



MINUTES

Seniors Advisory Group – Special Meeting
Sorell Council - Council Chambers

Meeting No. 7
10.00am -11.00am – Monday 11th November

Attendance

Jude Vienna-Hallam – Sorell Council
Sam Fenney – Sorell Council
Scott Ingles - DIER
Rebecca White – Member of Parliament
Frazer Read - Consultant
Wendy Simmons – Sorell School for Seniors
Jenny Oates – Causeway Club
Judy Young – Dunalley Hall Committee
Elaine Downie – Resident
Eileen Page - Resident

Apologies

Mayor Kerry Vincent – Sorell Council
Janine Garwood – Sorell Council
Tui Simonis – Resident
Jim Soldatos – Manager Sussex Development Site Sorell

1. Update of Current Council Projects

- Coles Crossing Update – Western Hill Rd

Sam Fenney from Sorell Council advised that the council would upgrade and widen the footpath, moving the fence to the owners property back, allowing for this to begin within this financial year.

- Coles Crossing Update – Pelham St

Sam Fenney and Scott Ingles from DIER provided an update to the group and handed around the plans of the three possible solutions suggested by Council to allow safe pedestrian access to the area.

Sam advised that a survey was completed on the area, where approx. 80% of those crossing Pelham St, crossed at the point the council have suggested the crossing should be constructed.

Fraser Read advised that as he was only the 'representative' of the owners then no decision could be made at this meeting, he would take the information and concerns away and discuss with the owner of the complex.

Fraser advised that the owner would not consider an option of closing one of the entrances. Fraser also advised the group that the owners were not in favour of closing any traffic movement to the entrances and prefers the option 3, of having the crossing further down the road.

Fraser advised of an alternative option for traffic lights for the crossing, but Scott advised that due queuing issues this would not be an option considered by DIER.

Sam discussed the issue about the amount of traffic movement around the area, with an 'Pedestrian Refuge Island' would be the safer one allowing 2-3 traffic movements, with the only changing structure being the removal of the right turn slip lane on the second, and most northern access on Pelham St into the Coles complex.

Scott Ingles suggested that the Council was obligated to the community for road safety and with the option of the crossing being at the entrance to the rear of the Pharmacy. Not actually closing an entrance to the complex but reducing the traffic movement.

Jenny Oates representing Causeway Club would use the complex on a regular basis if the crossing was constructed at the proposal option 1. With the medical centre, post office and Bendigo community bank all relocating to the Coles complex, with most elderly residents' relying on these facilities, found it difficult to access. The elderly would not walk further down the road to cross then walk back up the other side; this simply would not be an option especially relating to those elderly residents requiring medical aids.

Rebecca White Member of Parliament thought that the owners of the property had a 'moral obligation' to the community, and felt the proposal by council was cost effective and a simply solution.

Sam concluded the meeting with a request to Fraser on a time frame of response from the owners. Fraser advised that he should have an answer regarding these proposals within 7-10 days.

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