A Hardy Road, being the area below the small carpark on Hardy Road.

Having considered the four sites, the working group resolved to recommend the facility be designed for the WAPC land to the south of the Sandy Beach Reserve access road adjacent to the car park.

The meeting workshopped the community engagement plan that includes displays with personnel at the Sundown Showdown event at Sandy Beach Reserve on 19 November and the Old Perth Road Markets on 26 November; an interactive display in the Library; and a survey that is available in hard copy at various Council customer service points and accessible on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SandyBeachReserve>. Strategies to promote the survey were workshopped, including the role of the working group members.

The meeting was also advised of the progress in the acquisition of the two 20A Reserve properties.

As the 29 November meeting of the Committee was cancelled for lack of a quorum, and given the pressing need to define the facility site for Nature Play Solutions, a report was prepared for resolution directly to Council.

In December 2016 Council (OCM - 12/12/16) resolved the location for the Nature-based Regional Playground to be on part of Lot 646 Kitchener Road (see attached site plan).

The December 2016 Officer Report to Council articulated the benefits and constraints associated with each of the four potential sites for the facility and recommended Council resolve that the facility be constructed on the working group's preferred site, being that aspect of Ashfield Flats immediately adjacent to and to the south of Sandy Beach Reserve, being part of Lot 646 Kitchener Road.

The Town has commenced discussions with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC)/Department of Planning to establish a management order for the portion of land where the Regional Playground will be located and these discussions are continuing.

The Lord Street and Chapman Road properties have now been acquired by the Town and will be sold for residential purposes in the 2017/18 financial year, with the net proceeds contributing to the cost of the facility construction.

Urban Forest Strategy Working Group

A meeting of the Working Group was conducted on 7 November 2016.

Nonie Jekabsons spoke on the outcomes of the meetings of a sub-group of the working group that has been meeting regularly.

Renewable Energy Working Group

A meeting of the Working Group was conducted on 3 November 2016.

Outcomes of the meeting relate to actions for officers and do not require a determination by the Committee.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION - ITEM 8.3

LTAC – 3/02/17 MOVED Jeanette Maddison, Seconded Kylie Turner, that the:

1. Committee notes Council's resolution (OCM - 12/12/16) that the site for the Nature-based Regional Playground will be Lot 646 Kitchener Road being the land parcel to the south of the Sandy Beach Reserve access road adjacent to the car park; and
2. Information on the work program progress of the Working Parties be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.4 Ongoing Activity Progress Reports

RECREATION

Participation in Sport and Recreation, Leisure Activities

- The Town launched the new *RElax Program – Recreation and Engagement* in January 2017 and replaces the Leisure Couse program that was implemented in previous years. Officers have worked hard to raise awareness on the launch of the new RElax Program through an innovative promotional campaign with a mix of traditional and online strategies.

The RELax Program will feature both recreational/leisure opportunities with a fresh crop of creative pursuits. The RELax Program is a good example of how sport/recreation and arts/culture can develop a community through the provision of learning and development opportunities.

- The Mary Crescent Reserve playground continues to be developed with a concept design finalised. It is expected that a tree count will be undertaken in the immediate future prior to the commencement of construction of the new playground.
- 96 KidSport applications have been processed so far in the 2016/2017 financial year to assist junior sport players participate in their preferred sport.

Facility Management

- An RFQ will be undertaken in February 2017 to secure the services of a suitable consultant to undertake a Community Facilities and Ovals/Reserves Audit and Needs Assessment within the Town of Bassendean. It is expected that the consultancy will be completed by 30 June 2017.

