



Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 1st June 2016, 7.30am

Venue: The Edge Restaurant

Attendance:

Members: Anton Kardash, Shiralee Cooper, Julie Bevan, Allan Rhode, Antony & Marion Cooper, Bevan Christensen, Walter Van Alphen, Carol Elms, Anny Kraal, Jim Cox & Pam Maegdefrau, Deborah Hammond, Bill Thompson, Julie Walters, Marie Shannon, Kieran Smith, John Hargreaves

Guests: Melanie-Lee Anderson (Admin), Jenny McKay (SCC), Gary Taylor (SCC), Andrew Wallace (LNP) & Elizebeth Worthington (LNP), Bill Gissane (ALP) & Greg Couper (ALP), Tony Gibson (The Greens), LB Joum (Online Democratic), Graeme Tosh & Linda Radcliffe, Pauline Goundrey, Margaret Casey.

Apologies: Willy Van Alphen, Greg Blackley, Edi & Barbara Lamont, Naomi Ellis, Peter Collins

Welcome: Anton opened the meeting at 7:35am and welcomed Councillor Jenny McKay, the Candidates, Members and their guests.

Host Members and their visitors were asked to introduce themselves to the meeting.

Presentation of Car-parking Survey results:

See attached for results.

Councilor Jenny McKay - Discussion on solutions and actions:

Councilor Jenny McKay took the floor and commented on the Survey results. Firstly, she said that she can lobby to have the Russell Family Park upgrade undertaken as a priority. She noted that employers are already being active in reducing their staff taking parking spaces and that motorcycle car parking can be marked out and improved upon. The suggestion to propose a drop off zone in front of the Newsagent & Post Office was further clarified with many people requesting a 10 minute drop off park next to the Commercial delivery zone. Jenny commented that the Intersection at Western Avenue is dangerous and difficult to resolve - State Government would need to finance a roundabout. With regard to Russell Park's extended area being opened on long weekends and holidays, Jenny said this could prove a problem due to weather conditions and some irresponsible drivers.

Some members did not see the problem with the Western Avenue intersection as a priority but noted that people regularly have difficulty parking in the Main Street. As Montville is a tourist destination, improving parking is considered as urgent.

Jenny directed the discussion to the Altitude development on the Northern end of Montville Main Street which will provide more public parking. Members questioned whether there would be many parks available on weekends due to the Wedding receptions and further questioned the use of

Chapel Lane parking. Jenny clarified that it is private property although it will be taken on notice, as it is required during business hours to be opened for parking.

Allan Rhode asked if we could have a timeline for the upgrade. Gary Taylor answered that the upgrade is currently in the design process and will be completed within the next couple of months – there isn't a definitive timeline in place at this stage. Hopefully, the 16/17 budget will see the beginning of works this calendar year.

The meeting spoke to the problems that arise following a busy weekend. Anton commented that small, consistent steps towards improvement will see some positive changes and momentum forward. It is a difficult issue and we don't necessarily have the exact solutions. Councilor Jenny acknowledges the urgency and is dedicated to implement improvements as required. Some pressure is needed to be maintained upon the State Government for funding the roundabout at Western Avenue. Limited timed parking and placement of enforcement officers is also a possibility.

The suggestion of more angled parking on the Northern end of the Main Street was put forward. Main Street parking is seen as even more valuable than new parks in Russell Family Park as visitors are far more likely to drive along the Main Street to find a park.

Councilor Jenny McKay reiterated the idea of chartered buses and public transport.

Parking on the School Grounds over weekends was discussed. Anton spoke to this as something that has been trialed in the past and does prove to be problematic due to damage of the grounds. It is still something worth looking into in dry weather. Councilor Jenny McKay clarified that the Russell Family Park was bought in part as a parking area and the block on the Northern end was recently sold due to accessibility problems. Jenny committed to putting that money into solving parking issues and she explained that the development of the other park was not viable - the money would be better spent at Russell Park.

Summary of Commitments:

- Undertook to bring the parking master plan back to the Chamber Executive within a month for final deliberations.
- Better signage and improvement to the motorbike parks
- Council is in discussions about the Chapel Lane car park being opened during business hours.
- A belief that the Russell Park Car Parking upgrade would be in next year's budget
- The Chamber will work with the Council to lobby the State Government to upgrade the Western Avenue intersection into a roundabout.
- Jenny McKay and Gary Taylor would meet with Anton and Shiralee later this month to further discuss issues and proposed solutions.



