

Bonny Hills Progress Association Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11th August 2009

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Bonny Hills Community Hall

Chairman: Roger Barlow

Apologies: Phil Hafey, Liz James, Dennice Lockhart

Committee members attending: David Rogers, Penny Marshall, Joyce Wulff, Roger Barlow, Bill Howell, Greg Hickey, Theo Van Der Veen

Treasurer's Report: Due to Dennice illness the Treasurer's report will be emailed to the committee and tabled at the September committee meeting:

In summary as at the end of July 2009 the overall balance was + \$30.00

Motion: To pay Public Liability insurance for Community Strength Group of \$734.88 to "Local Community Services"

Moved: Joyce Wulff Seconded: Dave Rogers...carried

Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

Committee meeting held 21st July 2009 (as circulated).

Moved: Joyce Wulff Seconded: Greg Hickey Carried

Business arising from the minutes:

- Yellow Newsletter article by David Rogers
Sent
- Phil to contact Lake Cathie PA re a joint meeting to discuss matters of common interest – eg the waste transfer site and a light industrial area.
L.C.P.A. meet on Sunday 16th - Roger and Phil will attend this meeting to discuss means of defining and dealing with issues of common interest like the need for and preferred locations of future industrial and waste transfer station sites for Bonny Hills/Lake Cathie
- Roger to construct a 'decision tree' to categorise levels/degrees of possible conflict of interest and their management by committee.
Draft presented by Roger – this will be circulated as a basis for further discussion and development.
- Roger to chase up committee members re photographs for the web site
Ongoing. Unfortunately our first grant application was unsuccessful [see correspondence below].

Correspondence In:

17/7/09 PMHC – Council Minutes

23/7/09 Lesley Atkinson (PMHC) – advising unsuccessful application for funding under Community Grants Program.

24/7/09 PMHC – Business Papers Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting

[note that PMHC will hold their next meeting at Laurieton on Tuesday 26th August at 5.00pm]

28/7/09 LCPA – Copy of letter from Peter Besseling re need for Police Presence
 29/7/09 Darren Mearrick – expressing appreciation of BHPA work
 1/8/09 LCPA – August Newsletter
 5/8/09 HCCU – Monthly statement
 5/8/09 Port City Bowling Club - advising unsuccessful application for funding under CDSE Program.
 9/8/09 LCPA – Advising General Meeting 23rd August

Correspondence Out:

7/8/09 Paul Thompson (Bonny Hills Youth & Community Projects Group) – indicating our support for the proposed Bonny Hills Youth Plaza Skate Park.
 9/8/09 LCPA – requesting attendance at General Meeting 23rd August

General Business:

- Key Strategic Directions – reports of progress on proposed actions
 Most of the actions have been picked up elsewhere in these minutes.
- Public meeting on 18th August, 7pm in the Community Hall
 Flyers are to go out in mail boxes this thur/fri/mon [David and Dennice]. Roger to print off the order of proceedings to hand out on the night. David is to organise the means for collecting individual’s views on the issues being canvassed.
- Meeting with Administrator and GM on 27th August on site in Bonny Hills – following up on the issues we identified in our initial briefing paper and will be further informed by information gathered at the public meeting referred to above.
- Sewerage Treatment Plant open day 5th August
 A number of committee members and our rep on the PMHC Coastal and Estuaries Committee [Alison Kennedy] attended. About 75 people from BH and LC attended and were provided with conducted tours of the recently upgraded facility. Despite the very wet summer season the project is on time and on budget and is currently going through the commissioning phase. It will be interesting to compare water quality test results in Duchess Creek before and after given that the augmented facility has much improved purification capability.
- We had a very useful discussion about how we might better engage and consult with the BH community in an ongoing manner. This will always be ‘a work in progress’ and it is normal that interest will be governed by the amount of ‘heat’ there is in the topics we have on the agenda at any given time. Means of interesting more people in attending our monthly committee meetings, which are open to the public, were discussed. As an initial suggestion we could display the minutes at a number of venues in addition to the PO.
- An area where we can be found wanting is in describing to a third party like PMHC in 30 seconds what our community actually means when we use terms like ‘village character/atmosphere/amenity’ in the BH vision statement. We will be working on pinning this down over the coming months as it is a cornerstone of the BH vision.
- An invitation to be extended to the Rural Fire Service to attend our next meeting and update the committee on the current status of BH bushfire prevention and preparedness.

Date of next Committee meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2009 at 7.00pm