



Middleton Flood Community Meeting

14 March 2024

Present

Alexandrina Council Staff

Chief Executive Officer - Nigel Morris
Executive Manager Office of the CEO - Tash Hunt
General Manager of Community - Stacey Bateson
General Manager of Infrastructure - Alan Harvey
Manager Regulatory Services – David Heath
Manager of Economic Development – Lisa O'Donoghue
Team Leader Community Development – Anna Schmidt
Community Development Officer – Deb Gregory

Tonkin's staff

Tim Kerby

Council Members

Lou Nicholson
Margaret Gardener
Michael Scott

Community - 27 community members & 1 reporter

Jack Church – reporter
Jim Schultz
Robert Andrews
Trudy Mullins
Peter Humby
Stan Woods
Stuart Jenkinson
Keith Dommewz
Trish Dommewz
Brenton Rosins
Hilary Spacey
Keith Spacey
Bron Lewis
Anna Vincent
Danielle Van DerGoag
Tom Vincent
Stephanie Ingerson
Sharon Schultz
Tresea Harnett
Fran Wanders
Janis Haynes
Merr Atkison
Sam Harrison
Paul Logan
Cash Vincent
John Taylor
Peter Humby

Nigel acknowledged Council could have done things better – focused on clearing roads etc and not on the people/community.

Tim from Tonkin's spoke about the Hydrologist report, they undertook:

- Detailed flood modelling conducted.
- Photos and videos supplied by Council staff informed the modelling.
- Site visit with Council staff – inspected culverts, debris markers, creek line etc.
- Accessed available data from BOM etc.

Comments from Community during the meeting:

- Council had no engagement with the eastern side of Middleton.
- 100-year flood Map does not reflect the story of what actually happened. Why weren't the residents interviewed and where has the Council been since?
- Residents got Landscape SA get involved to work out who owned the creek after Council saying it was not their responsibility. Legal direction from Landscape SA the creek bend was Council's responsibility. Alexandrina Council Asset Manager has been undertaking follow-up. Stacey Bateson has latest update.
- 1992 flood – Council should be looking and listening to resident's property owners. Where is the consultation?
- People in the community wanted to know what actually happened on that day – if you don't have a map of what happened how can you mitigate future concerns.
- Storm water management plan should be considered for Middleton.
- The creek is not the only source of flooding – storm water was also a main contributor.
- People have lived experience that should feed into the report.
- Why is this not a public health issue?
- No community consultation before Tonkin's report.
- Hydrologist study went from the Mill Terrace side not Padman.
- Refuted the data and assumptions that fed into the modelling.
- Janis Haynes requested a show of hands.

'My proposition is that a complete mapping process of all the inundated properties, and all road/railway culverts preferably by interviewing affected residents and then include those new measurements of those same culverts be made before we have confidence in this process, and we ask that our Local Councillors present agree to this request'.

16 out of 27 people put their hands up.

- DIT need to be here as Goolwa Road is their road.
- Why was there no Red Cross or similar agency for isolated people?
- Speak to John (resident) – happy for him to speak on our behalf. We want a solution.
- Historical – had the late 1960 's decided to fill in Dry Creek (back of Caravan Park). It was natures escape route.
- Simple things like cleaning and clearing the gutters and culverts will be a start.
- What consideration is this having in the budget? There needs to be money set aside for Middleton for storm water mitigation.



Nigel, Alan and Stacey:

- Nigel & Alan - Any feedback on report please come back to us not Tonkin's.
- Stacey encouraged Community members to provide contact details if they would like a visit from Council staff to discuss their concerns.
- Nigel closed the meeting with the offer of staff staying behind for residents to talk with.