



Minutes

Hearing of Submissions Committee
Tuesday, 2 February 2016

Held at
Eastern Reserve
Hopkins Street Winchelsea
Commencing at 4.00pm

Council:

Cr Rose Hodge (Mayor)
Cr David Bell
Cr Libby Coker
Cr Eve Fisher
Cr Clive Goldsworthy
Cr Carol McGregor
Cr Brian McKiterick
Cr Margot Smith
Cr Heather Wellington

MINUTES FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS MEETING OF SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT EASTERN RESERVE, HOPKINS STREET WINCHELSEA
ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

PRESENT:

Cr Rose Hodge (Mayor)
Cr David Bell
Cr Libby Coker
Cr Eve Fisher
Cr Clive Goldsworthy
Cr Carol McGregor
Cr Brian McKiterick
Cr Heather Wellington

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer – Keith Baillie
Acting General Manager Governance & Infrastructure – Peter McLean
Manager Economic Development and Tourism – Matt Taylor
Coordinator Business and Tourism Strategy – Simon Loone
30 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Cr Margot Smith

Committee Resolution

MOVED Cr Brian McKiterick, Seconded Cr Clive Goldsworthy

That an apology be received from Cr Margot Smith.

CARRIED 8:0

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

SUBMITTERS HEARD:

1. Rex Breen
2. Michele Bennett
3. Elizabeth White
4. Stuart Fountain
5. Bill Brady
6. Geoff Orchard
7. John Broadrick
8. Robert Cameron
9. Jacqui Doyle
10. Graeme Mathieson
11. Murray Bennett
12. David Loone

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Division: Environment & Development

Trim No: IC15/684

Appendix:

1. Winchelsea RV Friendly Parking Area Proposal - List of Registered Submitters - Hearing of Submissions - 2 February 2016 (D16/3841)

Officer Direct or Indirect Conflict of Interest:

In accordance with Local Government Act 1989 – Section 80C:

☐ Yes

☒ No

Reason: Nil

Status:

Information classified confidential under Section 77 of the Local Government Act:

☐ Yes

☒ No

Reason: Nil

Purpose

To hear submitters following an invitation of submissions in relation to the Winchelsea Recreational Vehicle RV Friendly Town project.

Summary

In line with the Council resolution on 8th December 2015 interested parties were invited to attend a Hearing of Submissions on 2nd February 2016 to make a submission in person regarding the Winchelsea Recreational Vehicle (RV) Friendly Town project. Anyone wishing to do so needed to register their intention by Thursday 14th January 2016. It was not necessary for an interested party wishing to register to have been involved in the consultation phase conducted between 14th September and 5th October 2014.

A total of 13 registrations were received to make a submission comprising a mixture of local residents, groups and/ or associations, businesses and non-Surf Coast Shire residents.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the submissions made in relation to the Winchelsea Recreational Vehicle RV Friendly Town project proposed for the Barwon Riverbank area at the corner of Barwon Terrace and Mercer Street, Winchelsea.

Committee Resolution

MOVED Cr Heather Wellington, Seconded Cr Carol McGregor

That Council receive and note the submissions made in relation to the Winchelsea Recreational Vehicle RV Friendly Town project proposed for the Barwon Riverbank area at the corner of Barwon Terrace and Mercer Street, Winchelsea.

CARRIED 8:0

1.1 Winchelsea Recreational Vehicle RV Friendly Town

Report

Background

Growing Winchelsea Inc. collected 191 signatures on a petition between 17 February 2015 and 29 March 2015 requesting Council declare "Winchelsea an RV friendly town by allowing free camping along our beautiful Barwon River, thus attracting tourists and contributing to the economy of our town." The proposed site was on the Barwon River below the intersection of Mercer Street and Barwon Terrace, Winchelsea.

At the 23 June 2015 Council Meeting, Council resolved that further consultation must be done with the Winchelsea community in regards to an RV Friendly Parking area, in particular with the caravan park operator and surrounding land owners to the proposed site. A report on the consultation findings was requested at a Council meeting by December 2015.

A consultation and community engagement plan was created to invite comment from the surrounding landowners. Council officers prepared a draft design of a proposed RV Friendly Parking area on the Barwon riverbank, considered and addressed any perceived risks and prepared a plan for consultation.

