Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Meeting #12

Monday, 12 September 2016 at 6pm

Committee Room, Moonee Valley Civic Centre
9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds

Attendees

Cr Jan Chantry Chair, Buckley Ward
Cr Jim Cusack (Sub chair) – Myrnong Ward
Barry Gough Former Mayor City of Essendon
Bill Laker President, Keilor East RSL
Bob Chalmers President, Essendon Historical Society
Elaine Brogan Friends of Sandy
Everett (Ev) Reynolds 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd
John Hills Essendon Historical Society
Judy Maddigan Local Historian

Council officers

Gail Conman Director City Services
Patricia Keenan Acting Manager Arts, Culture and Libraries
James Martin Acting Director Organisational Performance
Craig Medcalf Manager Operations
Sharon Keppel Executive Assistant to Mayor & Councillors (minutes)

Guest

Maj Robert (Bob) Prewett RFD (Retired) 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd

Apologies:

Cr Shirley Cornish (Sub-Chair) – Rosehill Ward
Alana Stevens Executive Assistant City Services
Order of Business

Welcome
Meeting opened at 6.05pm.
Chair Cr Jan Chantry welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Apologies
Noted as above.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
Moved by Bob Chalmers seconded by Ev Reynolds that the minutes of the Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee (#11) held on Monday, 6 June 2016 be confirmed with no changes.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
Nil.

3. Guest presentation - Western Front tour - Maj Robert (Bob) Prewett RFD (Retired)
   Items of interest:
   - Poppy Garden outside statue
   - Security extreme due to recent ISIS incidents including military as well as police and x-ray machines
   - Medals/pins were checked due to weaponry opportunity
   - Wreath laying occurred at VC Corner
   - Bob read *The Day My Family Came* poem to committee members
Chair Cr Jan Chantry thanked Bob for his informative presentation

4. Key actions arising from previous minutes

4.1 Street signs
Gail Conman provided committee members with a handout regarding this project.
Judy Maddigan discussed Colclough Street, Strathmore, and also asked if we have a listing of 'Essendon Boys' names. Discussion occurred regarding priority of significance. Panel to be initiated, comprising Judy Madigan, John Hills and Elaine Brogan.

4.2 Victoria Cross commemorative pavers update
Gail Conman provided committee members with a handout regarding this project. Council is currently awaiting advice from State Government regarding when the paver will be available for collection. Discussion occurred regarding location – preferred options are Victory Park, Ascot Vale or Queens Park, Moonee Ponds.

**ACTION:** Item to be listed on agenda for next meeting. Craig Medcalf to provide advice on suggested locations.

Craig Medcalf provided a brief update on the status of the replacement 'Rosie' statue for Victory Park, Ascot Vale. The statue is currently in quarantine. When re-installed it will be filled with concrete for security purposes, with security lighting to also be installed.
Discussion regarding the installation date and a possible photo opportunity occurred.

4.3 Scurry Court proposal

Barry Gough advised there has been difficulty with identifying which property in Ascot Vale Scurry resided at. Discussion occurred regarding segment of road to potentially be re-named. Ev Reynolds advised that the 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association has close links with Scurry Family.

**ACTION:** Ev Reynolds and Barry Gough to further discuss and report back to next meeting. Item to be included on agenda for next meeting.

5. Upcoming event / project status updates

5.1 Music in War Time – final concert – 16 September 2016

For information.

5.2 58th Battalion memorial – 8 October 2016

Ev Reynolds advised:

- Committee very pleased that 3 years of work near completion, thanks to Trish and staff at MVCC
- Official invitations are being initiated
- Newsletters have been sent to 200 people, favourable RSVP details to date
- Update as per attachment provided
- Major General Cooke will be in attendance
- Arc style seating plan due to location
- 5/6 Battalion piper/drums will be in attendance
- Crosses will be placed in a raised garden/sand box by relatives
- Flags 2 x – Trish following up regarding flag poles
- Pascoe Vale Depot Battalion representative to raise flag
- Ode will be recited by Paul Middleton
- Last Post will be played
- Police representatives will endeavour to be in attendance
- St John’s Ambulance representative confirmed
- Catering/hospitality discussed – Trish/MVCC staff to manage this component
- MC – Bryan Lancaster, MVCC Chief Executive Officer to be briefed by Ev, Bob Prewett, Gail and Trish

- Event agenda to be formulated which will include:
  - Welcome by President Don Blanksby
  - Bill Shorten, Federal Member for Maribyrnong to be approached to speak at ceremony (Cr Chantry to follow up with office)
  - Dan Tehan, Federal Minister for Veterans Affairs invited – if attending, will speak at ceremony
  - Mayor, Cr Andrea Surace or Chair Cr Jan Chantry unable to speak due to Election Caretaker Period
5.3 Rejuvenation of Avenue of Honour – 6 November 2016

Bill Laker announced he was resigning as President of BACCC (Boulevard ANZAC Centenary Commemorative Committee) due to heavy workload as President, Keilor East RSL.

The installation of plaques / unveiling ceremony will be postponed to next year.

Chair Cr Jan Chantry on behalf of the Committee thanked Bill for his efforts and assistance.

5.4 Friends of Sandy memorial

No update.

5.5 Queens Park Memorial Wall

John Hills thanked Council officers for their work on this project to date. Final list of names to be provided.

6. Other Business

6.1 Anzac Day Awards 2017 – call for nominations

James Martin advised that Council had received advice regarding nominations closing on Wednesday, 30 November 2016. Patricia Keenan has nomination forms if committee members require them. Nominations can be forwarded directly.

6.2 End of Centenary Ball

Discussion was held regarding this event, to be held at the conclusion of the Anzac Centenary in November 2018.

Suggested numbers of 150. Poppies to be available. Formal / period dress. Richard Thomas suggested as MC. Tickets to be sold.

Patricia Keenan to check if Clocktower Centre would be available, as well as investigate costings for a sit-down dinner.

Elaine Brogan would be available to assist with organising if required.

Cr Cusack suggested approaching Poyntons or The Boathouse to host the event.

Funding opportunities to be explored.

**ACTION:**

- Elaine Brogan to provide suggested event details to Patricia Keenan in writing, to assist with costing investigations.
- Council to approach the Boathouse to enquire about use of venue ‘free of charge’ as a ‘community benefit’ activity

6.3 Community History Awards

James Martin advised that an invitation has been received for the Victorian Community History Awards on 17 October, at which Council has been nominated for an award for the Anzac Street Signs project.

**ACTION:** John Hills and James Martin to attend award ceremony.

7. Date of next meeting

To be held Monday, 5 December, 6pm-8pm.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm