



Minutes

Meeting: Pentridge Resident's Community Group (RCG)

Date: Tuesday, 4 April 2017

Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm

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

Chairperson: Liza McDonald

Minutes: Sharaf Khan

Present:

Community	Michael La Porta, Sharon Cartwright and Karen Stanton
Coburg Historical Society	Malcom McIlvena
Moreland City Council	Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan and Cr Ali Irfanli
Shayher Group	Robert Cogoi, Scott Tseng and Georgie Sleurink
Facilitators	Liza McDonald and Sharaf Khan

1. Pentridge Festival

- 1.1 **Shayher** noted that the Pentridge Festival was being held this weekend (8 and 9 April). It will include food trucks, live music performances and craft stalls. Shayher sees this as an important way to open up the site for the public to enjoy. The festival will be located towards the centre of the Pentridge site, away from neighbouring residential developments to ensure disruption is minimised. There will be tours of B-Division which have been prebooked to ensure crowd management issues that have been experienced previously are avoided.
- 1.2 **Resident** asked what the car parking situation would be for the festival.
- 1.3 **Shayher** explained that visitors were being encouraged to use public transport or to park at locations off site and walk to the festival.
- 1.4 **Resident** explained that an ongoing issue for residents of Champ St was the lack of resident parking available, specifically when large events take place in the area. This impacts resident's day to day lives and makes it difficult to find parking outside homes.



1.5 **Councillor** asked the resident to organise a petition of residents about the introduction of permit parking and present it to Council. This would allow Council to examine the situation and act if appropriate.

1.6 **Shayher** noted that it does not have a problem with the introduction of permit parking on Champ St as the development will be self-sufficient when it comes to parking. Shayher is happy to provide a letter of support for any resident's petition on this issue.

1.7 **Resident** asked if there would be bicycle parking at the festival.

1.8 **Shayher** explained that there would be options for visitors to park their bicycles at the festival.

2. Council Engagement

2.1 **Facilitator** noted the attendance of Cr Carli Hannan and Cr Irfanli and thanked them for participating in the forum.

3. Heritage Restoration

3.1 **Shayher** explained that there was another four to six weeks work on the restoration of the two guard towers in progress. The Community Garden is progressing and will be open to all residents of Coburg. The site near Murray Road has been allocated for the Garden which has the electricity and water required for the project. The work on the Rock Breaking Yard is also progressing well with all modern components now removed. The Rock Breaking Yard is an extension of H Division and was used over time for a variety of purposes and will be restored to as close to its original form as possible.

3.2 **Resident** asked if Shayher had any feedback from Heritage Victoria on the restoration work.

3.3 **Shayher** explained that they were in regular contact with HV, who were happy to see that a restoration program was put in place prior to the commencement of a development rather than afterwards.

3.4 **Resident** noted that Shayher should get credit for facilitating the restoration work, without contribution from Council.

3.5 **Councillor** noted the two Councillors present were working to improve relations with Shayher and being properly informed about plans for the development.

4. Planning Process

4.1 **Shayher** explained that planning applications for the hotel and retail precinct were submitted in November 2016. Council officers have required further information and Shayher is currently working through this process.



5. **Piazza**

- 5.1 **Shayher** is working hard to open the Piazza by the end of 2018. The piazza will include a range of food and beverage options as well as a micro-brewery, with landscaping outside the walls also included.
- 5.2 **Councillor** asked if Shayher was considering a childcare centre as part of the development as the growing population of the area was a key concern for the Council.
- 5.3 **Shayher** explained that it had already had significant interest from a number of large childcare providers and was considering how a childcare centre would fit with the timing for the remainder of the development.

6. **Other matters**

- 6.1 **Councillor** asked what the resident's feelings towards the development were.
- 6.2 **Resident** explained that they were interested in having access to facilities they could utilise. While some people do not like the height of the proposed development, others acknowledge that the whole development will have a positive impact on the local community. We understand that we cannot have the facilities without the development and it is great to see that the people responsible for the development are invested in the local area.
- 6.3 **Resident** noted that Council has advocated for economic development in the area and the Pentridge development is a real opportunity for the Council to play a role in achieving this.
- 6.4 **Councillor** agreed that economic development was a key focus but highlighted that some Councillors have been hesitant to talk to developers in the past.
- 6.5 **Resident** also asked if Shayher could invite the local State and Federal members to attend an RCG meetings in the future.