

AIDA COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015

6.30pm

**Special Meeting with Keith Baillie (CEO, Surf Coast Shire) & Brendan Walsh
(Manager, Business Improvement)**

See APPENDIX for detailed notes on A-C and F prepared for this meeting by Gary Johnson.

- A. Introduction**
- B. Lack of Corporate Memory**
- C. Issues of Consultation**
- D. Primary School – Recreation Oval - KB**
- E. Primary School – Community Solar Project - KB**
- F. Issues of Consistency of Decisions –**
- G. Aireys Inlet Aged Units – KB**

Other issues raised:

- H. Indigenous signage** (KB noted concerns about size and location, but cautioned about further action. He welcomed the decision, on AIDA's recommendation, to rename Painkalac Lane as Mangowak Lane.)
- I. Aquatic Centre at Torquay:** KB explained the funding constraints for local government and noted that a centre would require a special charge scheme across perhaps twenty years.
- J. Use of 'Round Up' on roadside reserves**

Action outcomes:

IG to send the questionnaire results summary to Keith, with an explanation of why it is not a full sample as previously

IG to be the liaison for Brendan Walsh on G., which Council seeks to resolve by December.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. PRESENT

Charlotte Allen (Chair), Gary Johnson, Angela Berry, Ian Godfrey, Lecki Ord, Mary-Jane Gething (part), Anne Porter, Peter McPhee, Annette Comte.

2. APOLOGIES

Barbara Fletcher, Kate Thompson, Janice Carpenter

3. SPECIAL ITEMS

The Committee acknowledged the excellent work of GJ during the Chair's absence.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted

Moved: LO

Seconded: GJ

5. BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Communication Plan

- Contact Shire re forum about protocols on Painkalac Creek mouth opening **Action CA**

(b) Long Vehicle Parking

- MJG has received a communication from Peter McLean in response to hers.

(c) Water Supply / Environmental Flows

- Email from Shaun Cumming re Painkalac flows and offer to meet. **Action CA**
to liaise with BF about this matter

(d) Painkalac Reservoir Community and Agency Group

- Outcome of PRCAG meeting held on the 10th of June
GJ reported on a range of possible works to be submitted to Barwon Water, noting the high costs of bridge works enabling a complete walking circuit.

(e) Planned Leave of Absences

LO & IG – Aug, Sept, Oct

CA – Sept, Nov

AC – Aug, Sept

JC – July

AP – November

AB – September

(f) Governance Issues

- Await receipt of info on how to submit AIDA's annual statement to the Justice Dept.
This has been completed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Motion that the Correspondence Report be accepted

Moved: AP

Seconded: AC

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Reopen discussion of donation to Lorne Hospital

It was decided not to proceed because of lack of clear alignment with AIDA's formal objectives.

Motion that the financial report be accepted

Moved: IG

Seconded: GJ

New signatories for AIDA's bank account are to be CA, AC, PM, LO, IG, AP, GJ

Moved: LO

Seconded: PM

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Follow up of unpaid memberships by committee members in May/June:

A small number of renewals had been secured

No new members nominated.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Planning

- Barwon Water re rights of way for pipeline from Anglesea
- 43 Great Ocean Road
- 12 Gilbert Street

- 2 Booroolal Court, Moggs Creek

No further action to be taken on these matters.

(b) AIDA website

MJG explained minor changes

(c) Newsletter

Items to be submitted by Monday 3 July, if at all possible

- President's Report – **Action BF**
- Report on 50th AGM, AIDA's 50th year and photos – **Action AB**
- Structure Plan (Phase 1) – **Action IG**
- New Committee list and contact details - **Action AB**
- Communication Strategy – **Action CA**
- Advert for Angair flower show
- Mangowak Lane announcement – **Action CA**
- Community Solar initiative – **Action AC**
- Outcome of Mobile Telephony Blackspots review
- Primary School Solar Project
- Recreation Oval development within the Primary School

(d) Submission re AI to EV structure plan

Report of June 7th subcommittee meeting to comment on the Axos & Shire documents collected by JC at the public meeting about the structure plan. Good and bad points have been identified. There is no immediate urgency for this submission. **Action: IG, LO, GJ and BF**

(e) Write to Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to determine their policy about development on the Painkalac Creek floodplain.

No longer relevant.

(g) Planting of Retaining Wall

Action GJ, CA, AC, AB

Arrange for a work party.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Older Persons' Housing

- See notes on special meeting with CEO, SCS

Action IG

(b) AIDA's List of Items for the SCS Draft Budget Action all

- Clearing of excess vegetation within Noble Sanctuary

(c) Fire Issues

- June 29th meeting about bushfire management performance measures
GJ reported on meeting attended by Leavesleys.

(d) Mobile Black Spots

- Release of upgrade locations

Only two of 35 Blackspots along the Great Ocean Road to be rectified.

(e) Torquay Swimming Pool

- The Shire is requesting community consultation feedback

(f) Handover of Duties

AP to take over banking and cheques while IG & LO are absent.

Other duties which can be handled on line to be still carried out by IG & LO.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday 7th August at 7.30 pm.

