

HAMILTON HILL community group.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7.00 pm, Wednesday 16th January 2019 at the Hub6163, Hamilton Hill

PRESENT

Tobias Busch (TB) – Chair
Christine Duckham (CD) - Committee Member
Paul Chauvel (PC) – Committee Member
Alicia Krueger (AK) – Committee Member
Sofie De Meyer (SDM) – Treasurer

APOLOGIES

Sajni Gudka
Jill Wilkinson (JW) - Committee Member
Jozina de Ruiter (JDR) - Committee Member

Item		Action
1.0	WELCOME Welcome and acknowledgement to country by the Chairperson before commencing the meeting at 7.00 pm.	
2.0	CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES The minutes of the November meetings will be distributed prior to the February meeting.	
3.0	Business carried over from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● House Concert: Christine to contact musician to set a date for the event. It was decided that the Memorial Hall would be the best venue. ● Movie Night: proposed for November 2019. TB, PC to investigate gran options. AK to check ATCO movie screen size and availability ● Dodd St Parklet: Sajni to set up consultation, draft invitation and contact neighbours ● Strategic Planning Day: Committee to set date. 	CD PC, TB, AK Sajni ALL
4.0	REPORTS	
4.1	Correspondence report HHCG submitted a request for funding to be allocated in the 2019/20 budget (attached).	

4.2	<p>Upcoming Events/Workshops</p> <p>20 February, 6-7:30pm 'On the Verge with Josh Byrne' organized by CoC, presentation and discussion on verge policy.</p> <p>Note: this clashes with the February HHCG meeting. As many members are interested in attending this event, the next meeting may be re-scheduled.</p>	
4.3	<p>Financial report</p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>SDM will work with CD to set up Wave for HHCG and Hub finances.</p> <p>A separate account for the hub, with an eftpos card held by CD, has been opened with Bendigo. The account will be used for all hub transactions.</p>	
4.4	<p>Chair's report</p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>CD to send list and contact details of Trustees.</p> <p>CD advises that additional Trustees are required to help with the administration of the hub. All to help spread the word.</p> <p>Anette has offered to help with a business plan for the Hub in exchange for reduced rate for the use of the office space at the hub.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>ALL</p>
5.0	<p>HUB 6163</p>	
5.1	<p>Hub Report</p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>CD suggested acquiring induction stoves for the hub to allow safe heating of food on site. CD to investigate options and cost.</p>	<p>CD</p>
6.0	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	
6.1	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - House concert and movie nights as per item 3 above. - Back to Country scheduled for 24 March. CD to check with Alison Bolas regarding grant applicaitons and help required. - Soup 6163 proposed for May 2019. TB, GPC, AK, PC, SDM and Sajni to organise. 	<p>CD</p> <p>TB, GPC, AK, PC, SDM, Sajni</p>
6.2	<p>Hamilton Hill Revitalisation and Urban Forest Strategies</p> <p>TB and Sajni Gudka met with Clrs Carol Reeve-Fowkes and Michael Separovich and Anton Lees (Manager of Parks and Environment) on Frederick Rd to discuss verge tree planting and urban forest.</p> <p>AL suggested that one of the main obstacles to the planting of trees on verges is the support and 'buy-in' of residents. Many trees are lost if not maintained or looked after by the residents, or they are removed by residents shortly after planting. CRF suggested that the City could conduct a trial of more intense verge tree planting if the community is engaged as a partner.</p> <p>HHCG to consider how this can be achieved. SDM suggested that all members should talk to neighbours to raise awareness of the benefits of trees and find 'Tree Champions' for each street/area.</p> <p>HHCG to organise letter drops informing people of the City's offer of free verge trees.</p> <p>HHCG to start a 'tree group'. Investigate other groups and organisations.</p> <p>NOTE: Sajni has subsequently spoken to SDM and formed a 'Hamilton Hill Biodiversity Movement' with the aim of building a network of residents interested in protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Hamilton Hill</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

6.3	<p>Replacement of Pizza Oven</p> <p>The gofundme campaign has raised \$210 so far. An additional \$50 were raised at the Hub open day.</p> <p>CD: David Hill suggested that he could build a permanent oven at the back of the hub using the funds raised, with the hub adding additional funds as needed.</p> <p>Committee members present agreed in principle, but requested that a budget proposal is prepared first and presented to the committee before proceeding. CD to arrange with David.</p>	CD
7.0	OTHER BUSINESS	
7.1	<p>HHCG Marketing and Advertising of Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TB to follow up location of proposed signs and possible bulletin boards with CoC - Facebook post and printable poster to advertise dates of meetings 	TB TB
8.0	MEMBERSHIP	
8.1	none	
9.0	<p>The next meeting will be on 20 February 2019 at 7pm at the HUB 6163.</p> <p>Note Item 4.2 – clash with event. TB to contact Committee to determine if the date should be moved.</p>	

The chairperson thanked those present for their attendance before closing the meeting at 8:30pm.

