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Minutes for Committee Meeting – Tuesday 19 September, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

Meeting began: 7.00 pm

Welcome by Chairman: Roger

Attendance: Bill Howell; Diane King; Kathy Regan; Pam Barlow; Paul Poleweski; Ross Smith; Ian Simpson; John Drinan; Jock Garvan; Paul Galland; Ian Richardson; Roger Barlow; Tony Robinson

Apologies: Graeme and Virginia Cox;

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2023:

Moved: Paul Poleweski;

Seconded: Ross Smith: that the Minutes be accepted. Carried.

1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

Kathy reported:

- Debate of the petition will occur Thursday afternoon (21st Sept) @ 4pm. Check Parliamentary website and look for the "Live" button to watch the debate.
- Has tried several times unsuccessfully to get support from the NRMA for the overpass. Local NRMA manager (very supportive of the concept) is looking to try and get support for the initiative from her leaders.
- Reiterate that it is the State Gov which must initiate the process of motorway upgrades.
- The indicative speed sign still does not appear to be working - maybe intermittently.

2. Sewage and stormwater

- Group (Roger, Ross, John and Tony) met with PMHC reps re stormwater and runoff. Roger has put together a two page summary document of the meeting and is now waiting for Council to respond to its accuracy. A copy will be included with the minutes.

- After a query from resident Steve Bryson Ross and John have tested the water that has been building up on the Rainbow Beach from the exfiltration trench of the treatment plant and found it to be high in nitrogen and phosphorous.
- Ross also reported on the latest water testing results from Council, and suggested he needed to do some more work on these.

Action: Ross to follow up on water readings that are regularly taken by Council.

3. Matters to follow up with Council - CCAT

PMHC has meeting scheduled on September 27 @ 5.30pm

Nothing else to report as there has been no response from Council despite the numerous contacts made over the past months.

4. Progress of Hall Storage Project

Quote accepted for the construction of cupboards with work expected to start in the school holidays

Action: Bill to report on progress at the next meeting

5. Uses for Art Prize surplus

John reported that we are still waiting to hear back from Council about a suitable date to discuss their biodiversity mapping work.

6. Bands on Deck

Paul G reported

- There has been significant positive feedback for the event.
- The event went smoothly thanks to the commitment of the many volunteers who assisted with its running.
- He estimated that it took over 1000 "man" hours to plan and execute the event.
- While numbers were a little lower than expected, the overall outcome was an excellently run event with great outcomes for all involved.
- He suggested that we need to encourage a more collaborative association with Council if we run this again.
- Also reported that it was clear that the planning had to be done earlier.
- Maybe choose to do it on a Sunday rather than Saturday so as not to have the sport conflict, particularly with the Primary aged group.
- Lessons were learned about publicising the program when planning for future like events.
- Ian R comments that the sound was excellent and the Master of Ceremonies and flow of the program well conducted.
- A debrief is to happen in the next couple of days and a summary of this will be included with the minutes.

7. BHPA Members BBQ Celebration

Date clash with Voice Referendum - new date yet to be determined, but could coincide with a possible meeting re future development in the Bonny Hills area (see Point 2 in General Business below).

8. Bonny Hills Historical Record Project Progress Report

- Ian R researching when BH was officially renamed from Green Hills.
- He will continue to dig into the public records to find the official gazetting date but it appears to be much later than 1947.

9. Electrify 244X.

- Tony informed that a few new comments and suggestions have been added to the shared Electrify 244X Google document.
- He also reported that he has applied to be one of the ten 'community partners' with the Rewiring Australia initiative and will report on the outcome of this at the next meeting.
- He is also waiting to hear back about when the proposed EV event in Port Macquarie is actually going ahead.

Action: Tony to report on the result of application for community partner with Rewiring Australia.

10. Pickleball

- John reported that in discussions with the BH Tennis Club that the Netball court could cater for two Pickleball courts.
- Waiting for response from the BHTC

11. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Paul P, reported that there was more activity this month, with all the invoices for the Bands on Deck event yet to filter through. See table below for balances at 19 September 2023. This will be significantly different once the various Bands on Deck and Hall cupboard installations come through.

Moved: Paul Poleweski; seconded: Ian Simpson, that the Treasurers Report be accepted.
Carried.

