

Email 4th September 2018, to Beau Spry, PMHC

Hi Beau,

Thanks for the meeting last week. We thought it very constructive and helpful, and believe the changes discussed will benefit the finalisation of the Bonny Hills Plan and advantage the development of the ones yet to come.

I would appreciate it if you would check my notes below for any errors.

Council agreed on the following:

1. A new era of Council-community communication has begun. Instead of Council deciding on community needs and then informing the community, the process is being reversed.
2. The planning process should be seen as a partnership between Council and each community
3. The process used for development of the Bonny Hills Community Plan is being substantially revised in the light of the Bonny Hills experience.
4. The expectations of the community and Council should be developed and documented at the start of the planning process. Of paramount importance to the community is assurance that feedback and discussion will occur throughout the process.
5. In future a Community Action Team will be established at the beginning, drawing on community members prepared to be actively involved in the process through to sign-off for Council consideration and approval. The Council team involved in the planning process should be actively engaged with this group throughout.
6. These two steps should significantly improve communication between community and Council, and successful engagement offers Council the benefit of having advocates for decisions.
7. The Bonny Hills Community Plan will be presented to Council as a draft, along with observations on the experience of running this first one, and improvements to be made for subsequent plans.
8. Council will set up and engage with a Community Action Team at Bonny Hills to discuss improvements to the Bonny Hills Plan and determine priorities.

We are still mulling over how the CAT for Bonny Hills will relate to the BHPA.

Kind regards
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