PROJECT TITLE

Urban Forest Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City is currently implementing the Urban Forest Plan 2018-2028, which includes planting of 15,000 trees by 2028. HHCG believe that this number is too low. For comparison, the City of Stirling, with a municipality area of 105skm, plans to plant 1,000,000 trees and shrubs by 2025 and in 2017 planted 137,412. Cockburn measures 167sqm.

Over the past few years, a number of arterial roads in Hamilton Hill were identified by the City and trees planted on each verge. Some trees were removed by home owners shortly afterwards, many of the remaining trees are poor quality or inappropriate species for the condition and are struggling to flourish.

We request that funding is allocated to improve the strategy by planting more trees, planting healthier, appropriate species and more mature specimen, and a more frequent maintenance and watering programme to help the trees become established, as well as educating residents to increase the tree retention rate.

PROJECT LOCATION

Arterial roads throughout Hamilton Hill (eg Forrest Rd, Frederick Rd, Rockingham Rd, Blackwood Av, Southwell Crs, Healy Rd, Redmond Rd)

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY

The benefits of urban forests for humans and wildlife are well documented and recognised by the City. Establishing a tree forrest takes time.

In addition, development in the Hamilton Hill Revitalisation Area and Coogee are causing significant tree loss. Acting now to establish significant canopies on Hamilton Hill's verges is essential to keep our suburb attractive and liveable.

WHO ARE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES

Residents of Hamilton Hill, local biodiversity, landowners (street trees raise the value of homes)

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROVIDED

A more attractive and liveable suburb.

ESTIMATED COST (if available)

To be determined and subject to the number of streets selected.

PROJECT TITLE

Install CCTV at the HUB6163

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Following the recent theft of the Hamilton Hill Community Group pizza oven, the theft of the key safe box and other signs of unauthorised behaviour at 1 Starling Street we are concerned that the fact the building is unoccupied at night, and contains objects of value, has been noticed by local criminals.

Losing equipment that the community has worked hard to raise funds for is disheartening and distracts our community group from our main focus: to build community.

It is also concerning to users of the building, in particular in the evenings, that they could be targeted by criminals.

We believe that CCTV would be a deterrent to discourage theft and antisocial behaviour.

We are therefore asking City of Cockburn to consider installing cctv at the building as a matter of priority.

PROJECT LOCATION

1 Starling Street, Hamilton Hill, 6163

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY

Recent occurrences have led us to the obvious conclusion that the building has been noticed and targeted and that further crime is imminent. Should the building be broken into once with no reprisal there is every reason to believe that it will be broken into again – and again, and again.

WHO ARE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES

Users of the Hub - including trustees, workshop co-ordinators and attendees - in terms of both the security of their belongings and their person.

The trustees who run the hub are beneficiaries as they are called upon to deal with the reporting of incidents and the subsequent disruption to activities that such incidents cause.

In addition, there is a cost benefit to the City of Cockburn by reducing damage to the building incurred as a result of theft or vandalism.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROVIDED

CCTV is a known deterrent to thieves. Everything used and stored at the Hub is the net result of many hours of hard, often volunteer, work. To feel that your belongings are safe and secure and, more importantly, that you yourself are safe and secure is incredibly important for the diverse people who use the community Hub. It's already getting a great deal of use after only a few months of operation and this will grow. We need for community members to feel protected and looked after when they are there.

ESTIMATED COST (if available)

To be advised by the City.

PROJECT TITLE

Urban Infill Community Workshop and Resources

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Urban Infill is happening all over Cockburn, in Hamilton Hill in particular around the Revitalisation Area and the Hamilton Senior High School site.

