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Sgt. Jeff Taylor gave a report on crime in Gidgegannup. There had been 90 offences in Gidgegannup in the last financial year as compared with 119 in the previous year, which is a 24% reduction. There had been 20 so far in this financial year – some related to Telstra overhead land lines being cut down. There is no value in these land lines and it is unclear what the motive is. It could be vandalism as they are cut near ground level. If finding cut lines report them to Telstra as they are the owners and need to make the report to police.

It was felt that there is a need to tighten up on the regulations surrounding scrap metal dealers. Suggested that the GPA should write to State Government with this request.

Some reports of illegal cutting of wood and incidents should be rung in and reported to Police on 131444. Reports of a white ute entering a resident's drive at 2.00am. Any time of day or night report on 131444. Reports of hooning, burn outs and speeding on Stoneville Road – again report all these incidents. The more reports there are the more police attendance we will get. Jobs are logged and then police can take action. Member reported reticence to report as concerns about retribution. All reports can be anonymous. Photographs and details of offending vehicle can be rung in on 131444.

Sgt. Taylor will be leaving Mundaring in March but will bring his replacement to a meeting so we can meet them.

LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 4 STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 34 (NORTH STONEVILLE TOWNSITE)

SP34 was advertised for public comment in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 (the Regulations). 957 submissions were received, with the majority expressing objection for reasons mainly relating to bushfire risk, environmental damage, traffic impacts and amenity. After assessing these and other factors against relevant legislation, policies, guidelines and agency advice, this report finds that SP34 is generally compliant with the relevant parts of the planning framework and is capable of approval. However, the Shire's assessment of the traffic generated by the proposed development confirms it would exacerbate road network capacity constraints, compromising public safety.

Shire of Mundaring staff have recommended rejecting the proposed North Stoneville development.

The Shire report, which will be considered at a special council meeting on Tuesday, August 27, recommends refusal of Structure Plan 34 (SP34) because traffic growth would put pressure on the existing road network and become a risk to community safety.

Based on a traffic impact assessment and community feedback, Shire officers said there was uncertainty the road network could safely accommodate the additional 4000 residents expected under the plan.

In its submission, Main Roads WA also said Great Eastern Highway did not have the capacity to accommodate the volumes of traffic expected.

The Special Electors meeting held on 12th August had about 250 attendees.

The GPA in their initial submission expressed their concern over the lack of road infrastructure.

VERGE MAINTENANCE

The Chair asked for direction on mechanical mulching versus spraying. Mulching was unanimously supported.

A member raised objection to burning in Spring as it was felt that this would destroy the seed bank. She felt that all burning of verges should be in Autumn. Unfortunately this is not always possible due to weather.

Meeting were asked for their support of the following 3 courses of action with regard to burning of verges -

1. No burning
2. Burn only in Autumn
3. Burn when opportunity presents at whatever time of year

The third option was the preferred option with stress on all care for the conservation of the verges by the pattern of burning.

City Fire and Emergency teams are in charge of such burning. Brigades burn at direction of City and ideally this should be carried out every 8-10 years. Argued that landowners should undertake burning to protect their infrastructure. Some verges had not been burned for over 30 years and a high amount of litter had built up. The danger of this is that the intensity if there is a fire would cause mature trees to fall blocking roads and preventing escape.

The cost of mulching versus spraying was discussed and it was felt that although the initial cost of mulching was higher that long term in was a

more economical option as growth affecting line of sight vision could also be taken out at the same time.

Verges adjacent to bushland would be targeted first although requests were made for verges adjacent to pasture to also be considered.

Member raised point if a request could be made not to have a verge outside a property burnt similar to a request not to spray a verge. Felt this could be considered but has wider implications with burning as to allow litter to build up is of great danger to the wider community because of risk of mature trees falling and blocking access roads.

RURAL WATCH

There has been another theft of telephone cable from O'Brien Road. A burglary has also been reported in North Gidge. Vandalism has also been carried out at the Showgrounds.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANTS ROUND 5

Ken Wyatt's office has forwarded information re. round 5 of these grants of between \$2500 and \$20000. Applications commence 5th August, 2019.

LICENSING AND LEASES FOR CITY FACILITIES IN GIDGEGANNUP

For some time there have been ongoing negotiations between the City and the Recreation Club re. their lease on the Percy Cullen recreation grounds and facilities. A lease was signed some two years ago but it appears that the terms of the lease are too onerous for the Recreation Club to comply with. These negotiations are ongoing and it is hoped they can be resolved before the end of October when the present lease will terminate.

It should be remembered that the Recreation Club for over 30 years have been running the Recreation Club, which is the overarching body for all the sporting clubs. Community members cleared the ground for the oval and contributed towards the building of the original Pavilion. They fenced the Reserve off to protect it from degradation and the dumping of rubbish and vehicles which. They installed the reticulation for the oval, the cricket wicket, the playground, obtained funding from the Federal Government for the drive way in to the east of the Reserve, purchased a mower to maintain the grounds and have maintained the grounds and buildings for all that time.

There is concern that if the lease should lapse due to negotiations failing what is the future for the sporting clubs in Gidgegannup. These clubs are an extremely important part of the social fabric of this community.

Following this there has been concern from the equestrian clubs using the showgrounds as to the amount of rent required for their usage of the equestrian facilities at those grounds. The equestrian community is also an important part of our community and the reason why many people choose to live in Gidgegannup.

Due to these concerns a community meeting was held on 29th July to discuss the issues. Jessica Shaw MLA attended. Unfortunately neither of our Councillors were invited.

What is clear is that the present lease/licence model which is based on a percentage of revenue and community content of usage, will not work in Gidgegannup.

A fairer and more affordable model needs to be worked out between the City and user clubs.

It may be unwise to consider proceeding with the Showgrounds Masterplan until this situation is resolved as more expenditure could result in higher rentals.

It also must remember that again we are faced with the situation again of a "one size does not fit all". We are a rural ward in an urban municipality, we do not have the membership bases that can be achieved in urban areas, we just don't have the population.

The GPA hopes these issues can be sorted out satisfactorily for all parties in the near future as this uncertainty is not helpful to our clubs or our community.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FILLING OF
LAND FOR A CONSTRUCTED RUNWAY - LOT 121 (NO.2927)
TOODYAY ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP - DA-479/2018

In response to your submission on this proposal, this email is to advise that Council, at its meeting held on 31 July 2019, considered the above matter and resolved to:

- 1) Defer consideration of this matter to a future Ordinary Meeting of Council to conduct wider consultation (than the 500m conducted).

- 2) Additional public consultation to be undertaken to include property owners within 1.5km of the proposed development site.

TOWNSITE DEVELOPMENT

Member raised issue of proposed sale of townsite. We are not aware of any potential purchasers at this stage. Concern was expressed that the WAPC would not approve the proposed subdivision in the concept plan in an Urban area.

It should be noted that LPS17 is to be reviewed and that the projected growth for Gidgegannup over the next 20 years is for another 807 dwellings to be added and a population of 5433.

At present as at 2018 there are 3113 persons and 1147 dwellings. This hardly represents urbanisation so perhaps we will get our village centre.