

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 8th March 2017

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Malcolm Faul (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, Ric de France, Peter Carter, Alister Huth, David Farrow. Mark Haywood

Apologies: Julia Blunden, John Parker, Philip Mallis, Graeme Ellis, Glennys Jones, Ken Parker

Minutes of the February 2017 meeting: approved

Correspondence: no report

Bicycle Strategy

As resolved at the February meeting, the primary focus of the discussion was the Strategy. (City of Boroondara is preparing its 10 year plan to operate from 2018. The period of consultation is March April).

Peter Carter tabled a copy of the Moreland Bicycle Strategy. Malcolm Faul tabled a copy of the Executive Summary of the 2007 Plan. Prior to the meeting, PC circulated a link to the Bicycle Strategies of various councils, viz <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/acd9k056l0fsomt/AAATpk7WZ3veBAdhiGi9-nXka?dl=0>. It was agreed that familiarity with these documents would assist deliberations.

Alister Huth argued that couching the BBUG proposal in terms of being a policy for active transport as a whole, rather than just cycling, may carry more weight, given the make-up of the new council. Of the new councilors, it was reported that Crs Watson and Thompson would be pro cycling. AH argued that active transport includes walking, motorised scooters (“gofers”) and electric bicycles. He also argued that the benefits of cycling included health, enjoyment, lower carbon emissions, feeling of security as more people were actively engaged outdoors, more shopping locally, improved traffic flows and even more available parking spots for others. Cycling and other outdoor activities would be encouraged by better support infrastructure for existing and new paths. Examples given were Toilets, Water fountains, new and improved Pram Ramps, Bike parking and Lighting. The more new development encouraged bike riding over cars, the better for motor traffic flow, vis-a-vis what would otherwise be the case. To this end, new development should be mandated to provide Minimum On-Site Bicycle Parking. It was felt that BCC should engage with users in planning new facilities as is the case in Darebin.

It was noted that all high priority off-road infrastructure items from the BCC 2007 strategy had been completed or under construction.

It is important to consult with all our members and the bike spot map on our web site can be used to get input.

The NEBC off road trail and a Hawthorn to Box Hill shared path/ backstreet route should be included, as well as links to railway stations.

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** no report
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** no report
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** no report
4. **Stonnington Matters:** no report
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Shared Trail at Camberwell High:** Graham Ellis reported that the proposed route was covered in soil, as a result of major works on the oval. The Vice Principal assured GE that the project would go ahead and that the land swap had to be negotiated between the Education Dept and BCC.
7. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Glennys Jones, Peter Carter and Alister Huth met with project staff. They argued that an off-road link from the river at Chandler Highway to the Anniversary Trail be included in the project. However, they were informed that this was beyond the brief for the project.
8. **Minimum Passing Distance Law:** Glennys Jones reported that she had received a reply from the Roads Minister in respect of her letter on objects being thrown at cyclists. He stated that this is already illegal, but that he has passed her letter to the Attorney General.
9. **Tacks on Kew Boulevard:** No new developments.
10. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** no report
11. **Walmer St:** no report
12. **California Inn Site:** Nil to report.
13. **Proposed Community Garden on Outer Circle Trail at cnr Earl St and Willsmere Rd:** no report
14. **Strategic Plan for term of new council:** After 7500 replies to the survey, BCC has now proceeded to consultation stage on its overall strategic plan. To this end, Glennys Jones and Malcolm Faul have accepted invitations to take part in the consultation and have attended the Introductory Session.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul was present and but had not provided a report.
It was resolved that the Treasurers report be provided quarterly to coincide with the receipt of the bank statement, which is issued quarterly.

Other Business

1. **Community Bike Ride:** Ric de France circulated a map of the community ride to promote cycling and the Anniversary Trail.
Malcolm Faul observed, that as BBUG is not incorporated, it could not be regarded as a BBUG ride, despite the map being headed Boroondara Bicycle Users Group Social Ride. Mark Haywood queried why BBUG was not incorporated. Malcolm Faul replied that there were no

volunteers for President or Vice President, despite there being minimal workload in the positions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th April, subject to availability of the function room.

Notes by Malcolm Faul