One of the main issues we face is delivering infill that meets the strategic density requirements, maintains the character of the suburb and does not decimate our natural environment - which puts undue pressure on the City to maintain and enhance public open space and verges. Time and time again residents are coming to HHCG meetings to complain about the negative impact 'high density' has on their suburb. They feel they are losing amenity and character and are gaining nothing. Urban infill does not have to be perceived this negatively.

We are therefore requesting that the City helps to educate our community and involves them in developing a framework for good urban infill and 'the missing middle'. This could be achieved for example by participatory design workshops and exhibitions, such as the City of Fremantle conducted prior to the implementation of the 'Freo Alternative' ('Game of Freo': <https://research-repository.uwa.edu.au/en/publications/the-game-of-freo-life-big-thinking-about-small-housing>)

The outcome of a programme like this would be a useful reference and resource for our community and the City to provide guidance on the benefit of higher densities.

PROJECT LOCATION

Hamilton Hill, but applies to many other suburbs as well.

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY

Urban infill is happening now. To improve its quality - but also the perception of higher density - education and understandable frameworks are required urgently.

WHO ARE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES

Hamilton Hill resident, Cockburn residents, City of Cockburn planners and environmental officers

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROVIDED

Better understanding of the issues around urban infill leading to better outcomes in urban infill.

ESTIMATED COST (if available)

To be advised by the City. We request that the City consider engaging with CUSP or AUDRC or a similar agency to develop a suitable methodology.

PROJECT TITLE

Purvis Street - Play Street

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Residents adjacent to the Hamilton Senior High School (HSHS) have repeatedly raised serious concerns about the traffic implications that the development of the site will have on surrounding streets. One of the main concerns is that Purvis St will become a 'rat-run' and the risk that this poses to children and other residents.

HHCG have suggested that CoC work with Landcorp to develop a traffic calming concept for Purvis St that relies on placemaking instead of traffic calming devices usually implemented in Perth. Examples of this can be the German/Austrian 'Spielstrasse' (Playstreet) and the Dutch 'Woonerf', where landscaping and surface treatments are used to turn a street from a carriageway to a shared place that is safe for all users.

We request that the City set aside funding to develop a scheme in consultation/collaboration with Landcorp and the community.

PROJECT LOCATION

Purvis St

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY

With the Structure Plan for the HSHS site before council, development of the site will commence soon. Landcorp are looking to address the landscaping and infrastructure around the site to ensure it ties in with existing streets. The window of opportunity to work with all stakeholders to achieve a great - and economically viable - outcome is now.

WHO ARE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES

Residents of Purvis and surrounding streets, future residents of the HSHS site.
City of Cockburn can establish a valuable precedent for other streets.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROVIDED

Safer streets, more livable and beautiful streetscape. Happiness.

ESTIMATED COST (if available)

To be advised by the City. We request that the City consider engaging with Landcorp and the residents to develop a plan of action.

PROJECT TITLE

theHUB6163 Landscaping

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The HHCG have become lessees of for the City's building at 1 Starling St, Hamilton Hill and established a community centre for all residents. The uptake and reception from the community has been great.

While the venue and building has been restored, the garden remains neglected and needs upgrades to be presentable and make it useable.

We request that the City provide funding to help with establishing a useable landscape, including material and construction costs for earthworks, retaining, decking or paving, shade structures and establishing garden beds. HHCG members are willing to contribute to the design, landscaping, planting and ongoing maintenance; however, the labour and cost of the materials is difficult to schedule in using volunteers that are already stretched to the limit running the hub, organising other community events and building community, which is the core function of our group.

PROJECT LOCATION

1 Starling St, Hamilton Hill, 6163

WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY

The garden of the building is currently difficult to use due to uneven levels and a relatively small patio. It is also not universally accessible. There is little or no shade during the summer months.

The hub will host a number of activities in that will benefit from this project. For instance, a joint initiative with Port School and "Dismantle" will deliver a series of bike workshops during the summer and autumn months. A safe, useable outdoor area would be invaluable.

WHO ARE THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries of this project include the participants of the above mentioned workshops, which in the past have been successful in engaging disengaged youths.

The residents that uses the Hub, including trustees, workshop co-ordinators and attendees will also benefit from a welcoming space that brings community together.

The City of Cockburn, who through community contributions are getting great value for any investment.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROVIDED

A better, more useable and more accessible community hub and the possibility of more diverse and varied activities, leading to greater engagement with a wider section of our community.

ESTIMATED COST (if available)

\$25,000