



Friends of Port Willunga

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MINUTES

Friends of Port Willunga Annual General Meeting 11am Sunday 19th January 2020 Aldinga Institute Hall, Old Coach Road, Aldinga.

1. Acknowledgement of Country, welcome of guests and current committee members by FOPW chairperson Stephanie Johnston.

2. Apologies:

Rebekha Sharkie, Federal Member for Mayo, John and Janie Freeman, Joe and Ann Wallman, Barry and Airlie Black, Amanda Thomas, Beverly Seaton, Gillian Clampett, Nick Vadasz, Leon Bignell State Member for Mawson, Mayor Erin Thompson, Janne Kempton, Miriam Germein, David and Louise, Laurie Sullivan, Barbara Brummitt, Jennifer Cashmore, Lara Brett, Brian McMillan

3. Proposal for adoption of FOPW AGM Minutes 27th January 2019

Amendment to be noted: The Star of Greece plaque at the Aldinga Cemetery lists the names only of those who perished, not the full crew.

Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes moved by Alex McCarthy

Seconded by Zannie Flanagan

Accepted unanimously

4. Chair's report – Stephanie Johnston

- Foreshore former caravan site has been rezoned for coastal purposes. Council have appointed a project officer with community consultation commencing in February

- Renewal SA Structure Plan for Aldinga. Preservation of green triangle to separate historic area from new development area. Negotiations between the council and state government are behind schedule, awaiting discussion and decision following rezoning considerations.

- Pop up events. FOPW supported the residents who strongly opposed this as they felt there was insufficient detail about the scope of the proposed events on council/public land.

- Planning Reform. FOPW has contributed to securing the services of Iris Iwanicki to write a submission on the implications of planning reforms and SA's new Planning Code the Willunga Basin and Character Preservation District.

- Main South Road duplication. Plans will be available for public consultation early in 2020.

- Star of Greece Café lease renewal and upgrade. Concerns about impact of disabled access car parks on pedestrians using the pathway. FOPW have approached the Council who are working on a solution with the lease holders.

- The Mount Lofty World Heritage nomination is still live. Ten councils are involved. In her role as a member of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority FOPW Chair Stephanie Johnston recommended that the Adelaide City Layout and Park Lands be connected to the Mount Lofty Ranges bid, and the Adelaide City Council are now working with the Mount Lofty Ranges consortium.

Acceptance of report moved by David Seaton

Seconded by Ann Chittleborough

Accepted unanimously

5. Treasurer's report presented by Brian McPhee

Acceptance of treasurer's report moved by Sandy Lofter

Seconded by David Milner

Accepted unanimously

6. Election of committee members – Leigh Taylor

The resignation of several long-standing committee members: Helen Marshall, Brian McPhee and Leigh Taylor was announced, resulting in 3 vacancies.

Election of Stephanie Johnston as Chairperson

Nominations previously received from:

Christine James

Karen Lever

Jen Bratovic

David Milner

Lara Brett

Meredith Hall

Alex McCarthy

All nominated candidates were elected

An invitation was made to any FOPW member who would like to join the committee to contact a committee member.

7. Vote of thanks and gift presentation to retiring committee members – Jen Bratovic

8. Guest speaker – Paddy O’Toole, author of *Fragments of Time: The Lives and Works of the Willunga Slate Carvers*. Paddy presented an extremely interesting talk highlighting the work of several key slate carvers working in the Willunga/Aldinga area. Examples of their work can be seen in local cemeteries and the Three Monkeys Café in Willunga.

9. Vote of thanks and gift presentation to guest speaker – Helen Marshall

10. Other business

David Seaton:

- (i) River red gums planted in Linear Park are not being cared for by council with a significant number diseased and/or dead. Request that members “adopt a tree”, pour a bucket of water on etc.

Further suggestion that interested members meet as a group to water/spray/provide ongoing care. As David Milner is now on the committee and lives nearby to the tree he will be approached to potentially lead this group.

- (ii) Query re logic behind Port Road closure for the proposed railway line.

Response by Councillor Simon McMahan – council do not support the closure.

David Smallacombe:

- (i) Raised his concerns again about jet skis in the bay. It was reported 12 noon – 12:30 Sunday, January 12th 20 jet-skis were in the bay travelling at high speed. Between Christmas and New Year there were 3 in the bay injuring a swimmer. Police and ambulance were called to respond. Current law 4knots within 200m of the beach. Charles Sturt council have established that their beaches are a jet-ski free area.

A query was raised re coastal vs foreshore legislative responsibilities.

David Smallacombe moved that FOPW support the creation of a jet ski free zone between Gull Rock and the Snapper Point aquatic reserve.

Motion seconded by Meredith Hall

Carried unanimously

- (ii) Car park south of the Star of Greece: Dust issue. It is understood this has been raised with the council and that there is then an implication about lighting then being required.

Action: FOPW to contact the council to see what surface options exist

Query re opening hours of the Star of Greece restaurant. It was reported to often be closed when beach goers might like to purchase an ice-cream as they leave the beach. Several members reported a sign on the window “closed due to the heat” at various dates and times of the day – 11am and 6:30pm were cited as examples.

Action: FOPW committee to seek clarification about opening hours details as outlined in lease agreement.

11. Meeting closure declared: 12:33pm