CULTURE

2017 Australia Day Celebrations and Fireworks

- Officers successfully staged the 2017 Australia Day Celebrations and Fireworks event on Thursday 26 January at Ashfield Reserve.
- Officers worked hard to ensure that the event would run smoothly, with the event once again demonstrating the collaborative approach that is required across the organisation to stage an event of this magnitude.
- It was estimated that 18,000 plus people attended.
- Feedback surveys were conducted at the event and whilst data received is currently being analysed, the feedback received is overwhelmingly positive of the event.
- Through a separate report, Officers will be recommending that a working group be formed to ascertain the best way forward in regards to the staging of the Australia Day event in light of the City of Fremantle's decision to stage their event two days after January 26.

Summers Edge March Event – Perth Autumn Festival

- Officers are currently working on the staging of the Summers Edge March music event being held this year as part of the Perth Autumn Festival on Saturday 18 March, 5pm-9pm at Sandy Beach Reserve.
- The Town traditionally stages a March and November music event. This year, the Summers Edge event has come under the banner of the EMRC's coordinated Perth Autumn Festival.
- There is also the strong possibility of the Town receiving LotteryWest funding as part of an application prepared and lodged by the EMRC for the Perth Autumn Festival.
- The March event will feature the hip hop dance beats of The Brow as well as the energising Congolese guitar rhythms of Soukous Internationale.
- Off-stage, there will be bike-themed fun for young ones on Bike Activity Avenue. People can bring a picnic, or buy from delectable selection of food vendors. Safe and secure bike parking will be available. Parking - gold coin donation.

Heritage – 1 Surrey Street / Bassendean Pensioner Guard

A Steering Group Meeting of the 1 Surrey Street project will be held on Tuesday 7 February to review the revised draft landscape plans and the detailed working drawings for the Pensioner Guard Cottage and residence, with an opportunity to provide feedback on location of the internal fittings.

Other Cultural Projects

- Officers are currently working on finalising a scope for consultancy to undertake a review of the Town's Cultural Plan.
- Officers will be meeting with Culture Counts on 16 February to explore the possibility of utilising their services. Essentially, Culture Counts is a performance evaluation company that has developed, tested and implemented an innovative new system for measuring intrinsic value. The platform consists of a metric framework and accompanying set of software tools to capture feedback from the public, peer assessors and self-assessors on the quality and impact of places, events, services and experiences.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Old Perth Road Markets Review

Over the last twelve months, the Town has been reviewing the overall operation of the markets. This was carried out for three key reasons:

1. To investigate how the markets compare to other markets, what are the key challenges and opportunities.
2. To investigate if the cost to the Town can be reduced and where savings can be made.
3. To enhance the community purpose and role of the markets.

A report from the extensive evaluation of the markets was presented in May 2016. Broadly, it revealed strong community awareness and love for the markets, but also that the markets were tired and not very exciting.

The recommendations included:

- Improve communication techniques,
- Highlight the community benefit and importance of the markets
- Judicious decisions on stall holders and entertainment and
- Revise market management agreements.

Subsequently, the following actions have been adopted and are currently being implemented to achieve these outcomes.