In total 54 local residents and 51 external interested parties provided feedback on the proposed concept. A report on the findings was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 8th December 2015. The report identified a mixed response to the proposed concept. At that meeting the following resolution was made:

Council Resolution

MOVED Cr Carol McGregor, Seconded Cr Heather Wellington

That Council:

- 1. Defer item 3.6 Winchelsea RV Friendly Town – Report Consultation to the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled to be held on the 23rd February 2016.*
- 2. Inform local Winchelsea residents, businesses, community groups, Growing Winchelsea Inc. and any other interested parties of the opportunity to make a submission in person on the Winchelsea RV Friendly Parking Area Proposal at a Council Briefing to be held in Winchelsea on the 2nd February 2016.*

CARRIED 8:0

Discussion

A communication plan was created advising those involved to date in the process and other interested parties of the opportunity to verbally present at a Hearing of Submissions in Winchelsea on 2nd February 2016 between 4pm and 6pm. A total of 13 parties registered to present. A further interested party (local resident) initially requested to register, however was unable to attend on the 2 February and asked their opposition to the proposed location be recognised.

Interested parties wishing to register to make a submission need not have provided submissions or comments in the initial consultation process between 14th September to 5th October 2015.

The points raised in submissions will be considered in the overall assessment of the matter through a report on the original petition received from Growing Winchelsea Inc. to be presented at the 23rd February 2016 Council meeting.

A list of presenters is contained in Attachment A (Trim D16/3841)

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications contained in this report.

Council Plan

Theme	2 Governance
Objective	2.5 Enhanced community engagement
Strategy	2.5.2 Provide opportunities for all members of the community to engage with Council on issues that matter to them.

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Policy/Legal Implications

Points raised by presenters at the Hearing of Submissions will be noted and considered as part of Council's decision making process on the Winchelsea RV Friendly Town proposal at the Ordinary Meeting on 23rd February 2016.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has any conflicts of interest

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment of the Winchelsea RV friendly proposal has been provided in the report to Council on 8th December 2015 (IC15/604). There is no risk involved in a Hearing of Submissions process for Council.

Social Considerations

Social considerations of the Winchelsea RV friendly proposal have been provided in the report to Council on 8th December 2015 (IC15/604).

The hearing of Submissions enables further social aspects to be considered by Council in its determination process.

Community Engagement

To advise interested stakeholders to the opportunity to verbally present at the Hearing of Submissions on 2nd February the following was undertaken:

- Adverts placed in the Surf Coast Times and Colac Herald.
- Letters sent to nearby Winchelsea residents around Hesse Street, Austin Street, Mercer Street and Willis Street.
- Emails sent to stakeholders who had provided comments during the listening posts and initial consultation (who had provided contact details).
- E-newsletter sent to all businesses registered on the tourism database.
- Opportunity to present distributed by Growing Winchelsea Inc to members.

Interested stakeholders could register to make a submission until Thursday 14th January 2016.

Environmental Implications

These aspects relating to the Winchelsea RV friendly proposal have been identified in the report provided to Council on the 8th December 2015.

The Hearing of Submissions process contains no environmental implications.

Communication

This is a Hearing of Submissions only and there will be no decisions made at this meeting in respect to this item.

Council will make its decision in relation to this matter at its Ordinary Council Meeting to held on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 after which all parties involved in the process will be advised of the outcome.

Conclusion

At its meeting on the 8th December 2015 Council resolved to undertake a Hearing of Submissions for the Winchelsea RV friendly proposal on 2nd February 2016. A total of 13 parties registered to verbally present points for or against the concept. Points raised by those presenting will be noted and used in the determination process by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 23rd February 2016.

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APPENDIX 1 WINCHELSEA RV FRIENDLY PARKING AREA PROPOSAL - LIST OF REGISTERED SUBMITTERS - HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS - 2 FEBRUARY 2016



Winchelsea RV Friendly Parking Area Proposal



Hearing of Submissions Register

Time of submission	First Name	Surname	Organisation Name or Resident?
4:10 PM	Rex	Breen	CMCA - Victoria
4:15 PM	Michele	Bennett	Resident
4:20 PM	Vacant		
4:25 PM	Elizabeth	White	Victorian Caravan Parks Association
4:30 PM	Stuart	Fountain	Winchelsea Traders Group
4:35 PM	Bill	Brady	Resident - Ballarat
4:40 PM	Geoff	Orchard	Resident
4:45 PM	John	Broadrick	Resident
4:50 PM	Robert	Cameron	Community Bank
4:55 PM	Jacqui	Doyle	Café LaHoot
5:00 PM	Graeme	Mathews	Winchelsea Caravan Park
5:05 PM	Murray	Bennett	Resident
5:10 PM	David	Loone	Resident
5:15 PM	John	Tebbutt	Resident - Deans Marsh
5:20 PM			
5:25 PM			
5:30 PM			
5:35 PM			
5:40 PM			
5:45 PM			
5:50 PM			
5:55 PM			
6:00 PM			

Close: There being no further items of business the meeting closed at 5.15pm.