

# **LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**MEETING OPENED:** 7.29pm

### **WELCOME:**

Deb Petch welcomed everyone in attendance and asked that everyone introduce themselves by stating their name and business.

### **PRESENT:**

Deb Petch, Sonya Altschwager, Kristy Hobbs, Annette Winter, Stephanie Nitschke, Sharyn Schlein, Ryan Seaman, Lew Gibbs, Paul Lewis, Tim Vivian, Deb Ebert, Fred Petch, Mick Searle, Mark Howie, Jane Wilson, Mike Taylor, Karen Kilsby, Kerri Blaser, Darren McKee, Peter Magarey, Deb Thiele.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Lisa Kollmann, Chelsea Winter, Ann Biele, Joyleen Kloester, Tully Bates, Crystal Petch, Bronwyn Proud, Jamie Knowling, Ted Sinoch, Jodie Koch, Ash Pfeiler, Carolyn Tuhoro, Sue McKee.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion – that the previous minutes of Monday, March 2, 2015, are accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Lew Gibbs. Carried - all in favour.

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

#### **1. Correspondence – In**

- a. RDA Smarter Digital Region Awards.
- b. RDA digital training opportunity.
- c. Thanks from council re: chamber's assistance with pedal prix.
- d. Council report: East Terrace Revitalisation Project stage 5 'Alan Hosking Rest'.
- e. Loxton Christmas Lights Committee Minutes.
- f. Letter from Peter Ackland regarding street sign which will be installed at the Loxton Pioneer Playground.

#### **2. Correspondence – Out**

- a. Chamber Chat newsletter.
- b. Letter to Tom Murch regarding missing Easter banner.
- c. Letter to Merridee Seiboth declining her request to have the Loxton HAC hold a food stall for the pedal prix as they are not chamber members.
- d. Letter to Cindy Hitch declining to sponsor Dylan Coombe at Photo Independent, International Expo.
- e. Letter to Peter Ackland declining the chamber's involvement in coordinating signage at the Loxton Pioneer Playground.

## **REPORTS**

### **a. Business Watch SAPOL**

- \*Mick Searle reported no significant crime in relation to local businesses.
- \*He congratulated the chamber on the success of the Loxton Pedal Prix.
- \*He introduced Loxton's new sergeant Mark Howie

### **b. Council Report, Deb Thiele**

- \*Deb Thiele highlighted a number of changes to the concept plan including the water feature, and called the project a 'work in progress'.
- \*Lew Gibbs expressed disappointment that the concept plan had changed since public consultation.
- \*Sharyn Schlein also expressed regret about the changes and about the fact that the working committee was not consulted about these changes by council.
- \*Deb Thiele said she would take the chamber's sentiments back to council.
- \* Deb Petch said the chamber's executive committee would discuss whether a 'working group' needs to be formed to address these issues at the next meeting.
- \*Deb Thiele also informed members that the council's draft annual budget was out for public consultation. She asked members to come along to the upcoming public meeting to ask questions and make comments.

### **c. Treasurer's Report, Mike Taylor**

Report was tabled. Moved: Lew Gibbs. Seconded: Annette Winter.

### **d. Business and Events manager, Sonya Altschwager**

- \*Arts on Terrace will be held on August 9, 2015, which will be a special Sunday trading day.
- \*Constitution – still forging ahead. Intending to present something to members at the July AGM.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **East Terrace road closure on Sunday, August 1, 2015, for Farmers' Parade**

Loxton Old Machinery Group representative Peter Magarey advised members that the group were intending to hold the parade on Saturday, August 1, at around 11am. The theme will be farm trucks and the route will be from Hentschke's Transport (Lorna Terrace/Railway Terrace) down Edward Street and to East Terrace, following it along to the roundabout and down the western carriageway. The intention was to finish at Loxton Historical Village.

\*Sonya Altschwager expressed concern about road closures on East Terrace, and potential disruption for traders. Mr Magarey said there was no intention to close the main street completely until the parade itself, but to prevent people from parking in certain areas of the road which may prevent the flow of the parade. He estimates the amount of time for the road to be closed at 90 mins.

\*Deb Petch asked whether the group had considered holding the parade at the Loxton Oval. Peter Magarey said the group had decided against other locations as the aim of the parade was to draw people into the main street and down to the historical village.

\*Sonya Altschwager suggested an alternate route that may be less disruptive to the main street, going from Edwards Street directly across to the ANZ Bank and continuing its course down to the Village. This will leave the Drabsch Street crossover open whilst still incorporating the main street in the parade route. Peter said he would discuss it with the group. However, he felt there would be more of an impact to those watching the parade if it was held in the main street.

\*Sonya Altschwager enquired about what marketing or promotion budget there was to advertise the event to draw people to town. Peter advised there is no budget for this.

Deb Petch thanked Peter for attending. Sonya asked that the chamber be kept in the loop regarding the parade in future.

### **Pedal prix debrief**

\*Sonya has received 11 responses to her survey about pedal prix to date. While there were mostly positives, the Loxton Pizza Bar was again inconvenienced due to the road remaining closed until well into the evening.

\*Responses indicated it would have been beneficial for businesses to open earlier and close earlier (eg 8am to 2pm) to take advantage of influx of visitors.

\*Other suggestions included: a speaker/PA system set up at the rotunda, the food court moved from Martha Street to the Rotunda to bring crowds into the main street.

### **Cleaning of East Terrace pavers**

\*A trader has asked why the Loxton Waikerie Council has stopped cleaning pavers in the main street. Deb Thiele said she would follow up with council.

### **May Shopping Promotion**

\*Kerri Blaser asked whether next year the May Shopping Promotion could incorporate the Pedal Prix to draw people into local shops during that weekend. Sonya said she would consider the feedback for next year's promotion.

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

The next general meeting will be the AGM and will be held on **Monday, July 6, 2015** at the Loxton Hotel from 7.30pm.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.27pm