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 14 AUGUST TO 17 SEPT 2023		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)		Balance 17 Sept
Balance 14 Aug 2023	\$1,815.46	
Receipts		
Member Fees Received	\$30.00	
Payments		
		\$1,845.46
2) Community Strength Account (500111729)		
Balance 14 Aug 2023	\$21,999.44	
Receipts		
Payments		
PMHC fee for using Beach Res		\$21,999.44
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 14 Aug 2023	\$11,955.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$11,955.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 14 Aug 2023	\$4,907.55	
Receipts		
Art Prize Sponsors	\$3,550.00	
T Shirt Sales (EFTPOS only)	\$875.00	
Payments		
Square Fees from Sales	\$14.00	
		\$9,318.55
TOTAL FUNDS HELD		\$45,118.45

Correspondence In: July/August

Subject	Correspondence	Date
IN		
PHMC	Draft Plan of Management for Council Managed Crown lands	Aug 11
Bill Howell	BHPA needs for Hall Storage	Aug 13

Martie Kuhn	New WBHSLSC executives	Aug14
Steve Bryson	Pictures and concern expressed over water runoff onto Rainbow Beach	Aug 14
Lesley Williams	Response to query by Roger re comments about HMD Overpass on ABC Radio	Aug 17
Katrina Boulet PMHC	Re opening of the Rainbow Beach Sports Grounds	Aug 17
Elouise Markezic PMHC	Approval for Bands on Deck at Rainbow Beach Reserve	Aug 18
Bill Howell	Invitation to attend Francis Hoad Luncheon/ BBQ	Aug 18
Paul Poleweski	Response regarding Coastal Residents United forum	Aug 21
Payment - RAB	\$300 from Regional Australia Bank for BH Art Prize	Aug 21
Lesley Williams	Handing over HMDOP petitions to NSW Parliament	Aug 21
Bill Howell	Alert to possible land clearing at Camden Head	Aug 22
John Drinan	Notes from Meeting with Rachel Sheppard	Aug 24
Blayne West PMHC	Response to Roger re meeting with PMHC re Wastewater Treatment	Aug 25
Lucilla Marshall PMHC	September CCAT meeting update	Aug 28
Roger Barlow	Final quote for BH Hall cupboards	Aug 31
Roger Barlow	PMHC New venue booking system	Sept 4
Lesley Williams	Lesley Williams Update Newsletter	Sept 8
Jack Van Der Linden	Request re Bands of Deck	Sept 8
Ian Richardson	Historic Records - BH Post Office	Sept 10
Samantha Thoroughgood PMHC	Updates for CCAT Action plans	Sept 10
NSW State Government	Portfolio Committee 7 - Planning and Environment request for submissions	Sept 12

PMHC	Have Your Say	Sept 12
Roger Barlow	Invoice for shirt printing - BOD	Sept 18
OUT		
Roger to PMHC	Email of thanks for meeting with Jeffery Sharp	Aug 17
Various	Email from Kathy regarding assistance with the HMDOP petition	Aug 28

General Business

1. New members.

No new members

2. John commented about his letter, (copy below), regarding Council's upcoming revision of their development policy and his suggestion of convening a meeting to discuss the matter. Valuable discussion occurred about the need for new housing, the tension between more intensive development v extensive clearing of new lands, and how this might impact maintaining the 'village character' of BH.

John, Bill, Paul P and Paul G to meet and discuss some ways forward

Action: John to report on progress at the next meeting.

3. Francis Hoad's contribution to the BH community was celebrated by a family and community get-together in the hall on August 28

Meeting ended: 8.40 pm

Next meeting: 17 October 2023

President

Roger Barlow

Secretary

Tony Robinson

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*)

Hall Reserve Parking Area

Paragliders

BHPA risk assessment

Light Industrial Area

Quarry wind-up date

Pathway along Ocean Drive

Rainbow Beach Reserve Masterplan

Appendix 1 - John Drinan Letter

Land Use Policy and Practice- Port Macquarie Hastings LGA

With respect to proposed land developments in the Bonny Hills area, BHPA has usually declined to get involved unless

- there appear to be potential impacts on the environment and village amenity, and
- proposals do not appear to conform to Council guidelines.
- If any of these conditions become apparent, BHPA has sought detailed information to enable assessment; and
- submitted objections whenever the environment or village amenity are likely to be adversely affected, or if the proposals appear to conflict with Council guidelines.

