

CATHERINE HILL BAY COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes

19 May 2014 - 3:00 pm at Catherine Hill Bay Surf Club

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting
- 3 Status of the project.
- 4 Any matters Authorities and community representatives wish to raise
- 5 Next meeting

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1 Attendance

Sue Whyte - Community Representative
Damien Hawcroft - Community Representative
Glenn Gifford - NPWS
Cnclr. Kay Fraser - Lake Macquarie City Council
Rory Charlton - Daracon (construction contractors)
Nick Jackman - Coastal Hamlets & Rose Group
Ian McNicol - Chair

Apologies

Nil

2 Previous minutes

Adopted with one change to item 7 of the minutes regarding asbestos dumping.

The words " but have been unsuccessful " have been changed to "without success to date but are continuing".

3 Project Status

Clearing work commenced April 2014 and continues over project stages 1, 2, 4 and 5 (all south of Montefiore St).

An Aboriginal artefact was found but has been collected and recorded.

An area was protected after bones were found but these were subsequently identified as being of animal origin.

Bulk earthworks for Stages 1 and 2 (4 and 5 were also mentioned by Nick but maybe misunderstood) should commence around the end of June 2014.

The anticipated commencement of Montefiore St upgrade works is the end of August 2014. Works are expected to last 4 months and the road will be closed for this time. Public notice of the closure will be provided when dates can be confirmed.

The Montefiore St /Pacific Hwy intersection works are anticipated to start in October 2014.

It is hoped to release lots in Stages 1 and 2 by the end of 2015.

There have been some site management issues with fencing destroyed but beach access will be maintained to the fullest extent consistent with site safety.

4 Matters raised by Community Representatives and Authorities

Glenn Gifford gave an update on the asbestos dumping investigations and clean up. A grant has been sought to remove the asbestos and a contractor is ready.

Damien Hawcroft asked what does Stage 1 release mean. Nick Jackman explained that the release was the point at which lots in Stage 1 could be sold. The lots cannot be formally created until the

works requirements for Stage 1 such as the upgrades of Montefiore St and Hale St have been completed.

Sue Whyte raised the issue of trees and clearing along Montefiore St. Nick Jackman explained there would be no clearing outside the residential stage boundaries other than for the upgrades of Montefiore St. Negotiations with Council over minimising tree removal along Montefiore St were continuing. Within the subdivision area there will be extensive street planting along Montefiore St.

Damien Hawcroft asked about the Village Park area and emphasised its sensitivity to the community. Nick Jackman advised the area would be kept as informal with its stormwater detention function retained. Nick mentioned that there are no plans to install in this area - playgrounds, BBQ areas or an elevated timber walkway from Montefiori St to the Beach. Nick confirmed that landscape designs for this area were being prepared, as well as designs for the shops..

The timing of the coastal walk works was raised by Damien. Nick advised that the works were part of Stage 3. Stage 3 would not commence until the concrete slabs that were part of the coal washery had been removed. The concrete was to be crushed and used to fill the bin building. Sue Whyte noted that the Wallarah House lot was partly over the former railway corridor which provided access to the coastal walk.

Community engagement was raised. Nick Jackman advised that Coastal Hamlets would not meet with the Progress Association at a licenced venue as had been suggested at the previous meeting . Coastal Hamlets is happy to meet with residents in the Surf Club instead.

Glenn Gifford gave an update on the Crangan Bay coal fires.

Glenn Gifford gave an update on improvement of coastal safety signs.

Sue Whyte asked about cleaning of Moonee Beach and Glenn advised that this was an ongoing task of NPWS.

Community Representatives raised concern regarding the excessive speeding and burn outs of vehicles along Montefiore St, this being confirmed by recent results from Lake Macquarie City Council's Traffic Management Consultant survey. What design was being built into this Street's upgrade works to ensure traffic speed was not excessive and kept at the legal limit.

Also, Sue Whyte asked if the new Montefiore St pavement could be designed to deter burnouts. Nick Jackman responded that surface would have to be designed to Lake Macquarie City Council standards.

Ian McNicol
Chair