



Primrose Sands Community Conversation Meeting

Primrose Sands Hall – 28 February 2017

Councillors in Attendance

Mayor Kerry Vincent, Crl Vlad Gala, Crl Carmel Torenus, Crl Kerry Degrassi, Crl Nathan Reynolds

Apologies

Deputy Mayor Brett McDonald, Crl Deborah De Williams , Crl Graeme Evans, Crl Lindsay White

General Information

- Members of the community thanked Council staff for their support, ongoing works and response to issues.
- Amalgamation Update – The General Manager discussed the Voluntary Amalgamation process so far, including the community letter to be delivered to residents / ratepayers on the 6th March. Residents were encouraged to complete the community survey online via the Sorell Council website. Those requiring assistance to complete the survey can contact a member of Council’s Customer Service Team who will complete the online survey on your behalf, over the phone.
- Bus Services – The Mayor discussed that over the coming months Council along with the Department of State Growth will be hosting public meetings to explain the possible rescheduling of both school and commuter bus services in the area.

Questions

- Q. Question was asked over the current speed limits set from Arthur Highway to Primrose Sands Road.
- R. It was advised that the Department of State Growth are responsible for implementing speed limits on Tasmanian roads.
- Q. Questions were asked in relation to the reporting of road maintenance issues (potholes and sealing problems) and how are these prioritised.
- R. Council has a works order system which all faults and repairs are entered into. The public can ring customer service offices to log faults. Response time is generally governed by road hierarchy and nature of fault.
- Q. Concern was raised about the condition of the road at Colleen Crescent.
- R. Council will inspect.



- Q. Concern was raised over the state of existing bridge while the new one is being constructed.
- R. An inspection was carried out on the existing bridge just prior to works starting on site for the new bridge. The report state that the existing bridge was in satisfactory condition.
- Q. Replacement signs about NO PARKING, except for launching and retrieval of boats on the northern end of Primrose Beach, was raised.
- R. This is the responsibility of Crown Land Services Division. Council had advised Crown Land that the signs need replacing.
- Q. It was asked what is the Council's commitment to continue with the sealing of roads in the area, in particular Fulham Road.
- R. Fulham Road: There is still 3.2km of gravel to complete the sealing of the road. Council will seal 900m of the unsealed section this financial year.
- R. Council have little money allocated for the upgrade of other sealed roads in the future but candidate projects are considered on a yearly basis by Council when the budget is approved.
- Q. Concern was raised over nuisance dogs in the area knocking over waste bins.
- R. It was advised that in order to follow through with a complaint of this nature a person must be willing to make a statement and sign a Statutory Declaration. It was also suggested that photos of offending animals to be reported to the Municipal Inspectors.
- Q. Question was raised in relation to increasing the dog exercise times during the summer months and possibility of changing dates.
- R. It was advised that the Dog Management Plan was up for review in the coming months and the public will be invited to submit their suggestions and comments. Darren Carter (Municipal Inspector) is willing to discuss any questions from the public and can be contacted at Council.
- Q. An Issue was raised over the unstable placement of bins on the side of roads (mainly due to limited space) causing bins to be easily knocked over.



R. It was discussed that new bin weight stabilisers have been designed and can be attached to the bottom of the bin to ensure better stability. If members of the public would like to trial the weight, they can contact Greg Robinson at Council.

Q. Are waste collection contractors allowed to drive in the opposite direction of the one way section in Linden Road.

R. Council will investigate this.

Q. Questions were raised about increasing the activities offered at the hall.

R. The Mayor discussed how changes in the past 24 months to compliance and insurance has restricted the activity at community halls. Council and associated committees of Council are currently in the process of investigating the structure of how halls can be managed to increase community activity. Options included, and not limited to, independent running of halls by community committees and secondly halls being operated and managed by council. Committee members of the hall indicated they were looking for the community to help support the hall.

Q. Question was raised – How can community members become involved with the Primrose Sands Hall? How are the community informed about meeting times and dates?

R. Council would recommend that notification in the area would be desirable to inform people of upcoming meeting times and dates.

A number of questions were raised in relation to the improvement of street presentation around Primrose Sands: Questions included:

Q. Would like to see improvement to the entrance of Primrose Sands including street Presentation.

R. Council has limited funds but will investigate this suggestion.

Q. Who is responsible for maintaining medium strips?

R. Council is responsible.

Q. The gravel footpath up Tamrix Road requires some maintenance – uneven surfaces and weeds need to be removed.

R. Council will investigate and follow up with this.



- Q. Surrounding vegetation areas near the Park and hall require some maintenance – mowing of grass etc.
R. Council are responsible for this and will follow up.
- Q. Will footpaths be extended along Tamrix Road and what are future plans for other footpaths?
R. Further development of footpaths is subject to funding with the possibility of these being tied to extra revenue from rate rises (rates generally only cover the renewal and maintenance of existing assets).
- Q. Question was raised asking Council if they were aware of any further progress about the arrests made over the recent spate of house fires.
R. Greg Brimfield (PSH Committee member and member of PS Volunteer Fire Brigade) advised that there had been no suspicious house fires since the last arrest.
R. The Mayor advised that the Council had recently applied for funding to install CCTV cameras in the area and are waiting for a response.
- Q. The exercise equipment at the park was deemed unsafe and was removed. Will it be replaced?
R. Replacement of individual exercise equipment items are being considered.
- Q. Can Council consider lopping and / or partial removal of trees on an internal block causing an obstruction of view?
R. Council would follow up on advice with respect to where this was causing a problem with neighbouring trees / branches impacting on private power lines.