

## Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee

### Minutes of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 4.30pm

#### Kuranda Community Precinct “Meeting Room”

**Present:** John Baskerville (Chair), John Robinson, Arch McArthur, Peter Thompson, Tom Gilmore, Glenys Pilat, Peter Franks

**Minute Taker:** John Robinson. John left the meeting at 5.43pm and Glenys took remaining minutes.

**Apologies:** Cr Jenny Jensen, Cr Nipper Brown, Mandy Dewey

**Previous Minutes:** **THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be approved with the re-located Library opening date to be amended to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015.  
**MOVED** John Robinson, Arch McArthur **CARRIED**.

#### Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Chair gave an update of the landscaping – Jax Bergensen to be involved with shrubs and trees from stock. Mulch and soil will be needed but at a small cost. Aim is to use monies judiciously with community labour input.
- Opening event update – Invitation to community groups to be involved. John Baskerville to talk to Stacey, Council's Media and Events Officer. Community not Commercial is to be theme from 11am to 2pm.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Operational Budget

- Chair gave a background to the issue of an operational budget for the Precinct. Discussed was the need for seed monies for future grants.
- Peter Franks (MSC CEO) then addressed the meeting and a discussion took place.

**THAT** \$10,000 be moved from reserves into an operational budget for the Kuranda Community Precinct to be expensed, with recommendations by the Kuranda Community Precinct Advisory Committee, as per the Mareeba Shire Councils delegations, strictures and authorities.

**MOVED** John Robinson, Peter Thompson, **CARRIED**.

- The future of the existing Library facility was discussed

**THAT** it be recommended to the Mareeba Shire Council consider allocating any income, either from a capital disposal or a lease/rental arrangement, from the vacant library to be directed towards the Kuranda Community Precinct.

**MOVED** John Robinson, Peter Thompson. **CARRIED**.

#### Agenda Item 6 – Report on Construction

- Completion date still on target for late September / early October. Old Library will be closed from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October for the relocation.
- Wendy from Kuranda Library has resigned. Kellie is contact in lieu.
- Discussion took place about the usage of the Precinct for community purposes; there is a concern that we may undercut other Kuranda venues such as CWA and the Rec Centre and the Kuranda Amphitheatre.
- Longer term view is needed for the upstairs portion of the building and further consideration of future use as a high tech meeting/workshop space is required. Downstairs **is** a library. Upstairs can be booked out for community use as per Council's booking policy and fees will apply and will be set so as to not to compete with the existing complement of facility providers. Library will be holding a series of 20 workshops for the Go Digital Kuranda project from Nov 2015 in the upstairs space and will be providing an electronic/smart whiteboard and smart TV.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Towards other short term / medium term projects.**

- Peter Thompson looking as ideas for the Precinct sign. Front fence suggested for remedial action to improve the look (i.e. away from school yard)

John Robinson left the meeting at 5.43pm

## **Agenda Item 8 – Planning for opening**

- Covered elsewhere

## **Agenda Item 9 – Other priority projects**

Discussion ensued about how to best use remaining reserve funds for future development of KCP.

General agreement reached that KCP Advisory Committee would:

- Use small amounts of reserve funds along with community voluntary efforts to undertake lots of small projects e.g. landscaping, beautification projects;
- Use it for seed funding to leverage grants
- "leak out the reserve funds to develop the precinct over time

Refer Agenda Item 5 - Committee will have access to an operational budget

Caretaker's residence: John B asked if this facility would be available for community use. Mayor Gilmore advised it is not available for community use as current security arrangements are working well and will be maintained for the time being. Until these were to change, the facility would not be available for community use.

## **Agenda Item 10 – Access process for funding other projects**

Refer Agenda Items 5 and 9

## **Agenda Item 11 – Applying for grants**

Refer Agenda Items 5 and 9

## **Other Business**

### **Signage:**

1. KCP signage:
  - Agreed to look into this further and consider aligning it with the style of the Tourism Kuranda badging.
  - Glenys to ask Marc Sleeman for a mock up (e.g. based on the TK car branding)
  - John Baskerville presented some options and agreement that the green leaf background option was preferred

### **2. Library signage**

Council will relocate library opening hours signage in time for Peter to work on it to enhance it with volunteers

Next meeting 4.30pm Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

Meeting closed 6.10pm

**THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED (AFTER AMENDMENT) - 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**