

Williams Pride in Your Town Committee

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 7th May 2009 at Williams Community Resource Centre

Meeting commenced at 9:45am

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Robyn Fowler, Kath Cowcher, Betty Cowcher

Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was moved that the minutes of the Williams Pride in Your Town committee meeting of 24th March be accepted.

Olive Overheu / Stuart Hopwood

Business Arising

1. Driver Reviver sign for Community Notice Board – this has been ordered and will be put up when Shire advised of a Driver Reviver weekend.
2. A & C gardens – Stuart has mulched and generally tidied up the gardens. Hand watering is required as the retic is not working well.
3. Tennis Courts – Shire has organized for these to be looked at by a surface specialist to see if they are worth repairing or whether they will have to be replaced.
4. Newsagency – Shire has had discussions with the owners. Ongoing.
5. Cemeteries – Stuart reported that Marling Cemetery is mowed twice per year. Wendy noted that it still looks very untidy. Perhaps consideration could be given to having a busy bee there to clean the area up (after it rains!). Suggestion was also made that a sign (wrought iron or like) could be put at the cemeteries (Marling, Williams and Pioneer). Heidi to investigate funding opportunities.
6. Caltex – letter sent to Caltex re: potholes near Westrail bus shelter; letter sent to TransWA re: bus shelter – no response received to date.
7. Lights at recreation ground – Shire has organized for these to be repaired.
8. Street lights – John reported that the Landcorp lights now go out at night time; however the lights on the Quindanning Road adjacent to the Recreation ground have been on 24/7 for almost 7 months – perhaps this needs to be reported. Heidi advised that this was not a Shire responsibility and that if there are concerns, perhaps these need to be addressed directly with Western Power.
9. Recycling – all recycling can be placed in red bins (cardboard, glass, paper and aluminum) as it is sorted when it gets to Avon Waste in York.
10. Recycling at school – Heidi has had discussions with school. Ongoing.

General Business

1. Recreation ground signs – these have been ordered and delivered – one for the corner of the Albany Highway and Quindanning Road and one for the entrance to the Recreation ground.

These were to be installed by the Signage company, however owing to hardness of ground, this has been left to our Works Crew who will install them as soon as possible.

2. Old SES Shed site – Stuart requested consideration be given to retaining the old Cyprus tree located at the front of the block. Dependent on setbacks of new SJA building, this may be considered possible (footnote – after checking distance of boundary to tree, unfortunately it will have to be removed owing to the new building being located where the tree currently stands).
3. Recyclable Bags – Heidi presented three options for consideration by the committee:
 - a. **Smartbag**
Custom print – 1 colour on 2 sides
1000 bags = \$1.39 per bag ex GST
2500 bags = \$1.29 per bag ex GST
 - b. **Eco care bags**
1000 bags = \$1.41 per bag inc GST
Set up fee \$180 for orders less than 2000 bags
 - c. **Ozepac Bags**
1000 bags = \$1.30 per bag ex GST
Art work set up extra

Committee considered above options, and after much discussion it was decided to order 1000 bags from Smartbag. Once received, the committee will endeavour to introduce plastic bag free shopping at the General store and Newsagency. Discussions will be had with these owners to see if this is achievable. Bags will be sold at cost of \$1 each, in an attempt to recoup some of the costs of the bag, and enable more bags to be purchased in the future. Funds to purchase the bags in the first instance will be from the money won at the 2008 TT Sustainable Communities Awards.

Brainstorming Meeting for 2009 TT Sustainable Communities Awards

Discussion took place about the types of projects that could be considered for inclusion in the 2009 submission, category by category.

Community Action

- Local Government involvement in TT committee
- School, business, individuals involvements in TT committee and projects
- 2008 Regional Award Ceremony (Great Southern and Southern Coastal) held in Williams
- Media releases to community (in The Williams) with information on TT projects, ideas, tips

General Appearance

- Cemetery clean-ups (Williams, Marling and old Pioneer)
- New Recreation ground signage
- New Fire Awareness / Boundary signage
- New footpaths
- New Shade sails / lighting at Recreation ground

Recycling & Waste Management

- Promotion of recycling, reusing and reducing waste message
- Recycling of old mobile phones, ink cartridges and glasses (see Nick, Carmel and Deb)
- Recyclables Shed at Refuse site

- Smart bags
- Kerbside recycling

Natural Heritage Conservation

- School planting project with Year 3/4 class (Nick)
- Feral Animal control project (Nick & Alex)

Enhancing Cultural Identity

- Quindanning Church repairs
- Anzac Day ceremony
- Australia Day ceremony
- Williams Gateway Expo 10th Anniversary event

Water Conservation

- Mulching garden beds around town – ongoing
- Roadside mulching of vegetation
- Mulch from roadside offered to community free from refuse site (Check this)

With no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.20am

**Next meeting to be held TUESDAY 23RD June 2009
at Shire of Williams Council Chambers**