This practice seems to have worked well to date but may now need review. Accelerating population pressure is pushing into more and more land for housing, industry and infrastructure so the risks to environment and amenity are growing. These demands and probably others appear to have led PMHC Council to review its land use policy and it is likely to be released for consultation as early as November. If BHPA sees this as significant, it may need to proactively seek a better understanding of the views of our community to underpin its response to Council's draft policy.

The inevitable consequence of development is removal of land from the natural environment. Poorly done, more land is alienated than necessary, and subsidiary damage is exported onto adjacent or even distant land. As is already evident here, new developments feature stand-alone, single storey homes on small blocks, between which are narrow gaps that, when combined, constitute large areas of wasted land. Many trees are removed and replaced with a few tokens. The sprawl inevitably needs many paved streets that divert water that once soaked into the land into the stormwater system.

Yet we have to accept that people have to be housed and serviced. Surely, then, it is time to consider whether PMHC, for example, should encourage more intensive development over sprawl. It would minimise the area of land needed for buildings and infrastructure and thereby reduce environmental damage. But, can it be consistent with "village feel"? Can it done so it does not unduly impact on the landscape and access of others to desirable views?

The consequences of poor land use planning and practice are detrimental to what we value in Bonny Hills. Yet, experience to date shows that the State Government and profit-seeking developers are achieving exactly that. State and Commonwealth Governments alike must respond to accelerating population growth by facilitating provision of housing and providing infrastructure, and this has led to short-cuts and poor practice. History also shows governments also give priority access to developers and allow them to maximise profits at the expense of the environment and amenity.

It needs to be remembered that Council has to operate under State Government rules. Council's land use policy will thereby be heavily influenced by these rules but it is important that Council policy is consistent with our community's reasonable wishes.

Against this backdrop, I believe BHPA should prepare itself and the Bonny Hills community to constructively respond to Council's draft land use policy. So, I am putting the following motion at the September meeting of the BHPA committee:

"That BHPA hosts and manages a members' meeting in October to encourage Bonny Hills residents to discuss their views about the factors they think should govern future developments in Bonny Hills; and that BHPA compiles these views to help inform a BHPA response to Council's draft land use policy."

John Drinan
14 September 2023

Appendix 2

Here is a summary of our discussion. Please feel free to add anything I might have missed.

What worked well:

- having two stages where they were positioned
- sound quality
- nice balance of music acts and how they were organised on the day
- please bring back the fantastic four of Jock, Allan, Russell and Peter Dick

Things to consider doing differently:

- have a stronger headline act / consider locking in this act quite early and make use of the headline act to design the program around
- slight rebranding from Youth Bands to Local Musicians. This will allow us some flexibility to keeping each annual event fresh and also allow for adding more senior musical acts to future programs. The amount of youth bands can alter per year
- discussed idea of name change to simply 'Bands at Bonnys' but understand the difficulty of that... perhaps we say next year, Bands on the Deck at Bonnys? Reason for the change is making it easy for people to know where it is and simplify brand
- discussed the challenge of bringing in significant sponsorship \$ just from music industry. We tossed the idea of applying for \$5k council grant that could alleviate some funding challenges
- recognised Steve Bennett as someone of local significance and wouldn't want to leave him out next year
- discussed moving event to a Sunday to possibly give us more date options
- reaffirmed need to bring all existing event collateral into a single content place to make it easier to plan next year

Group recommended this approach going forwards:

Step One: sometime in late Jan / early Feb (7 months out) bring together all the key stakeholders to discuss whether or not to run event and what commitment can be made from the group (1st go/no go decision)

Step Two: If step one is a go, then immediately pick a date 6 months out and nominate an event coordinator. Ensure no surfing events are on at same time. Reason is to lock in as early as possible to secure headline act as well as notify other venues of locked in date

Step Three: Develop a mini business case for event describing the purpose of the event, expected budget, sponsorship and brand strategy, target audience, etc.. This would be submitted to BHPA for endorsement.

Step Four: If Committee endorses, immediately submit to Council and apply for \$5k grant no later than April; formalise event subcommittee and begin formal planning of event

Regards,
Paul G