



Minutes

Meeting: Pentridge Resident's Community Group (RCG)

Date: Monday, 6 February 2017

Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Venue: Pentridge, 1 Champ Street, Coburg, Victoria 3058

Chairperson: Liza McDonald

Minutes: Sharaf Khan

Present:

Community	George Kapouleas
Coburg Historical Society	Malcom McIlvena
Moreland City Council	Michael Wade
Shayher Group	Robert Cogoi and Georgie Sleurink
Facilitators	Liza McDonald and Sharaf Khan

1. **Moreland Council Update**

- 1.1 **Council Officer** explained that at the last Urban Planning Committee (UPC) meeting of 2016, the Committee voted to defer the items related to Pentridge and these will now be addressed at the Council meeting on Wednesday 8 February. These items are in relation to planning approval for the commercial precinct and the hotel.
- 1.2 **Resident** asked if this also included the Air Apartments.
- 1.3 **Council Officer** explained that the State Government is and has always been the responsible authority for the Air Apartments. When the State Government handed back responsibility for Pentridge to the Moreland Council, it kept Air Apartments because the planning application was already being considered.
- 1.4 **Resident** asked where the Air Apartments were located.
- 1.5 **Shayher** pointed out the Air Apartments on a map of the site.
- 1.6 **Resident** wanted to confirm that a heritage permit had already been granted for the Air Apartments.



- 1.7 **Shayher** explained that Heritage Victoria had granted a heritage permit for the Air Apartments but construction could not commence until the State Government grants the planning permit.
- 1.8 **Shayher** added that both Heritage Victoria and the Planning Minister were provided with the same documentation.
- 1.9 **Resident** asked if it was unusual for there to be a gap between the granting of a heritage permit and the planning permit.
- 1.10 **Shayher** explained that this was not unusual given that the two permits were considered by different bodies.
- 1.11 **Resident** wanted to confirm that the UPC had not made a decision on the hotel and retail precinct and what they would be considering in making this decision.
- 1.12 **Council Officer** confirmed that the report, for the purposes of Council's submission to Heritage Victoria regarding Shayher's heritage permit application, would have now been written in preparation for the Council meeting on Wednesday.
- 1.13 **Resident** asked about the Council's intention to attain a National Heritage Listing for Pentridge.
- 1.14 **Council Officer** explained that the Council was considering applying for Pentridge to be included on the National Heritage Register.
- 1.15 **Shayher** added that this was unlikely to have a material impact on the site as responsibility for heritage was now a state matter.
- 1.16 **Facilitator** added that the Council Officers report indicated that there was a low likelihood of success for the application.
- 2. Heritage Restoration**
 - 2.1 **Shayher** explained that the restoration work on the guard towers was continuing. Four towers were essentially completed, with another two in process.
 - 2.2 **Shayher** then shared a number of images of the restoration work being completed.
 - 2.3 **Shayher** added that work was also being completed on the rock breaking yard at the rear of Division A.
 - 2.4 **Resident** asked if there was anything planned for the outside of the site.
 - 2.5 **Shayher** noted that they were working with the Council on the plans for the streetscape of Champ Street however these discussions were still in their initial stages. This work will take some time because the residents of the QM and Industry Lane buildings will require parking while Air Apartments is being completed.
- 3. Heritage Victoria Application**



3.1 **Shayher** explained that the applications for the hotel and retail precinct are now open for public consultation until Wednesday 8 February. Heritage Victoria will assess any objectives and will provide a response to Shayher within 60 days. .

4. **Questions**

4.1 **Resident** asked if there were any commercial announcements.

4.2 **Shayher** explained that they were in discussions with a number of food and beverage outlets for the retail precinct that will be announced in the coming months.

4.3 **Council Officer** asked about the future frequency of the RCG meetings.

4.4 **Facilitator** noted previous discussion to move to bi-monthly meetings. Which was agreed to by the group. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every second month at 6:30pm.

4.5 **Council Officer** said that he would make a recommendation for a Councillor to attend these meetings going forward.

4.6 **Shayher** noted the establishment of a community garden which it will be supporting. It will be located in the flat area where the builders currently have their compound which has the amenities required. This is likely to be established around Easter.

4.7 **Shayher** noted that there are a number of upcoming events in April, specifically the opera, ballet and a community open day on the weekend of the 8th of April.