

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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Master Planning Working Party

Draft Notes to the meeting hosted by District Council of Mt Barker
Strategic Planning Workshop
6.30pm -8.00pm Wednesday 25th March 2015
Callington Hall

In attendance: over 50 community members, KCCCC Members: Fiona, Kathy, Allana, Carol, Harry, Bill, Bob

The notes below are a summary of ideas that were raised by the community at the meeting with the exception of those actions and ideas contained in the boxes. No attempt has been made to check the accuracy of any of these statements.

Topics and issues

1. Community based planning

There was recognition by the DCMB of the benefits of community based planning for the future of the area.

Possible action: The Master Planning process is an example of community based planning, albeit with a focus on optimising the benefits from mine closure. The Working Party could promote this aspect of its work strongly.

2. Governance: Collaboration between District Council of Mt Barker (DCMB) and the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)

There are a number of factors coming together that represent an opportunity for the two Councils to collaborate and resolve some of the issues that arise as a result of the Council boundaries essentially cutting through the centre of Callington. These include:

1. DCMB Strategic Planning
2. KCCCC Master Planning
3. one Councillor from both DCMB and RCMB Councils living in Callington (Harry and Airlie)

Possible action: Invite the DCMB and RCMB to a Master Planning Working Party meeting and present the emerging Master Plan with special reference to issues where collaboration between Councils would be of benefit. Support Harry and Airlie in their leadership roles as Councillors to bring this issue forward and develop a mechanism for change (likely to be an innovative governance arrangement)

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Some of the issues for the Master Planning Working Party that may be addressed through a collaboration of Councils are:

1. Treatment of mining heritage

Callington has a rich European mining history dating back to the 1830s/ 40s. As a result there are a number of heritage buildings and relics in Callington and environs.

A large number of these have been identified in the past as heritage items and in need of protection. Current heritage surveys and listing processes are different between DCMB and RCMB with a risk that some of these items may be lost.

Possible action:

Encourage RCMB to consider conducting a heritage survey to formally recognise heritage values in their part of Callington and include these in the Master Planning for a heritage precinct linked to mining, tourism and other industries like creative industries (eg filmmaking).

2. Development Planning

There appears to be different policy drivers for each of the Councils in respect of future development in the Callington area and environs including residential development. Consistency in planning policies, planning rules and zones may help in the Master Planning process.

3. Other issues

Infrastructure priorities like road maintenance / schedules, drainage and the development of key infrastructure like bridges that span the two Council Districts may represent challenges for Councils spending public funds and returning the required benefit to the community.

Water management is a key issue in order to promote the sort of environmental and other benefits like tourism and agriculture development contemplated in the Master Plan. This is an important issue that may be addressed through the collaboration.

Priorities for the community

Key priorities raised by the community at the meeting are listed below under the four focus areas identified by DCMB for its Strategic Planning

1. Economy

1. planning protection for incompatible industry development in the area
2. the potential for tourism to be an economic driver for the area
3. develop trails that service industries like tourism, history and heritage, Aboriginal culture, recreation and sport, education

Idea: develop phone apps to provide interpretive information for the trails

4. the need to look after broad-acre farming

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5. the potential to attract 'grey nomads' with improved caravan facilities like waste pumping without necessarily developing a full blown '4 star' caravan park
6. potential new industries raised in the consultation were:
 - a. intensive agriculture
 - b. creative industries (like film making and art). There is a successful history of film making in the area with productions like Rain Shadow
7. the benefits of the heritage character of the area and support for the current heritage precinct (DCMB) with the potential to enhance and expand this theme
8. the potential to increase the local Government funding for restoration and maintenance of built heritage with recognition of the current heritage grants scheme (DCMB)
9. the need for improved public transport and the potential for Kanmantoo / Callington to become a transit hub such as a park and ride centre for the wider region
10. improve roads and other access
11. develop a Transport Plan for the area that includes all road users with a special focus on key times of the day for public safety
12. the future of goods trains and the potential for them to be diverted in future transport planning
13. build a pedestrian footbridge over the Bremer in heritage style

2. Community wellbeing

1. the potential for town beautification in order to regain / strengthen community pride through a facilitation of 'self-help' / clean-up programs (help us get rid of the waste)
2. need to improve youth facilities for each age group of children in the community such as the very young, middle years and teenagers
3. the potential for a united sports / community club based around the two ovals and including facilities for yoga, playground, family centre as well as all sports. May also include outdoor fitness equipment in the precinct
4. the potential to upgrade the Callington Hall for a mining museum, community centre, education centre, film making facility (multi-purpose)
5. need to reinforce the healthy lifestyle of the area as a key feature
6. the potential to turn some community land into a community garden
7. the potential for Council to gift the land next to the oval for community open space for the future

3. Urban environment

1. the need for sustainable growth (if growth is inevitable) and the maintenance of 'rural amenity' in planning decisions like minimum block sizes
2. a limit to residential development
3. concentrate residential development within the existing town boundaries with infill development
4. the need for protection of mining and other built heritage
5. consider building standards to support outcomes in heritage protection amenity sought by the community. Base the rules on complementarity with what's here
6. extend the blue heritage plaque program for heritage buildings already in place in Mt Barker
7. the need to retain and increase open space
8. the potential to place services underground, particularly new services

4. Sustainable living and the natural environment

1. the need to protect and enhance remnant native vegetation.
2. support sustainable management of the environment. This could be locally led by groups like Landcare. Extend this to include catchment repair
3. The need to utilise water resources in the local area and not be a collection point for others to take water away

Idea: Putting together creative industries, a history of filmmaking and tourism potential

Ask if the film industry might support development of the area by putting their location budget into Callington Kanmantoo

1. redevelop the old Callington Hall as a film set and leave the legacy of a community facility (museum, education centre, etc) in exchange for community support for a film project
2. help with trails project
3. promote the area

Ask the questions.....

1. Are you a filmmaker?
2. Do you need a location that shows a period mining site or a modern day mining community?
3. Would you be prepared to help our community development by collaborating with the community?