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Bonny Hills Progress Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday 15 November 2022, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

Meeting opened: 7.01pm

Welcome by Chairman

Committee members attending: Bill Howell, Tony Robinson, Kathy Regan, Ian Simpson, Paul Poleweski, Pam Barlow, Ross Smith, John Drinan.

In attendance: Ian Richardson, Del Robson, Lyndon Harris, Peter Rodgers, Marty Dures, Elise William, Helen Smith

Apologies: Nil

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2022:

Moved: Ian Simpson, Seconded: Pam Barlow, *Carried*.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

Kathy reported on separate meetings with Shadow Minister and Minister for Transport. The latter was to get back to us in a month but nothing has been heard 6 weeks after the event. Kathy has followed up with Leslie Williams MP. David Gillespie MP has been helpful in contacting Canberra. Kathy has also been representing other safety issues at the intersection with transport NSW, e.g. need for a Reduce Speed sign into off-ramp from north.

If an unsatisfactory response is received from the Minister, BHPA will pursue further.

2. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported on recent release from WwTP in heavy rain and excessive bacterial levels in outflow to beach. Unclear of the proportions that might be ascribed to the WwTP product and stormwater coming from above the WwTP.

No reply has been received to BHPA's most recent enquiries to Council.

Requirements for sewage warning signage remain unclear and probably inadequate.

February 2023 is the new date for commissioning of the purple pipe recycled water.

Roger noted BHPA's pending report on BHPA bacterial measurements of local streams.

3. Bonny Hills Art Prize 2023

John reported on good progress for another successful Art Prize.

This year there will be two Youth sections due to extra sponsorship being available. Children as Artists workshops will also operate over several days where local artists will work with the kids. Ian has again shown his grant-seeking prowess in obtaining a Council grant of \$2000 to fund this.

4. Proposed residential developments including 976 Ocean Drive

Dissatisfaction continues among nearby residents. Poor communication from Council. Residents' understanding is that the Council Planner will shortly submit their recommendation to the **Development Assessment** Panel for decision.

Roger reported on the progressive criteria adopted by Byron Bay Council that are not used by PMHC. He included these in the BHPA submission on the matter.

No further news has been received re Bonny View and Glen Eden proposals.

5. Celebrating 75 years of Bonny Hills

Much of what had been planned had to be abandoned due to unavailability of key people but the various history projects remain ready for activation.

Ian reported that Blue Plaques, under the aegis of Heritage NSW, are now available for this shire and suggested that one might be installed near the original post office to mark the site. He sees this as being the most appropriate place to mark 75 years.

Tony reported on the Walking Guides he produced and their widespread distribution.

Ian Richardson tabled his proposal for a guide to Driving Routes to sites of historic and sacred importance or special significance. Users will need to refer to 'Bonny Hills Yesterday and Today'. Paul recommended that a draft be available at the Twilight Market on 25 November and that comments be invited.

6. Annual financial membership review

Family membership fees have not changed in the past 20 or so years.

Moved Paul Poleweski, seconded Ian Simpson: That the annual fee be increased from \$10 to \$15 starting from the AGM 2023. *Carried.*

7. Landscaping at Grants Head Reservoir Reserve

Tony proposed that BHPA encourage the improvement of this Reserve. It is already in the Reserves Master Plan and will depend on prioritisation of funds.

Treasurer's Report

Balances at 13 November 2022. **Note:** Amounts in () are at 23 September 2022

❖ Community Support (general/administration):	\$ 1,310	(\$1,898)
❖ Community Strength (projects):	\$11,738	(\$12,067)
❖ External grants:	\$ 4,124	(\$ 4,643)
❖ Events	\$ 9,963	(\$11,100)
Total funds held	\$27,135	

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Paul Polewski, Seconded: John Drinan.
Carried.

Correspondence In: 27 September – 15 November

Subject	Correspondents	Dates of correspondence
Signs re beach contamination	Mayor, PMHC;	29/9,
Grants Head Reservoir reserve	Alex Gray, PMHC;	29/9,
Community plans template	Alex Gray, PMHC;	5/10,
CCAT and priorities	Alex Gray, PMHC;	5/10, 2/11, 8/11,
Meeting with Transport Minister and other intersection matters	Terry Sara, Leslie Williams MP Office; Brad Crispin, Transport for NSW; David Gillespie MP; Leslie Williams MP; Mayor; Christine Boyd, Jenny Aitchison MP Office;	5/10, 5/10, 6/10,6/10, 10/10, 14/10, 9/11,
976 Ocean Drive	Allanah O’Gorman, PMHC; Stephanie Boston, PMHC;	6/10, 10/10, 11/10,
Climate change	Cnclr Rachel Sheppard;	14/10,
Draft Operational Plan 2023-24	Community Engagement team, PMHC;	31/10,
Procurement policy	Sha McGovern, PMHC;	10/11,

General Business

1. New members

Lyndon Harris.

2. Renewal of Community Hall noticeboard tiles

Bill reported on progress regarding an upgrade of the information tiles of the various Hall-hiring groups. All have agreed to proceed. Laurieton Men's Shed will do the work. Four vacant spots remain.

3. Nominations for Australia Day Awards

Roger outlined the dilemma of how BHPA should identify worthy nominees, and the desirability of looking outside BHPA itself. Agreed that Jock Garven would be very deserving of the Citizen of the Year award. Kathy will seek his agreement.

4. Twilight Market 25/11/22 – BHPA involvement

Kathy reported that the Surf Club initiated this venture and invited BHPA to have a stall. Paul advised T-shirts, Bonny Hills books, Coastal Walk brochures, Driving Tour guides, BHPA promotion, Art Prize promotion, Laurieton Historical Society calendars, etc, will be available.

5. Regional Australia Bank Community partnership

The bank has advised Paul that a small percentage of earnings on our deposited funds is available for BHPA to nominate a worthy recipient. About \$200 would be available for distribution. Agreed to recommend Camden Haven's Community@3.

6. Participation in CCAT

Agreed to send a letter to CEO and all Councillors advising of our dissatisfaction and indicating we think it is no longer worth us spending our time on it. Reference should be made to our June meeting with the CEO and Director Watkins..

7. New sportsgrounds

Tony reported on the invited inspection last week and noted it will be an excellent facility.

Meeting closed: 9.15pm

Next meeting: 17 January 2023

President

Roger Barlow

Secretary

John Drinan

Reserve items

This section of the Minutes will maintain a list of items requiring monitoring though not currently on the live agenda.

- Beach Street rezoning (*letter to Council 16/6/21*);
- Paragliders
- BHPA risk assessment
- Light Industrial Area
- Quarry
- Community Emergency Response
- Pathway along Ocean Drive