**Draft Minutes of the Berry Forum Meeting**

Held Aug 16, 2018 7:30pm at the Berry School of Arts

**Present**: 50 people attended the meeting, including Clr, Nina Cheyne.

**Apologies**: Clr. Patricia White

**Welcome and Introduction** (David Carter – Chairman)

Minutes of the meeting held on June 14 2018 were approved.

**Correspondence**

- NRMA EV Charging network- still interested in setting up space in Berry

- Update on Gerroa Rd closure

- Council annual subsidy of $500 received

- Advice from Town Crier editorial board that deadlines for articles will not be extended

- Council Familiarisation tour 24 Sept

- Edward St. bridge - Geotechnical investigation underway.

**District Park Status** (Liliana Hutchinson)

- Boongaree, the aboriginal name for Berry area, had the most votes and was approved by Council.

- Engineers are working with Council to improve the drainage for the ovals and access to parking

- Consultation with Aboriginal Elders is underway to create a sensory and native tucker garden. - The skate park will be enlarged and encompass a youth space around it.

- Plans for a youth get together, with food provided

- Detailed design to be completed by mid-October

- Next steps will be to seek Council funding and Government Grants.

**Infrastructure & Facilities**

Queen Street Road Safety Proposal

Council is seeking the Forum’s feedback on a $185,000 project to remove the existing pedestrian refuge and replace with a raised pedestrian crossing between Alexandra St and Prince Alfred St, the installation of an additional raised pedestrian crossing at the existing kerb extensions mid-block between Albany St and Alexandra St, and a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area from Albany St to Prince Alfred St. From July 2012 to June 2017 there were 5 crashes along Queen St.

Mark Radium Park - Council has funding for a shelter over a picnic table

Forum members are asked to provide feedback on the two proposals, and also to email council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au with any repairs required around town.

**Bangalee Motel DA**

Council approved the DA at its Development Committee meeting.

The Forum’s concerns about Council’s inadequate heritage assessment were raised.

**Huntingdale Park Development**

Council agreed to our request to extend the period for submissions from two to six weeks. The developer has agreed to make a presentation to the Forum on Tuesday 29 Aug at 5.30pm.

**Vennu: (**Suzanne Campbell – Berry resident)

Suzanne has developed an online business to build more resilient communities by sharing community spaces. Vennu is an easy to use digital marketplace, showcasing an abundance of unique community spaces to hire, saving time, money and effort.

**General Business**

- Council wll remove the Prince Alfred St ‘No Right Turn’ sign, so people can use Apex Park toilets

- Councillors will be visiting Berry on 14 Sept as part of a familiarization tour

- Planet Arks National Tree Planting day organised by Berry Landcare is on Sunday 26th August

Meeting Closed 8:27pm

**Next Forum Meeting 11 October 2018**