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Tim Tamlin
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South Gippsland Shire Council
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Dear Mr Tamlin

Re: Meeniyah's Community Plan & Renaming of McIlwaine Street

The topic of the renaming of McIlwaine Street was discussed at our April meeting. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the Shire's decision but it is apparent that a final decision has been made.

However the discussion then revolved around the value and purpose of a town having a Community Plan when the town is not notified of a proposal to change the name of a longstanding and well known street.

Members felt particularly aggrieved when discovering that the Leongatha and District Historical Society and the Meeniyah RSL were involved in the process and Council Minutes of 27 July 2016 state:-

**The Leongatha Historical Society and Meeniyah Returned Services
League will be updated with the progression of renaming McIlwaine.**

Meeniyah was the first town in the Shire to develop a Community Plan and our members (many of whom spent a lot of time working with the Shire on its development) consider that that the Shire should have notified Progress of the proposed name change. Surely a town with a Community Plan should be an automatic inclusion for direct notice of important matters affecting that town?

We seek clarification on this issue for future reference.

Yours Faithfully,

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