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Current Council developments:

- Sunshine Coast Airport
- Maroochydore CBD
- Federal Politicians – light rail
- Budgeting, including parking
- Western Avenue Southern approach corner repairs underway
- Design for footpaths along Western Avenue past Hooper's is under way, SCRC has almost completed footpath Northern End
- Solar Power Station – 12 months
- Flying Fox – uncertain something to look into
- Russell Family Park playground
- Indigenous Officer has been nominated to council
- Mary Carincross – 12 months
- Tony Gibson - improvements to infrastructure – arts / culture

Jenny concluded her discussion. Anton took the floor and moved onto the Meet the Candidates Forum.

Meet the Candidates Forum with:

1. Andrew Wallace, LNP
2. LB Joum, Online Direct Democracy Party
3. Bill Gissane, ALP
4. Tony Gibson, The Greens

See attached for summary of questions and items for discussion during forum.

Announcements:

A Village Wedding Expo: Julie Bevan invited all Montville Businesses to take advantage of the 100's of visitors to the expo and donate a prize to the expo in support of a local event and fantastic marketing opportunity.

Russell Family Park: Pam addressed the floor and announced the Russell Family Park Celebration to be held on Sunday, 12th June at 3pm, with a presentation by Eric Anderson who is leading the re-vegetation program as well as the launch of Art Work from Jim Cox. Come enjoy wood fired pizza with the community.

Meeting Closure: Anton thanked the Candidates, Councilor Jenny McKay members and guests for their attendance. The meeting closed at 9:00am.

Next General Meeting is Wednesday, 6th July at 5:30pm at Montville Gourmet Pizzeria.



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Survey Questions Results

Do you think Montville has a car parking problem?

YES 29 NO 1

Which do you think is the most pressing problem? Please rank from 1 the most pressing:

- 1 Car spots being used by main street business owners and their staff for the full day.
- 2 Lack of a plan or timeline to redevelop the Russell Park car park (
- 3 Closure of the gate at the end of Russell Park, which historically was used for overflow in peak periods.
- 4 Locals parking in the commercial zone, even to the point of moving temporary bollards placed to ensure large trucks could unload.
- 5 Lack of a drop off zone in front of the Post Office/Newsagents/supermarket area specifically for older residents.
- 6 Motor bikes parking "one to a spot", when three or more could use the same space.
- 7 Parking on the curb-side along Western Ave during peak periods creating a potentially dangerous situation. It was noted on occasion that the access to the Fire station was also impacted.

Other problems not identified in the meeting:

The gates to Chapel lane car park closed x 6

A roundabout at the Western Ave intersection to facilitate turn arounds.

Install a lift in IGA carpark.

Better signage

Rank the solutions from in order of preference 1 being the best:

- 1 Lobby to quickly have the Russell Park car parking upgrade undertaken.
- 2 Owners and staff taking up main street parking be identified and asked to move their vehicles.
- 3 The gate at the end of Russell Park be opened on high traffic days.
- 4 Ten minute parking spaces be created in front of the Post Office/Newsagent
- 5 Timed (four hours) parking be introduced into the main street.
- 6 No parking signs on one side of Western Ave.
- 7 Shuttle bus to bring people from the sports ground back into the village.

Other solutions:

Increase angle parking Northern end of Montville x 3

Open the gates chapel lane x 3

School Grounds on weekends x 3

ID empty carparks behind buildings, empty shops.

Buy accessible land Northern end

Improve public transport.

Get rid of some trees in car park.



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Meet the Candidates Forum

➤ **Welcome and introduction**

Please include the following: What life experiences do you believe have best prepared you to represent our electorate? Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for Fisher? What issues are you passionate about? (3 minutes each)

➤ **Questions on Notice**

1. Which infrastructure projects on the Sunshine Coast do you strongly support? Explain your choices. (1 minute each)
2. As the majority of chamber members are small businesses, what specifically does your party do for us? Will you support the Fair Work Commissions ruling on penalty rates? What is your position? (1 minute each)
3. What savings is your party advocating to reduce the burgeoning deficit? Would you support a rise in the GST? Do you support calls to remove negative gearing? (1 minute each)
4. What policies such as reducing Company Tax does your party support to stimulate job creation? In particular, which policies will improve the youth employment prospects? (1 minute each)

➤ **Questions from the floor** (10 minutes)

➤ **Closing Comments** (1 minute each)