

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

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

ON TUESDAY 31 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.15PM

1.0 WELCOME

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open, welcomed all those in attendance and acknowledged the past and present traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the meeting was held.

The Mayor gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and advised that the meeting was requested by Electors through Mr Terry Blanchard, following a report considered by Council at its June 2021 Ordinary Council meeting to address parking restrictions and address issues associated with football parking and other special events at Bassendean Oval. The report was considered by Council and deferred to allow the Town administration to undertake further investigation and provide a new report within six months.

2.0 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

Cr Renee McLennan, Mayor
Cr Kathryn Hamilton, Deputy Mayor
Cr Chris Barty
Cr Hilary MacWilliam

Officers

Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Paul White, Director Corporate Services
Mr Luke Gibson, Director Community Planning
Mr Phil Adams, Exec Manager Infrastructure
Ms Donna Shaw, Manager Development & Place
Ms Elizabeth Kania, Manager Governance & Strategy
Ms Rachael Mackey, Strategic Communications Officer
Mrs Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

Public

Approximately 18 members of the public were in attendance.

Press

Nil

Apologies

Cr Sarah Quinton
Ms Lori Saint, West Road

Not Present

Cr Jai Wilson

3.0 INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT

The Mayor introduced the Councillors and Staff in attendance.

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 Council Agenda Item 12.6 and Associated Report

The Director Community Planning, Mr Luke Gibson, provided an overview of report item 12.6 and the associated parking restrictions around Bassendean Oval.

Council considered report item 12.6 in June 2021 to make changes to parking restrictions, generally around Bassendean Oval by replacing parking signs with yellow painted lines down one side of the road, with the exception of Devon Road, as the residents did not support the yellow lines. Council resolved to defer the matter to allow staff to investigate a number of issues in relation to parking and traffic management. Staff are working on matters and it is expected that the report will be brought back to Council in November 2021.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Deputations

Deputations can be extended by resolution of the electors present.

Motion

SEM-1/08/21 MOVED Mr Terry Blanchard, Seconded Mr Paul Poliwka, that the deputation time of 10 minutes be extended to 20 minutes.

CARRIED

Mr Terry Blanchard gave a deputation on report item 12.6 of the June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting and the associated parking restrictions.

6.2 Statements

It should be noted that public statements are not recorded in the minutes.

6.3 Questions

Jane Dundas, 13 Briggs Street, Bassendean

Was the review of the parking restrictions undertaken in association with the proposed Town Centre Master Plan.

The Director Community Planning advised that the review of parking restrictions was undertaken separately to the Town Centre Master Plan. They are separate bodies of work, which are happening at the same time.

Irena Willcox, 111 Old Perth Road, Bassendean

What level of consultation was undertaken for the parking restrictions. My neighbours are not aware of the consultation or any audit being undertaken.

The Director Community Planning advised that 377 surveys were distributed in March 2021 to affected owners/occupiers. A second round of consultation was undertaken for Devon Road residents before bringing the report to Council in June 2021.

What is the proposal for Rosetta Street.

The Mayor advised that the proposed restriction for Rosetta Street is to replace the existing signage with yellow painted lines. Nine residents were in favour of this proposal and four against.

The Director Community Planning clarified that the nine in favour and four against was raw data and when adjusted to account for submissions from directly affected residents, it was three in favour and three against.

You're saying that residents have provided their feedback on proposed ways forward but I have never been approached about this issue by the Council.

The Mayor advised that the Town will check that Ms Willcox's residence is on the database. There may be other opportunities for engagement in the future.

Mr Terry Blanchard, 5 Devon Road

Do the staff have any evidence that painting yellow lines on a road works better than appropriate signage?

The Director Community Planning responded, not right now, no.

Mr Paul Poliwka, 193 West Road

Were safety concerns a driver for undertaking this parking audit.

The Director Community Planning advised that there were no significant concerns around existing safety. There were general considerations around amenity and the visual clutter of signs and are they easy to see and interpret and what would best serve those looking to park in the streets and how this would affect the residents in those streets.

Was the community consultation critical for a decision by Council and was there an indication that the community wanted to depart from the status quo.

The Director Community Planning responded that for all but one of the proposals there was little feedback from the community. There wasn't an obvious preference either way and the public consultation was an important informing piece for Council.

7.0 MOTIONS

Motion

SEM-2/08/21 MOVED Terry Blanchard, Seconded Jane Dundas, that the electors request Council not make any changes or amendments to the existing parking restrictions in the streets detailed in report item 12.6 of the June OCM, with the exception of Rosetta Street.

CARRIED

Motion

SEM-3/08/21 MOVED Terry Blanchard, Seconded Paul Poliwka, that the electors request that if problems arise with the existing parking restrictions in the streets detailed in report item 12.6 of the June 2021 Ordinary Council meeting, that the Town's Chief Executive Officer will form a working group with resident representatives from those streets to assess the problems and consider solutions.

CARRIED

Motion

SEM-4/08/21 MOVED Lauren Aitken, Seconded Terry Blanchard, that in future analysis, the intersections versus the mid-block links be considered separately in terms of the restrictions that are applied.

CARRIED

8.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 8.30pm.