

Attention Mr Cook and Councillors Fewster, Rule, Court, Vis, Johnson, Balcombe, Peczka, Morton and Lobb,

Thank you Wayne and Aaron, for your replies to my email of last week about the paid parking in Guilderton.

We shall certainly be emailing Les Crichton about the 'financial allocations and commitment' although we hoped that you would be able to explain them.

Unfortunately, we feel no clearer about Council's actions as described from the 15 June 2021 Shire Minutes.

We accept that, Council makes 'errors' and then attempt to correct them, however we would like further clarity.

Aaron, please show me the description of 'Council's original intent'?

I looked further, especially at the 17 July 2018 Minutes which are often referred to as the original approval.

The Resolution in those Minutes is '1. Confirm the intent of previous discussions with respect to the initiation of a 12 month trial period for paid parking at the Guilderton foreshore in order to facilitate a review of the parking meter system; and
2. Agree that the trial period will terminate on 22 April 2019, with a report to be presented to Council for consideration at its May meeting. Carried Unanimously.'

Please detail the record of the 'previous discussions' that you refer to?

In my email, I quoted the Shire Minutes of 20 December 2016 and 18 July 2017 and still see no evidence that 'Council's original intent' was as you now describe it.

The 'original intent' that we were promised was simply that 'all revenue from the paid parking would be set aside for the Guilderton foreshore upgrade', which we understood was in the planning stage then!

We are very disheartened to hear that you are planning on 'several more years' before a foreshore upgrade occurs.

Going back further, in 2006 President Gifford, in his Budget Newsletter, states, 'Council has also made provision for the possible construction of new ablution facilities on the Moore River foreshore at Guilderton. Council will be investigating the most appropriate and agreeable site for the relocation'. Sounded good to us!

In 2010, GCA President Geoff Gilby replied to Shire President Gifford's letter about how the Guilderton Foreshore Concept Plan should progress, in some detail.

In the Budget deliberations for Priorities in the year 2010/11 is stated

3. Guilderton (foreshore) Concept Plan - Safety - high, Environmental - high, Tourism and Public Benefit - high.

It was the only project on that list of 6 items relating to Guilderton, to rate 'high' in all areas.

Did we completely fall off the Shire radar until you thought of parking meters?

I have already detailed the Annual Electors meetings where we questioned the whole idea and were led to understand that all revenue from the installation of parking meters was to be spent on foreshore upgrades.

Then there is the amount you are putting to the current GFR??

In May 2019 is the only report I can find of monies collected.

The first year cost \$20,985 in installation costs and \$8,927 in total operating expenditure = \$29,912.

Collected from the meters was \$94,051 from 22,014 tickets, while 1,116 infringements were issued and 324 complaints were responded to.

What are the figures for the second and third years of operation?

Despite Covid's effect on revenue and the fact that tourism is well down in Guilderton especially since May 2021, we would expect that the heavy summer usage would have seen healthy profits from meters and fines??

In short, we do not think that the Shire is being fair or clear in your Resolution of 15 June and again ask for explanation and consultation.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Johnson for GCA and GVC committees.