

**Minutes of Beaconsfield Precinct meeting held at Winterfold Primary School,
Tuesday 14th February 2006**

Present: Glenn Armstrong (Convenor), Graeme Renwick (Minutes), Cate Ruben, Terry Cahill, Ross Thompson, Leon Flanagan, Peter Garbin, Vern Durant, Joe Ortega, Zephie Richardson

Visitors None

Apologies Cllr John Alberti, Cllr Shirley Mackay, Mayor Peter Tagliaferri, David Bodwell, Diny Stasse

Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m. Previous Minutes accepted: Glenn Armstrong, Cate Ruben

Matters arising:

Mobile Phone Tower Both Joe Ortega and Ross Thompson felt the reply provided by Hutchison Telecoms to Dr Carmen Lawrence MP purporting to provide a history of the tower (see December minutes) was misleading and inaccurate. Joe Ortega provided the Precinct with letters and a petition dating back to 2000 showing strong community opposition to the tower in Moran Street. The local community still objects to the phone tower.

Action. Graeme was asked to write a letter to Hutchison, the Council and Councillors reiterating the continued strong local objections to the tower and to suggest that an alternative location for the tower should be considered.

Beaconsfield Plaza Shopping Centre. The only issue discussed at this meeting was the razor wire. Although generous, the one year delay granted to the owners to start construction, and a further year to complete the work was seen as normal when retrospective planning approvals for non complying structures like this one are granted.

Action The Precinct will monitor compliance towards the end of this year.

Traffic Count to assess effect of the York Street / Lefroy Street roundabout. The Precinct has received information that Cindy Elder the council officer responsible for traffic counts is aware of our request for an updated count on nearby streets

Action Ask Steve Grant for an update on timing before our next meeting

Lighting in Michael Street. Glenn advised that a consultant had been engaged by the Council to investigate the lighting along Michael Street near the shopping centre and has submitted a report to Council staff. Western Power have been asked for a quote to increase wattage of lamps in the area

Action Ask Steve Grant for another update before our next meeting

Right of Ways Jim Duff from the FCC has agreed to attend our Precinct meeting in April to discuss ROW issues generally and in Beaconsfield in particular. Apparently recommendations from the FCC ROW review have not yet to be presented to elected Council officers and committees and he felt that attending the February meeting would be premature.

Action Reconfirm guest speaker from Council on ROW policy for our April meeting

City Planning Scheme No 4. No new news at this meeting apart from the fact that the scheme was now with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. The scheme is available for inspection in the FCC library. Steve Grant advised on 3rd February that a public information session might be organized by Council once the Council had heard back from the Department.

Action Ask Steve Grant to get another update before our next meeting

Curedale Street Roundabout. The precinct complaints about the roundabout (see December minutes) have been acknowledged. We were advised on the 3rd February that an investigation was being made to determine if the lights there were compliant and that the developer has been asked to reinstate the rail to reduce the risk from the drop and to clean up the sand etc.

Action Ask Steve Grant for another update from John Wong before our next meeting

Crime in Beaconsfield Graeme circulated a newsletter from the local Police. There seems to have been a major spike in burglary incidents during the school holidays. The statistics that follow were obtained from the Police website at <http://167.30.150.183/LocalPolice/SouthMetropolitanDistrict.asp?Fremantle>

Reported crimes in Beaconsfield in January 2006 were as follows:

Month	Assault	Burglary (Dwelling)	Burglary (Other)	Graffiti	Robbery	Steal Motor Vehicle
November 2005	11	12	3	0	2	2
December 2005	9	11	2	4	0	0
January 2006	5	26	6	0	0	3

Police Phone No's Attendance 92221111 Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

General and New Business

Bus Stop Relocation Lefroy Road Graeme read out a letter from Tracey Mizen of FCC advising of a proposed move west of the bus stop adjacent to 111 Lefroy Road which is now too close to the York Street roundabout. The general consensus of the meeting was that the move should not be too far west and that this was a popular stop.

Action Graeme has written to Tracey Mizen with this feedback

Community Police Precinct Briefing Peter summarised the results of this meeting which he felt was poorly attended. Some interesting observations were made including availability of statistics on crime for on the Web and the appointment of a new accommodation officer for Homes West Fremantle. Peter suggested that the neighbourhood watch officer could be invited to a future Precinct meeting.

Peace Park Restoration Project. The project is moving ahead very quickly. The committee managing this project have received and responded to a feedback from Pam Walker of the FCC, and a FCC landscape architect is now working on a more detailed design. The area will first be surveyed and reticulation extended to reach the main mound in the north east corner of the project site. Western Power has removed the obsolete strainer pole, at no cost, and the selection of limestone tolerant plants is imminent. We hope all members of the Precinct will get behind this project.

The first working bee is likely to be an architectural dig and weeding session to rediscover some old paths in the area will scheduled for April. More details after our March Precinct meeting.

Beaconsfield Quarry - Lefroy Road Structure Plan A summary was provided about the Option B concept plan for the redevelopment of the quarry that could produce a yield of 155 residences. As noted in the December minutes the Precinct has been assured by Council officers that there will be extensive consultation with the community about this project which is still in its very early stages. The Planning alone is likely to take up to two years.

Clean up Australia Day Reminder. If you are free to spend about an hour on Sunday morning the 5th March from 9 am to join other members of the Precinct to help lean up your local environment, there is a clean up site at the Hilton Reserve, Beaconsfield.

Please see the brochure included with these minutes for more details.

Next Meeting

The next Beaconsfield Precinct meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March in the staffroom of the Winterfold Primary School, Annie Street Beaconsfield at 7:30pm.

There will be a guest speaker from the Disability Service Commission attending this meeting to speak about the disability in Beaconsfield. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.