



Robe Golf Club Community Reference Group

Notes for the Meeting

1pm Friday 2 February, 2024

District Council of Robe Chambers, 3 Royal Circus, Robe

Present:

Cr Nick Brown, Council Representative

Cr Duncan Young, Council Representative

Luke Whitbread, President Robe Golf Club (via zoom)

Scott Fennel, Member Robe Golf Club

Council staff present:

Nat Traeger, Chief Executive Officer

Katie-Anne Agnew, Property & Administration Officer

Michelle Gibbs, Development Officer

Apologies

Mayor Lisa Ruffell

Bill Spiers

Terms of Reference

General discussion on the difference between a Section 41 Committee and Advisory Committee, with this forum chosen to specifically facilitate open discussion without strict meeting procedures.

General Discussion

Golf Club representatives explained the history of the Golf Club, previous discussions, and the fact that the Golf Club have leased land from the Council for over 30 years.

The leased area of land has a section of conservation within the allotment in which the community had substantial objections to being sold to the Golf Club.

Whilst the Golf Club representatives indicated their desire to purchase the whole of Lot 1, it was clearly stated that Council would not be able to agree to this given the community sentiment.

The Golf Club then indicated they wished to have a portion of the conservation land included if there was to be a sub-division or boundary realignment.

An extract from a previous Council report was read, whereby the Coast Protection Board, in response to the conservation land being sold, indicated they could and would not support that due to environmental protection reasons. First Nations view was also a consideration in the response.

On this basis, and again in reference to the sentiment of the community during an earlier consultation campaign, Council representatives indicated they could not support anything other than what is currently used for the purpose of a golf course.

Discussion was held about the 'land swap' matter but no real consensus was made about that matter.

Council representatives agreed to investigate Crown Land being purchased from the Crown and the closure of the unmade road.

The Golf Club explained that the current leased land they hold with the District Council of Robe for Lot 1 has been well preserved for the last 35 years.

Lot 1 has three different zonings; neighbourhood zone, conservation zone and open space zone. Subdivision options were discussed with Council's Development Officer being invited to join the meeting.

The meeting concluded with Council asking the Golf Club to forward correspondence on their current position to bring to Council for future consideration.