

Applewood Residents Committee

5, Grand Boulevard, Doncaster, Victoria, 3108

Minutes of Meeting
Manningham Councillors and Applewood Residents Committee
Tuesday 10th September 2024
9.30am
Private Dining Room

Present: Ellen Boyd (Chair), Geoff Dreher (Secretary), Grahame Bond,
Roger Godfrey, Jeff Hore, Robyn Millership (10.15am), Stephanie Orr.

In attendance: Manningham Councillor – **Deidre Diamante**
Manningham Manager City Infrastructure – **Andrea Szymanski**
Manager Applewood - John Smrk

Apologies: Peter Sage, Mike Reece, Carole English.

Welcome:

Ellen welcomed Deidre and Andrea to the meeting who then described their roles in Manningham City Council (MCC). Deidre has been a Councillor for 4 years and Andrea was appointed 6 months ago.

Each member present then introduced themselves and commented on what items they hoped MCC could achieve.

Matters for discussion:

1. Healthy Ageing

- Ellen reported that the Health Ageing forum recently was not clear on the services being offered. An Access and Support facilitator (Debra Cottington) would be good to explain access to facilities.
- Deidre said the Health and Ageing department of MCC could help to navigate Government agencies etc. A MCC Phone number could be given to Residents to facilitate this.
- Deidre also said that she would get the Manningham Matters newsletter delivered to Applewood for Residents to see what is coming up and how to do it.

- Also excursions on the Community Bus run by EV Community Transport for persons over 65 years of age, are available and is sort after by many Residents. Unfortunately there is a waiting list as funding is limited. The MCC Budget will address the funding available for additional EV excursions.

2. MCC Projects

- Footpath and Road projects in discussion with DTP
- Road Safety is pursued by MCC by looking at Driver and Vehicle education and Safety.
- Doncaster Park and Ride facilities may be closed for some time due to North Eastern Link constructions.
- Merlin Street Traffic Lights installation on Tram Road may need to be timed with the Sewerage development at the end of Whittens Lane which may be affected by the Eastern Freeway widening development.
- MCC has no policy on eScooters use. The new Council in November will look at Bicycle and eScooter and Car Share facilities.

3. North Eastern Link Authority (NELA) project.

- The Bulleen Road and Tunnell is progressing but beyond that two sets of lanes on each side of the Freeway are to be built from Burke Road to Tram Road which means that Doncaster Park and Ride will be closed for 3 years while bus lanes are also built .
- The widening of the Freeway closes road access to Sargent Street from Applewood and will prevent car access to 4 houses in the street. It has been suggested by a Resident that a temporary road using the gardens of the 4 houses concerned would be more cost effective and maybe preferable for the occupants as well as allow access by Applewood residents. John agreed to pursue this with NELA.
- Deidre emphasized that Applewood Residents affected by the NELA Freeway widening can ask for assistance for things such as blinds etc to shield them from the works.

4. Council Election Update

- The next meeting of MCC on Monday 16th September will be the last before the MCC Election in October. Election packs will be mailed to all MCC residents early October. The new Council will be elected by Early November.
- Deidre is standing for another term in the MCC Election.

5. Council Rates

- Deidre commented that Applewood residents are given a discount of approximately \$200 on Waste Charges in their rate notice. There is no discount on any other aspects of the rates. Hence it is incorrect to say there is a discount on rates
- Ellen pointed out that holders of a health card from Centre Link can get a rebate on their rate notice from government. How to get this will need a workshop from MCC Health and Ageing to explain.

6. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of MCC and ARC in six months time in March 2025.

7. Other Business

Summary of matters to be pursued by Deidre:

- i) Contact info to send to John re:
 - MCC Health and Ageing Manager
 - Andrea Szmanski
 - NELA
- ii) Delivery of Manningham Matters documents to John
- iii) Phone number and brief description of MCC Health and Ageing
- iv) Workshops to be offered to Applewood on how to access a Health Care card, by the Access and Support Facilitator Debra Cottingham.
- v) Manningham Community Bus increase funding by March 2025
- vi) Andrea – Report on Merlin Street Traffic Lights
- vii) Andrea – Report on Hepburn Road roundabout
- viii) Andrea - Report on MCC Capital Works
- ix) Waste Charges
- x) Sargent Street access NELA

8. Close of Meeting – 11.00 am

Ellen Boyd
Chair Person

Geoff Dreher
Secretary

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