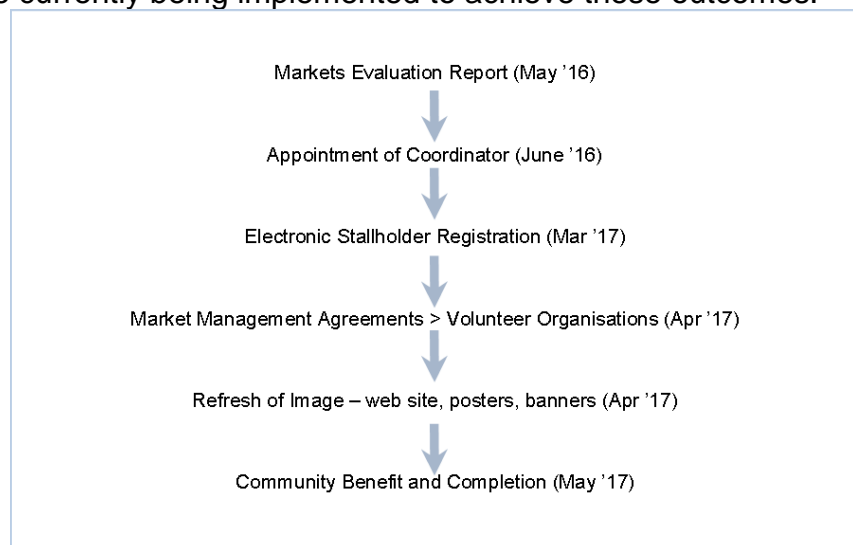


Figure 1: Markets Review Process

Stallholder Coordinator

The appointment of a professional stall holder coordinator was the initial point from which to initiate the improvements and changes set out in the report. As the “Face” of the markets, this is a very influential role. Responding to all enquiries, preparing the allocation of stalls at each market, proposing entertainment and most importantly driving the Facebook activity. The appointment was completed in June after going out to tender and a two-year contract signed.

Electronic Stallholder Registration

With the assistance of the stall holder coordinator, the Town will now achieve efficiencies in handling the stallholders by creating electronic registration system. It is predicted that this system will facilitate up to 80% of all stall holders enquiries, therefore significantly reducing the time required to handle bookings.

The timing of this has been assisted by the completion of the Town’s new website and the culture in the organisation embracing digital technology.

Market Management Agreements

The responsibilities and activities of volunteers is being overhauled. While these are still under development, the expectation is that marshalling tasks will continue to be carried out by the Swan Valley Rotary Club. Additionally, it is planned that traffic management will be provided by another community group replacing the current commercial providers. This will achieve savings overall but additionally the funds will directly benefit the local community instead of a commercial bottom line.

Refresh of Image

The markets are now six years old, during which time none of the publicity has received a refresh. It is therefore well overdue. However, it is required as well to bring a focus of the benefit and connection to the community of the markets.

Community Benefit

The Town delivers the markets as a multi-layered approach of strengthening the community values of Bassendean.

On the surface the markets invigorate a section of the Town Centre once a month.

This has the effect of introducing some people for the first time to this part of Old Perth Road and encourages them to return to the stores and outlets outside of the market days. On a secondary level, the markets are a meeting place where residents enhance their sense of place and belonging.

With the changes being implemented, we will be more explicit on the community benefits that flow through to the town at large. The markets will employ more locals through volunteer work and the community fund, which has existed for over four years and raised in excess of \$35,000, will be strongly promoted and featured in all publicity.

CONCLUSION

The actions outlined here amount to substantial revision of the markets operation.

A more responsive website will simplify bookings, refunds, transfers of bookings etc. A professional coordinator will boost confidence of stall holders, which will in turn attract more diverse stallholders. The efficiencies implemented through these changes are estimated to reduce the financial burden on the Town by 50%.

From a public perspective the changes will not be very obvious beyond an improved website and new posters. However, we are confident that the changes will give the markets a fresh impetus which should carry it through for another five years or more.

Parklet, O2 Café

The proprietor has advised of the completion to the revised plans as requested by Asset Services. The new plans will be submitted in the very near future.

CEBA Board Invitation

The new Executive Officer with Central Eastern Business Association is making many changes to the management of this organisation.

The Town has always supported them however it hoped with recent announcements that Bassendean will now receive more direct benefits from this group including, networking events held here, new innovative practices to attract members, and more engaging marketing and publicity.

The Association has offered a place on their board for the Senior Economic Development Officer to join the board.

NBN Roll Out

The subcontractors of NBN have commenced the installation the optic fibre across the Town. Currently, in Eden Hill, it is expected the entire Town will have NBN from the third quarter of 2017.

NBN are in frequent communication with various Business Units in the Town. Publicity of the progress has been maintained through BassendeanMeansBusiness where we have answered many enquiries. The new Town website also has a link to NBN from the front page.

