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Dear Mr. Pashley,

Methods of support of residents & ratepayers organisations

In response to your recent letters we are writing to convey our thoughts re the above. We are in agreement with the suggestions received by you to date:

- Councillors should attend RRA meetings whenever possible
- A meeting of all RRA's and all Councillors at least twice a year
- Staff members to attend from time to time to discuss local projects
- Opportunity for input into relevant Council decisions
- Consultation on planning of Town Planning Scheme 4
- Shire website updated regularly with details of RRA's listed in suburbs/localities
- Free use of Council facilities for meetings
- Regular updates, by either email or newsletter, of upcoming events/plans
- Occasional provision of photocopying facilities

We believe that there should also be a section on the Shire's website devoted to information re local interest groups such as the Wildflower Society, groups who have adopted reserves etc.

We discussed recommending that a Community Advisory Committee be set up consisting of Councillors, Shire Officers and RRA representatives. However we are mindful that Councillors and Officers already have many meetings to attend throughout the year as it is.

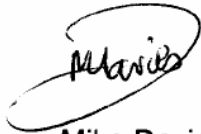
We would suggest however that communication with both RRA's and the broader community would be greatly improved if the newsletter mentioned above could be published once a month in the local newspapers. It would be possible then to inform the whole community of upcoming events covering a wide range of issues including planning. The newsletter could also give information on anything that had happened in the previous month that was not mentioned in the last newsletter.

Such a newsletter could be concise and in 'bullet' form with details of who to contact for further information. I'm sure the newspapers would be happy to consider this free editorial given the Shire's regular expenditure on advertising etc. We would be happy to feature such a newsletter on our website.

We have recently had a situation in Stoneville where residents were given very little information regarding a proposal for a bottle shop and expansion of retail activity adjacent to the local Post Office. Although there are 600 homes within a 1000 metre radius of this proposal we can only find 6 residents that were informed of this by the Shire. No signs were erected advertising the proposals and no Public Notices appeared in the local papers. The letters that were received arrived 6 days after the date on the letter and gave little time to make submissions.

We consider this to be most unsatisfactory and the newsletter suggested would mean that such information would be more readily available to all members of the community.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Davies

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