



Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 5th October, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Venue: Montville Village Hall

Attendance: Shiralee Cooper, Anton & Christine Kardash, Mark Foxley-Conolly, Allan & Tina Rhode, Edi Heide & Barbara Lamont, Charlie & Julie Bevan, Karen Muir, Tony & Marion Cooper, Ruth Kuss, Vern & Carol Elms, Bevan Christensen, Jim Cox & Pam Maegdefrau, Rafer Rodgers & Sarah Hallam, Chris & Anne Wells, Pauline Goundrey, Lyle & Leanne McKay, Melanie-Lee Anderson (Admin.)

Guests: Cr. Jenny McKay, Jamie Franklin, Craig Connolly, Chris Sturgess, Andrew Wallace MP, Susan Maynard, Katheryn Laing

Apologies: Andrew Powell MP, Heatley & Michelle Gilmore, Carl & Jo Miller, Wolfgang Engel & Tina Cooper, Ryan Purcell, Greg Jones

The Meeting opened at 5:30pm with Anton Kardash as Chair.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Update from Cr. Jenny McKay:

Cr. Jenny addressed the meeting with updates on the new Altitude building and the Northern entrance to the Main Street. She spoke about her experiences overseas with international marketing of the Hinterland, which she took to Visit Sunshine Coast on her return in the view to improve the Hinterland's reach internationally.

Cr. Jenny introduced Jamie Franklin of Sunshine Coast Council and explained his role as a Coordinator in Place Making for the Council.

Montville Streetscape Presentation by Jamie Franklin of Sunshine Coast Council, assisted by Chris Sturgess:

Jamie presented an overview of the Streetscape plans up to date and projected into the future. His topics for discussion included:

- **Beautification Levy:**

Questions from the floor were aimed at explanations on how the money is spent and requests for more in-depth information to be provided to the Community. Jamie explained that businesses within the parameter of the Streetscaping (map shown on projector) are liable for the Streetscape Beautification Levy.

- **Master Plan**

Most stages of the Master Plan, developed in 1998, have been completed, with some exceptions including pedestrian facilities. See attached for the Master Plan.

- **Previous & Proposed Works**

A table was shown to the meeting outlining works completed from 2009 – 2016 and ongoing up to 2017; this included amounts funded and levy contributions / Council contributions.

Pedestrian facilities are still to be implemented, with money already allocated to this. The desire is to create safe pedestrian crossing facilities, along with a speed reduction to 40km/h. Lighting will be required to be put in place at the crossing points and to the Southern pathway (East side).

On top of this, there is also a proposed Northern footpath upgrade to the west side of the Main Street.

Questions were addressed regarding the necessity of lighting in the proposed works. The answer was that there is a safety requirement for lighting at crossings.

Going forward, Dept. of Transport & Main Roads and Sunshine Coast Council are still in discussions on the final product of the proposed works. Anton summarised the general questions from the floor, indicating that the proposed upgrade to the Northern end footpath was considered a priority. He wanted to confirm the scope of the Master Plan. Jamie explained that the main focus is to slow the traffic for safety, and there is money allotted in order to achieve this. Unfortunately, there are no funds available as yet for the Northern footpath upgrade.

Anton suggested that we continue this discussion topic at the next General Meeting November 2. Jamie Franklin and Chris Sturgess were thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

* A copy of Jamie's power-point presentation will be made available with these Minutes.

Introduction from Andrew Wallace MP:

Andrew addressed the meeting and briefly discussed his background, as well as his passions for politics. He wants to represent the need for infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast, which he feels has been somewhat neglected in the past. He mentioned the issues on the Bruce Highway and the desperate need for improved infrastructure. He presented the meeting with a design layout of the Bruce Highway upgrade, preliminary works to start at the end of this year.

Andrew closed his discussions by offering members to approach him after the meeting with their questions or concerns.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY SHIRALEE COOPER:

It is exciting to find myself as President of an enthusiastic team. Having a supportive team makes it possible to achieve so much more.

The Chamber is fortunate to have Julie Bevan come in as Vice President, with Charlie Bevan taking over from Mark Connolly as Treasurer. Melanie-Lee Anderson will now fulfill the role of Secretary. The Committee Members, Barbara Lamont, Edi Heide, Vern Elms and Sarah Hallam, share a passion for our Montville environs and a willingness to work as a team.