CHILDREN SERVICES

- The new playground at WITW Bassendean was completed in the last quarter of 2016 and has made a big difference to the children, families and staff at the service. It's improved the quality of outdoor play for the children and the feedback has been very positive.
- WITW's annual Christmas party held on Sunday the 11 December, at Sandy Beach to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the service opening was a great success.
- Wind in the Willows re-opened on January 9 after the two week Christmas closure period.
- During the Christmas closure, the floors were cleaned and re-sealed, plus general maintenance, such as painting and tiling in the Ashfield kitchen was completed.
- The main intake of new babies this year is siblings of current families, and the demand for 0-15 months remains particularly high.
- Currently, the primary focus is the transitioning and settling of new families, and children graduating to the WITW Ashfield service from the Bassendean service.
- Three long term staff members have returned from maternity leave this year, and staffing continues to be stable.
- WITW Ashfield is due to have a new shade sail installed due to the previous sail being damaged in high winds at the end of last year – this should be completed before the end of February.
- WITW Ashfield has some holes in the grass from continual use and play by the children, and options are being considered on how to repair these as they have the potential to be a tripping hazard.

- The first family event of the year – the “Welcome to Wind in the Willows” breakfast has been planned for Sunday April 2nd. This is a great opportunity for families to meet each other and build relationships with the service.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4

LTAC – 4/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Victoria Brown, that the information on the activity progress reports be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.5 Community Events Sponsorship

The Town has received an application for assistance via the Community Events Sponsorship Scheme from the Bassendean Church of Christ seeking sponsorship of \$1,000 towards the cost of staging the Easter Fair on Sunday 9 April 2017 at the premises of the Church, 4 Ivanhoe Street, Bassendean.

The Community Events Sponsorship budget for 2016/17 is \$5,000. With two sponsorships being approved so far this financial year, there remains available \$3,000. This event does comply with the Sponsorship Program guidelines.

The Manager Recreation & Culture believes that this is the kind of community initiative that should be supported via this funding, and recommends that the Committee supports the application.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5

LTAC – 5/02/17 MOVED Jeanette Maddison, Seconded Victoria Brown, that the Committee recommends that Council provides sponsorship of \$1,000 under the Community Events Sponsorship Program to the Bassendean Church of Christ to assist with the staging of the Easter Fair on Sunday 9 April 2017 at the Church premises at 4 Ivanhoe Street, Bassendean, and that a sponsorship agreement is prepared between the Town and the Bassendean Church of Christ to outline the conditions of the sponsorship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.6 Resolution Implementation Report

Passed resolutions of Committee are listed in the attached table, along with an action statement and a status report.

Items whose status is listed as “Completed” are sought to be deleted.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.6

LTAC – 6/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the completed resolutions of the Committee in the progress report be deleted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.7 Resignation from Committee

The Committee is advised that a resignation from the Committee was received on 26 November from Ms Clara Pound.

Clara has been a community representative on Council Committees for 4 years, having earlier served on the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The Committee is asked to consider how best to address the resultant casual vacancy.

It was agreed that previous unsuccessful nominees should be contacted to see if they wish to re-nominate.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.7

LTAC – 7/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Kylie Turner, that the Committee:

1. Expresses its appreciation to Ms Clara Pound for her contribution to the Committee; and
2. Recommends Council acts to fill the casual vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

11.0 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12.0 **CLOSURE**

The following comments were made at the meeting and it was requested that they be recorded in the minutes:

During discussion, a Committee Member expressed disappointment at comments made by another Committee Member on a Facebook Page, which she believed undermined and criticised the work done by the Regional Playground Working Group on the Sandy Beach playground. She also stated that Councillors, staff and volunteers have been working hard to get this project up and running and did not appreciate this criticism on such a public forum.

The Committee Member referred to, stated that she disputed the claims and that she did not criticise the new playground, but is worried about the state of existing playgrounds, such as Jubilee Reserve and Success Hill and that we should first look after what we have before we spend money on new ventures.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 11 April 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 8.36pm.