

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 1

11 September 2019 – 7pm at the Community Centre

Minutes of Meeting

Attendance: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Chair Warwick Erwin

Acting Co-Chair Jenny Sherratt

Councillor Present

Meeting Opened 7:00 pm

Police Report:

No police report as there is no replacement for Sergeant Heath Rhind as yet.

If you see something report it – 131444

Helensburgh Patrol Truck 0400 761 423

Wollongong Station 4226 7899

Wollongong LAC Facebook page

WCC Staff Presentation of proposed roundabout for Maidstone St and The Ridge, Helensburgh

The following reasons were given for the proposal

- Safety concerns with drivers ignoring traffic signs and driving straight through
- Poor sightlines
- Confusion over right of way for drivers due to multiple roads meeting at the intersection
- Lack of pedestrian facilities
- Non-standard design chosen due to site constraints to allow for bus routes and layout of intersection
- A smaller roundabout would not achieve desired purpose

Forum member asked for footpath along western side of the ridge to be considered for future works.

Stanwell Park Beach Dogs Off Leash Access

Wollongong Council asking the community for feedback on proposal to move the dogs off leash area from the north of Stanwell Park Beach to the south end. Submissions close Monday September 9, 2019. Some residents said they were not notified of the proposed changes. No clear indication given for moving the access area. Most of the members at the forum wanted the off-leash area to stay where it is.

Lady Carrington Estate South Planning Proposal Development

Warwick Erwin gave a brief outline of the proposal for the benefit of members who were not aware of it. Members said they were very concerned about the proposal and the impacts on Helensburgh and the environment.

RFS Community Protection Plan

Plans have been completed for Otford, Darkes Forest and Garrawarra. There will be a community consultation session at the Stanwell Tops Conference Centre on Wednesday night September 18 to discuss plan for Stanwell Tops. A plan is also proposed to be completed for Helensburgh. RFS are working with the police to combat illegally lit fires and asked the community to report any suspicious fires.

General Business

A forum member mentioned the poor state of the footpath along Walker Street, Helensburgh and asked if something could be done to fix it.

Another member asked that the update from the Woronora Dam meeting be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

Warwick notified the forum of the requirement to vote on the chair and co-chair positions at the next meeting.

Next meeting 9 October 2019

Meeting Closed 9:30 pm