ACTION TEMPLATE

	Issues	Desired outcome	Accountability/date
1	Appropriation of public rights at 83-85 GOR	Clarification and implementation of public access to pathway and rear of buildings. Defer to structure plan process.	2015
2	AI water supply	Consultation regarding environmental flows	CA/BF August 2015
3	Participation of Local Residents in AIDA	50th Anniversary event in Nov, possibly a BBQ at the Skate Park. Advertise in Oct Newsletter	JC, MJG, GJ August
4	Older Persons' Housing and Community Garden	Outcome that meets social housing and recreation needs.	IG
5	Parking	Clarification and communication of AIDA position when required. Ascertain current Council policy.	GJ
6	Fire Issues	At least two "Neighbourhood Safer Places" available during bushfires. Adequate service for mobile telephony at peak holiday times	GJ
8	Structure Plan 2015	Development of Plan aligned with AIDA policy.	IG
9	State Government Biodiversity Mapping Project	Communicate AIDA's concerns to Council and Minister responsible	IG

APPENDIX

Meeting with Keith Baillie – topics and draft content

1. Introduction - Gary
 - Welcome and thanks for your time Keith
 - We work closely with the Shire on many issues and believe that there is mutual respect. We have appeared at VCAT, often on the same side of the fence. AIDA is invariably included when the Shire seeks info about our community and its likely attitude to a proposal. AIDA is occasionally not listened to and, while we are not always right, the consequences regarding some issues have been painful for the Shire and the community. We have provided submissions to strategic reviews and planning scheme changes or proposals. AIDA has participated in precinct planning changes and developments (eg neighbourhood character).
 - We do not want this to be a session where we lay a lot of complaints on you. However we will present examples so that you understand where we see that improvements in outcomes for Aireys and district can be achieved.
 - We hope that today we can identify a number of issues that affect our district and from them make some progress on how we can better work together to “protect and enhance” this community.
 - We have identified 3 topics to address tonight. There will unquestionably be some overlap but I hope that we can work our way systematically through the 3 issues.

2. Lack of Corporate Memory
 - Urban design guidelines and bottom shops
 - Sports Oval in valley
 - Housing for older persons
 - In 2012 Council unanimously resolved the following: *“Endorse for all future infrastructure solutions in sensitive coastal areas a design approach in sympathy with the local neighbourhood character and request that engagement with impacted communities occurs prior to the commencement of design work to ensure communities contribute to proposed infrastructure solutions.”* Current Councillors seem to be unaware of this policy, as it is not always followed. It is essential that Shire officers be aware of this policy and ensure that it is adhered to.

3. Issues of Consultation
 - On occasion there has been insufficient time for AIDA to examine and respond to all the important issues that will impact on our district. Recently AIDA has been preoccupied with the structure plan, open spaces strategy, GORCC master plan for Fairhaven to EV and amendments to C96, C81 & C83. The latter amendments could have a significant effect on our environment and, although complex, the time allocated for consideration and reply was rather short. A shire officer also sought additional info regarding AIDA members’ concerns expressed in our community survey. Each of the

foregoing has the potential to be very important for the future of Aireys and district and we did not wish to fail to respond to the Responsible Authority's invitations. It would be helpful if the Shire would liaise with the community stakeholders about the dates by which submissions are required and would not release a bundle of work for us all at once.

- "Small modifications" are not always deemed by the Shire to require consultation. Eg recent Bark Hut Reserve additions. See 2012 policy in Item 2 above and widen its application.
- Incomplete notification – eg white rope fence along the GOR from Painkalac Bridge almost to bottom shops.
- One size does not fit all when different communities are being accommodated.

4. Issues around Consistency of Decisions

- Objectives of the planning scheme conflict with the standards pursued by the Shire's infrastructure group. Invariably neighbourhood character loses out. Example of Roads - under the 1993 AI to EV structure plan and recommendations of citizen juries of precincts 1 & 2, unsealed roads were preferred. Despite this preference, 50% of the Fairhaven/Aireys roads are now sealed, up from less than 30% sealed in 2000. Sometimes this neighbourhood character loss is formalised in changes to the NCO (eg road surface recommendation went from "gravel" to an impervious material having a "gravel appearance"). The recommendations of the citizen juries are being overturned in special charge schemes such as the sealing of Pearse Rd and petition to seal part of Aireys St.
- The NC study reflected what the residents preferred and for footpaths that was gravel paths. Because of infrastructure's management regime for certain types of footpaths, more than the community desires are being constructed in concrete. Each one is seen as an incremental loss of the desired neighbourhood character and a drift toward suburbanisation.
- Existing guidelines regarding setbacks, site coverage, etc are not being followed – and this is particularly true for the small blocks near the Aireys shops. We need clearer decision guidelines under NCO1, ESO4, ESO5, DDO10, DDO11 and DDO15 to assist in how the desired interpretation of the most sensitive objectives should be met.
- Urban design guidelines (2009) are being undermined when the planning dept issues "after the fact" permits or developments at 83-85 GOR and Painkalac Lane (now Mangowak Lane) is threatened with becoming a vehicle circuit.