

DRAFT MINUTES
 Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee
 Tuesday 10 April 2018

3pm – 5pm

Chairperson: Cr Yvonne Wrigglesworth

Minute taker: Lyn Talbot

		NOTES	ACTIONS
1.	Acknowledgment of Country	Cr Yvonne Wrigglesworth provided an Acknowledgment of Country.	
2.	Welcome and introductions	<p><i>Councillors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cr Yvonne Wrigglesworth - Cr Jennifer Alden <p><i>Community representatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alan Jacobs, Mia Mia - Helen O'Donoghue, Kamarooka - Pam Rogers, Goornong - Heather Wearne, Marong - Gloria Pocock, Redesdale - Isabelle Gaye, Neilborough - Sherrie Coote, Heathcote - Robert Jamieson, Junortoun - Vince Rossignuolo, Maiden Gully <p><i>City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB) representatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deb Simpson, Coordinator Strong Communities - Fiona Jemmett, Community Engagement Adviser (guest) - Lyn Talbot, Strong Communities Officer - Mark Stubbs, Senior Strategic Planner (guest) 	
3.	Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cr Julie Hoskin, Thomas Zahle (Raywood), Gilbert Rayner (Sebastian), Jennifer Jones (Axedale), Trevor Budge (CoGB), Judi Bilkey (Elmore), Jennifer White (Woodvale), Peter Maine (Heathcote) 	

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4.	Status of previous actions It was agreed that the rolling list of previous actions and their current status should be updated and attached for consideration. This will support the Committee's preparation of an annual report to Council, scheduled for Monday July 2, 2018 – 1pm. Cr Wrigglesworth emphasised the importance of keeping the presentation brief to allow for discussion time. She will work with RCC member(s) to develop and present the annual report.	Lyn: update rolling list of actions. Lyn: seek volunteers to work with Cr Wrigglesworth to develop and present the Committee's annual report.
5.	Business Arising Business arising i. Representatives from Lockwood/Lockwood South to sit on this Committee. It was noted that no broadly representative community groups from these rural areas were able to send a representative at present. ii. Visitation /meetings in various rural townships. Members agreed that holding future meetings in the central Bendigo area was the best option. iii. Items for the 2018-2019 Action Plan Members were asked to consider the significant potential for this Committee to influence decision making processes (e.g. policy / strategy development) and to advocate and to suggest key opportunities that could be incorporated into the Committee's 2018-2019 Action Plan. iv. Insurance coverage update It was noted that insurance coverage is an incredibly complex matter and that some gaps in insurance coverage have been identified. These gaps generally relate to Committees managing facilities located on Crown land, or activities being undertaken on Crown land. There is not cause for alarm and CoGB is in the process of putting in place short, medium and long term responses. <u>Short-term</u> - CoGB will continue to 'self-insure' until a full assessment can be made regarding potential insurance coverage options and costs. Management Committees should take a 'business as usual' approach (providing all current activities are legal and in accordance with Consumer Affairs Victoria guidelines). Management Committees will be contacted in the	Cr Alden, Lyn and Deb: continue to consider possible representatives. Lyn: mark this item as complete. All: identify key, relevant opportunities that are on the horizon or likely to arise and forward any suggestions to Lyn. Lyn and Deb: develop a first draft 2018-2019 Action Plan for Committee review.

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	<p>near future to assist with gathering the additional information CoGB requires before seeking quotes from insurance providers.</p> <p><u>Medium-term</u> - CoGB representatives will work with insurance providers to ascertain insurance coverage options and costs. A report will then be presented to the Executive Management Team / Council for consideration. Any policy decisions that are made at this stage will be communicated to Management Committees.</p> <p><u>Long-term</u> - CoGB will seek to partner with other Local Government Authorities in advocating to the State Government to develop a statewide resolution to this insurance coverage issue.</p> <p>v. Made/Grown in Rural Bendigo – request for a Reference Group representative</p> <p>Lyn reminded members of the call for a RCC representative who has an interest in rural industry or business growth to join the Reference Group for the project, which will also be linked to the Economic Development Strategy review being led by CoGB’s Regional Sustainable Development Unit.</p>	<p>Lyn: send a reminder to RCC members about this opportunity and provide the details of the next Reference Group meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Draft Greater Bendigo Public Space Plan</p> <p>Mark Stubbs provided an outline of the Draft Plan. It is intended as a high-level plan to provide guidance in the long-term. The main themes throughout the document include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the importance of shade and filtered light in a changing climate, - walkable town centres, - communities centred on people with connected public spaces, and, - the importance of prioritising the places where people move and travel. <p>Community feedback is currently being sought on the Draft Plan, and Mark particularly encouraged RCC members to consider the draft local precinct plans for their communities. The Draft Plan can be accessed from CoGB’s website:</p> <p>www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/publicspaceplan</p> <p>An online survey is also available at:</p> <p>www.surveymonkey.com/r/publicspaceplan</p> <p>Hard copies are available at Council offices and Post Offices, or by contacting the Regional Sustainable Development Unit on:</p> <p>rsdenquiries@bendigo.vic.gov.au</p>	

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		Feedback should be provided by 4 May.	
7.	Community Engagement Workshop	<p>Fiona Jemmett led the process for the community engagement workshop, as per the outline attached to the Agenda.</p> <p>The four Working Group members, Cr Wrigglesworth, Gloria Pocock, Heather Wearne and Isabelle Gaye led discussion with members around the four main priorities identified of: .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community meetings: Guest speakers to introduce new topics 2. Social Media: Masterclass in social media (Facebook and Twitter) 3. Advocacy: Skills development in communication methods and styles and who to talk to. 4. Community newsletters: Training- including development of a template, writing skills and cultivating contributors <p>Appendix 1 provides the detailed responses and voting priorities.</p>	Lyn: develop some suggested next steps for responding to the community engagement capacity building needs of RCC members / the broader community for consideration at the next RCC meeting.
9.	Update from the communities	There was not sufficient time available for updates.	
10.	Next meeting and close	<p>Meeting closed: 17.10pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: Date and venue to be advised.</p> <p>AGENDA ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please put forward suggestions of common interest items you wish to discuss or learn more about. 	