

Eaton Advisory Group Meeting

Shire of Dardanup, Council Chambers, 1 Council Drive, Eaton

Tuesday 12 September 2023 | 6pm - 8pm

Notes

Attendance

Elected Representative Members

Cr. Michael Bennett Chairperson – Advisory Group Member
Cr. Stacey Gillespie Elected Member

Advisory Group Members

Ms. Jenna Priddle Community
Ms. Julie King Community
Ms. Kelli Gillies Community
Mr. Ken Lowth Community
Mr. Ryan Gay Community

Staff

Mr. André Schönfeldt Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Theo Naudé Director Infrastructure
Mr. Ashwin Nair Director Sustainable Development
Mr. Phil Anastasakis Deputy Chief Executive Officer Corporate and Governance
Mrs. Cassandra Budge Manager Community Development
Mr. Nathan Ryder Manager Infrastructure Planning and Design
Ms. Joy Welshman Manager Operations
Ms. Stacey Patterson Personal Assistant to the Director Infrastructure

Apologies

Ms. Susan Oosthuizen Director Special Projects and Community Sustainable Development
Mrs. Suzanne Occhipinti Strategic Planning Officer
Cr. Patricia Perks Elected Member
Cr. Tyrrell Gardiner Elected Member
Ms. Carol Lamond Community
Ms. Carmel Boyce Community
Mr. Heath Soutar Community

Absent

Ms. Anne Jones Community
Mr. Dudley Greathead Community

Meeting Open – 6:00pm

Welcome

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Chairperson, Cr. Bennett.

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

Disclosure of Interest

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt called for any declaration of interests from members. No declarations of interest to record.

Eaton Advisory Group Presentations

André Schönfeldt
Chief Executive Officer

André Schönfeldt reiterated that this meeting format is slightly different from previous years. All Advisory Group members were emailed the Advisory Group meeting presentations prior to the meeting, which included the following information:

- Community Scorecard results and Community Priorities 2021 vs 2023.
- Overarching Aspirations and Outcomes of the adopted Council Plan and how the Shire has performed against the Plan over the past financial year.
- Feedback relating to the topics raised at the February 2023 Community Meetings.
- Information about Community Development, Grants and upcoming events.
- Updates on major building maintenance and projects.
- The outcomes of the Place Plans and how this relates to the Community Facilities Plan.
- Project updates and future projects proposed for the next 10 years.
- Community Facilities Plan and the projects listed for reference.
- The presentation also included a number of concepts to be workshopped tonight.

The intent of this meeting is for Advisory Group members to raise questions relating to the information provided in the presentation, and that staff will not be speaking to the PowerPoint presentation slide by slide tonight. Advisory Group members were encouraged to read the presentation prior to the meeting.

Tonight, Advisory Group members will have the opportunity to discuss the information contained in the presentation with Councillors and staff, or to seek further clarification and make further suggestions and recommendations. The Shire of Dardanup is seeking input, guidance and feedback from the Advisory Group members in our aim to achieving best-practice outcomes, that is supported by community.

Various Matters for Discussion

André Schönfeldt provided a brief overview of the PowerPoint presentation and then opened the floor for questions and discussion.

André Schönfeldt asked groups members if public safety is becoming more of an issue and what do they think are the underlying issues? Cr Bennett commented about the ongoing crime and contacted Police, asking for their support and assistance.

Comments from various Advisory Group Members:

- We have been dealing with quite a few problems at Bethanie's, experiencing quite a bit of crime, jumping over the back fence around 2am/3am.
- Has not felt unsafe when walking late at night.
- School children are hanging around the streets during school hours and is aware that some businesses in other towns will not serve children during school hours, not sure whether businesses do that here.
- When the school children are not attending school, they become opportunistic.
- Going to the shops and walking around towns feels safe, however probably would not walk along Millars Creek, not sure if there are any issues there.

Community Priorities – Waste Management

André Schönfeldt commented that waste management was highlighted in the community priorities and asked if there is anything that we should be aware of?

Comments from various Advisory Group Members:

- Many unhappy sorting rubbish into the three bins. Cr. Bennett commented that is an education thing and the Shire has been working on to promote.
- Three bin service is working very well and there are many options available.
- Why don't they add a sticker to the bin to those residents doing the wrong thing? André Schönfeldt replied we do and provided an overview of the flowchart of resident not adding the right rubbish items in the correct bins.
- How is the Shire going with the processing of green waste? André Schönfeldt provided an update, and that the Shire is aware of this and working on this.
- Can we change the date of green waste collection, because birds are building their nest in the trees. André Schönfeldt commented green waste collection has been scheduled before the storm season and one after the storm season.

Community Priorities – Seniors' Services and Care

André Schönfeldt asked if there were any issues relating to senior services, facilities, and care? A group member commented they are happy with the ACROD bays.

André Schönfeldt asked Kelli (Village Manager Bethanie Fields) are there many villas available? Kelli replied there is a very high demand and residents transitioning from the villas to aged care, high demand and the prices range from \$410 to \$450K and not many available.

February Community Meetings

André Schönfeldt referred to the February Community Meetings, no comments from Advisory Group members.

André Schönfeldt opened the floor for discussion and handed over to Cr. Bennett to facilitate.

Cr. Bennett referred to the upcoming Election and that it will be preferential voting.

Cr. Bennett referred to the building maintenance projects. A group member asked if the new administration building is on track. Cr. Bennett replied that it is and hoping for it to be completed in March next year. Cr. Bennett provided an update on the R&J Fishwick Pavilion and that it is coming along nicely.

André Schönfeldt asked if there were any more questions?

Various questions raised and answered:

- Houses backing onto Millars Creek, what is the limestone block? Cr. Bennett replied it may be a fire mitigation access.
- Glen Huon intersection is there going to be traffic lights there in 18 months? Theo Naudé replied we in the design process and will build in the next financial year.

Cr. Bennett gave an overview of the slides relating to Eaton Drive and Cudliss Street and Hamilton Road/Ann Street intersections. Various discussions and comments made, André Schönfeldt displayed the street maps and showed concepts of how the roads will be redesigned. Cr. Bennett commented that the new traffic lights have not been made public yet.

Nathan Ryder provided an overview of the three stages, will do the two design stages this financial year. A group member asked how much will the design cost and what is the cost for putting in the re-routing and traffic lights, and how is this funded? Nathan Ryder replied the design will cost \$100k and we won't know until we go out to tender, \$1.2Million. Funded with Regional Road Group grants. Group member asked have you got examples of when they have done that? Cr. Bennett replied, yes with Hands Road. Theo Naudé also commented that at the next Regional Road Group they will review the grant funding capped amount.

Other business

Group Member asked what side of the road will the proposed footpath be on Pratt Road – Hands Ave? Nathan Ryder replied, that is still to be decided, it's on the 5 to 10 years listed projects.

Group Member and Village Manager from Bethanie Fields asked where does the water source feed into the lake outside of Bethanie Fields and asked on behalf of the Garden Committee who are establishing the native garden on the Shire reserve at the front of Bethanie Fields RV, to use the storm water/pond to reticulate the plants.

No further questions or discussions, Cr. Bennett thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 7:24pm