



Bremer Bay Community Development Committee

MINUTES

Bremer Bay Design and Co-ordination Group, Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre and Library, Bremer Bay Sports Club, Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Bremer Bay Town Hall

Bremer Bay

9:00am

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Cr Robert Lester declared the meeting open at 9.01 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cr Robert Lester – Chair

Cr Jo Iffla, Shire President

Darcy Roberts, Bremer Bay Sports Club

Jan Roberts, Bremer Bay Trails Committee

Troy Treeby, Bremer Bay CRC

Leonie McMahon, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

Support Staff/Observers:

Martin Cuthbert, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup

Noel Myers, Manager of Development, Shire of Jerramungup

Terri Smart, Bremer Bay CRC

Ruth Reader, Bremer Bay Progress Association

Katrina Wellstead, Bremer Bay Progress Association

Apologies:

Cr Drew Dawson

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Bremer Bay Community Development Committee held 1 February 2023 be confirmed.

Moved: Troy Treeby

Seconded: Darcy Roberts

Carried

4. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1. ACTION TABLE

Noel Myers – Trails Masterplan

The Bremer Bay Trails Masterplan has been completed and was endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 March 2023.

Noel Myers – Short Beach erosion

Noel Myers confirmed the Works Crew have the works planned to occur within the next two weeks.

5. MEMBER ITEMS

5.1 – Bremer Bay Design and Co-Ordination Group

Nil.

It was determined that a letter be sent to the Bremer Bay Design and Co-Ordination Group to ascertain if they are still in operation.

5.2 – Bremer Bay Community Resource Centre and Library

5.2.1 Updating Bremer Bay Information Bay

1. Troy Treeby advised that the CRC and BBPA were still eager to progress the update of the signage at the Information Bay.
2. Also looking at installing digital signage to replace the sign currently at the front of the CRC building and possibly near DFES shed.

5.2.2 Bremer Bay Tourist Guide

1. Troy Treeby advised that they are investigating REDS funding through the Great Southern Development Commission to produce a new tourist guide ready for next summer.

5.3 – Bremer Bay Sports Club

1. Proposal that the BBCDC be disbanded.

Moved: Darcy Roberts **Seconded:** Jan Roberts

That the BBCDC recommend to Council that the BBCDC be disbanded.

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Discussion was held regarding the arguments for and against the disbanding of the Committee.

5.4 – Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

5.4.1 FBG Update

1. Report attached.

5.4.2 Vic Tea Tree Control – Gairdner South Road

1. FBG continues to apply for funding to target priority areas within the Shire.
Current 5-year funded program ends in June.

5.5 – Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee

5.5.1 Short Beach Erosion

1. Jan Roberts raised the erosion happening to the pathway and steps at Short Beach.

5.5.2 Bremer Bay Marina

1. Jan Roberts raised maintenance issues at the Marina including parking near the ablutions being limited, lack of signage and in wrong location, boulders blocking vehicle access track to beach makes it difficult for people to get onto beach walking, pruning required on walkway and steps need maintenance.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Darcy Roberts enquired if the Bremer Bay Refuse Site was registered?

The CEO advised yes it was a licensed site through the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Invited representatives from the Bremer Bay Progress Association provided an update on the progress of their organisation.

An invitation was extended to the Progress Association to attend future meetings with a view to joining the BBCDC if they consider applicable to their organisation.

Cr Jo Iffla asked if the Committee would consider having an extra meeting in August to discuss the future of the Committee.

This would enable members to go back to their respective organisations and get a position on the future of the BBCDC.

Items to be discussed include:

- Terms of Reference review;
- Purpose of meetings;
- Timing/Frequency of meetings;
- Number of Delegates from each organisation to attend the meetings.

An email to be sent from the Shire with potential dates in August.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Bremer Bay Community Development Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 9:00am at the Bremer Bay Town Hall.

8. CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.12 am.

FBG Report to Bremer Bay Community Development Committee

Meeting: Wednesday 7th June 2023

Leonie McMahon, Bremer Projects Division Manager

Trails Master Plan (Building Better Regions R5) & Trails Committee

The trails masterplan was completed by Nathan McQuoid in February and adopted by Council in March 2023, with provision for a public consultation period which has now been completed. The grant has now been acquitted. The Bremer Bay Regional Trails Committee will meet on 7th June to discuss priorities for implementing the plan.

Cuneo Drive Design Work

Further to discussions about the \$10,000 budget item reinstated in the 2022/23 budget by the Shire for design work on Cuneo Drive, what is the Shire's plan for Cuneo Drive and when will the design work begin?

Protection of shorebirds on Wellstead Estuary (State NRM)

Summer birding activities including early morning bird walks and bird information sessions were well attended. Many thanks to Anne Gadsby and Steve Elson for donating their time to run these sessions.

In March we held a workshop to develop a Conservation Action Plan (CAP) for the Wellstead Estuary, using previous management plans, especially the Wellstead Estuary Management Plan as a guide. We had great representation from Shire Council and Staff on the day and also good community support. We will hold a follow up session on 12th June to complete the CAP.

Our main activity in the coming months is an evening event, most likely in early August, with a guest speaker talking about a



birding subject. I'm trying to find someone who can speak about Osprey and Sea Eagles because they are so well regarded here in Bremer Bay.

The current project finishes in November this year and I recently submitted an application to State NRM to continue it for another year.

Proposal for Environmental Weed Management and Track rationalisation

In early May I submitted an application to Coastwest for funds to manage the vegetation between the Wellstead Estuary and the Bremer Bay Rd in the vicinity of the caravan park.

The proposal includes track rationalisation, signage, environmental weed management and community engagement. The community engagement includes workshops on weed identification/management and seed collection, a brochure on local weeds and their management and endemic species as alternatives. The FBG has no specific funding to support the Weed Action Group at the moment but if the Coastwest application is successful there is provision in it to continue this support.

Annual Clean Up Bremer Bay Day

This year's clean-up day is on Sunday 18th June. We have again been offered great support by local businesses; Bremer Bay Resort, the General Store, the BP Roadhouse, Goin Hard Concrete, Reef Gallery and Bremer Bay Hardware and CRC Manager Troy Treeby and the Shire's Noel Myers. We will also support the Containers for Change Program run by the Bremer Primary School P&C again, who in turn partner with Bremer Bay Men's Shed.