

Williams Pride in Your Town Committee
AGM & General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 24th March 2009 at Williams Community Resource Centre

Meeting commenced at 10:45am

Present

Marie Hardacre (President), Heidi Cowcher (Community Development Officer), Betty Cowcher, Ruby Milne, Olive & John Overheu, Stuart Hopwood (Shire Gardener), Wendy McDonald, Robyn Fowler, Daphne Gillett

Apologies

Kath Cowcher

Minutes of Previous meetings

AGM Minutes of 1st April 2008 read.

It was moved that the AGM minutes of the Williams Pride in Your Town Committee be accepted as read.

Ruby Milne / John Overheu

Nominations for President were called for. Marie Hardacre was overwhelmingly re-nominated. With no further nominations, Marie was appointed President for the forthcoming year. She did note, however, that at the 2010 AGM she would not be seeking re-nomination.

Minutes of General Meeting held 18th November 2008 were read.

It was moved that the minutes of the general meeting held 18th November 2008 be accepted as read.

Robyn Fowler / Wendy McDonald

General Business

1. **2009 Tidy Towns & Sustainable Communities competition** – are we going to re-enter? It was decided that we would, however concern was expressed that we may have nothing “new” to include. Heidi advised that even maintenance of existing projects can be considered in the judging process. It was decided that we would re-enter once again. A planning / brainstorming session will be held on THURSDAY 7th MAY commencing at 9:30am at the Shire.
2. **Driver Reviver sign for Community Notice Board** – this has yet to be completed. Heidi to liaise with Shire and ensure that one is ordered.
3. **A & C Gardens** – it was noted that the garden beds planted in October 2008 have since died as a result of the reticulation not working. Stuart to review this and attend to this (in consultation with Tony).
4. **Tennis Courts** – attention was drawn to the poor state the Shire tennis courts are in, and given that they are on one of the main roads entering town, it is not a good look. Heidi advised that Council is reviewing the sporting facilities, and hopes to address this in the not too distant future. John commented that perhaps the Shire needs to organize a meeting of interested tennis players with a view of starting a Tennis Club once again. Heidi stated that this needs to be driven and directed by the Community and not the Shire however the Shire would be fully supportive of any initiatives to establish a town-based Club once again.
5. **Newsagency** – it was noted that this building & verandah are in desperate need of attention. Stuart noted that it is a significant risk to the community, the state that the roof is in. Heidi advised that the Shire are aware, and have had discussions with the owners, and it will be attended to within the next 2 months.

6. **Roses in main street** – it was noted that these are looking fantastic. Well done to all involved. Stuart commended the committee volunteers who assisted with dead heading in early January. Stuart noted that the reticulation is not working, and therefore has to be turned on manually. This will be repaired in July, together with the main pruning.
7. **Cemeteries** – Stuart noted that both the Williams and Marling cemeteries have been attended to in the last 3 months – cleaning up, removal of rubbish and other debris. He commented that 3 pine trees need to be removed at the Williams cemetery and that a spoon drain needs to be constructed on the north side of the road coming in, to deal with significant water flow in the case of a major rainfall event. He will discuss these with Tony. Old Pioneer cemetery is regularly slashed. May need an extra bin (letter to be provided to SRS) to deal with increased rubbish being left at the layover area.
8. **Caltex** – ongoing problems noted with Westrail Bus shelter. Heidi to organize letter from Shire to Caltex addressing this issue and Westrail to request repairs or replacement of the ageing shelter.
9. **Lights at Recreation ground** – these are not working. Heidi to advise Ian at the Shire.
10. **Lights at Hall** – how are these operated? There is a main switch on the switchboard in the Hall (door to left just inside main entrance), and this needs to be activated for lights to be operational. They are then on a sensor and will only turn on when dark and turn off at daybreak.
11. **Street lights** – John Overheu made comment that the street lights in the Landcorp subdivision remain on 24/7. It was suggested that Western Power be contacted to address this, as this is not a Shire matter.
12. **Recycling** – now that the Lions Club is no longer active, the can recycling cage has been removed, so where do the cans go? They get recycled with all the other recycling (paper, bottles, plastics) in the red bin with the yellow lids.
13. **Recycling at School** – Heidi to liaise with school as to possibility of introducing recycling at the school.
14. **Recyclable bags** – consideration is to be given to purchasing recyclable bags for the Williams community. These can be purchased with the funds that we won in 2008/9 (\$750). We then may be able to encourage general store and newsagency to be “plastic bag free”, encouraging their customers to use the recycled bags. Heidi to get quotes for next meeting.
15. **SJA project** – John Overheu queried the progress of the new SJA facility. Heidi gave a brief report on progress to date. More detailed information can be found in the SJA notes in *The Williams*.

With no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 11:45am.

Next meeting THURSDAY 7th MAY 2009 at 9:30am
Brainstorming session at Shire Council Chambers