We have already made some pro-active decisions to promote Montville with a half page ad and half page editorial in the current Come On Up just published.

Visit Sunshine Coast has announced the three weekly Jetstar direct flights from Adelaide. For those interested in being in the VSC Guide, this is closing soon.

Our team is keen to support our local artists and artisans. With this in mind, we decided to again sponsor a category in the Sculpture on the Edge competition launched this Friday, 7th October.

Our Christmas Committee has already held the first meeting. Christmas will be coming early this year! We already have 10 awesome members volunteering to help organise the Christmas Campaign and the Festive Tree Lighting event. A big thank you to: Rafer Rodgers & Sarah Hallam, Allan & Tina Rhode, Carol & Courtney Elms, Edi Heide & Barbara Lamont, and Naomi Ellis who will be sharing the load. With more good news, Kathryn Lang a University of the Sunshine Coast graduate has agreed to assist the Chamber with our Social Media campaign.

We have had some positive feedback with more shop owners and staff parking off the Main Street and a response from the Sunshine Coast Council which is discussed below in the Correspondence.

We will be requesting that the group involved in the Poetry in the Park project update us with their plans in our next Business Breakfast meeting at Altitude on Montville. Personally, I was disappointed to discover that the artist working on the project in Russell Family Park is not from the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

The Chamber has recently conducted a Strategic Plan review and we will be requesting member's feedback over a number of upcoming General Meetings before finalising the 2017 Strategic Plan.

We are fortunate to have received a grant of \$7,500 to assist with funding our Admin. Officer position. We would like to thank the Sunshine Coast Council for this support, without which we could not sustain the many functions of our organisation.

Social Media Presentation from Susan Maynard of Visit Sunshine Coast:

Susan briefly discussed Social Media trending, focusing on the growth of Instagram and its effectiveness for Business promoting and Destination promoting. A full training session was suggested as a next step forward. Susan was thanked for her time and input.

Acceptance of Minutes from the General Meeting held on 6th July, 2016:

MOTION: 'That the minutes of the General Meeting dated 6th July, 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.'

Moved: Edi Heide

Seconded: Marion Cooper

For: UNANIMOUS

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Sunshine Coast Council:

'The flying fox which exists in Russell Family Park playground at this point in time, will not be replaced until the construction of the new playground which is planned for the lower area of the park.

The existing playground will be decommissioned due to major drainage issues and constant erosion which occur during rain events."

2. Response from Sunshine Coast Council re: Request that Council consider altering the provision of on-street parking on Main Street, Montville, and create short term parking outside the Montville Village shopping complex -

The matter has been investigated. As part of the investigation, a community consultation form was used to inform affected businesses and gain support for the requested changes. As you are aware, one business in the complex did not support this change. It is currently

council policy to not support the requested changes when there is less than full support during the consultation process.

Anton noted that it was disappointing that the Sunshine Coast Council will not pursue this despite many of the 50 survey responders seeing the need and all except one of the Village Square businesses agreeing. Further correspondence with SCC will seek to keep this option open.

3. Letter from Natalie Lidner re: Location of Montville Chamber of Commerce's defibrillator - The Chamber informed Natalie that the defibrillator is still located at Montville Mountain Inn reception.

Discussion ensued as to whether it needs to be relocated to a more suitable location, or alternatively, if a second defibrillator is needed? A discussion will be tabled at the next meeting.

It was noted that awareness is important, so all businesses will need to be notified of its location. Edi Heide suggested that more training is required for business owners in the community. Christine Kardash suggested approaching QLD Ambulance for guidance.

BUSINESS CARD DRAW:

Eden Lodge B&B won the Business Card Draw, granting them a voucher to the value of \$50 to be spent at The Opal Cutter and a position in next months' meeting to present their business.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A brief update on Car Parking was given, noting that no further developments have occurred since the last update was given to members other than the correspondence tabled above.

Sarah Hallam queried the safety of the area between Kondalilla Falls to the Main Rd with no footpath. This is something that the Chamber will discuss further.

Allan Rhode spoke to the importance of an alliance between the Chamber and Montville Village Association, especially in the area of Streetscaping. When the next Streetscaping discussion is held, the outcomes can then be put forward to Cr. Jenny McKay.

The meeting closed at 7:05pm and Montville Village Hall was thanked for providing the venue.

Next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November at 7:30am at Altitude on Montville.

Signed:.....

Shiralee Cooper, President