



# Bonny Hills Progress Association INC.

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Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 16 February 2021

### Bonny Hills Community Hall

#### MINUTES

**Meeting Opened: 7.03pm**

**Welcome by Chairman**

**Committee members attending:** Roger Barlow, Pam Barlow, Elizabeth Fielding, Paul Polewski, Kathy Regan, Tony Robinson, Ross Smith, Ian Simpson, Bill Howell

**In attendance:** Peter Rodgers, Steve Fennell,

**Apologies:** John Drinan

**Conflicts of interest: Nil**

**Acceptance of Previous Minutes** Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2021;  
Moved: Kathy Regan, Seconded: Pam Barlow. **Carried**

#### **Business Arising from Minutes**

1. Hall extension & opening – Bill reported the Hall extensions are completed except for painting & landscaping. Meeting acknowledged Bill's project management & completion of small essential jobs. Opening scheduled for Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Roger to advise Mayor on change of date.

2. Meeting with Blayne West, Director, Natural Resources, PMHC – Postponed to Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

3. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection – Kathy heads up a BHPA sub-committee that met with local member Leslie Williams to discuss our concerns and seek solutions/actions to prevent accidents at this dangerous traffic intersection. Initial Action Plan presented to meeting to achieve immediate improvement(s) in the short-term & an overpass as the long-term solution. Support shown by Federal member David Gillespie.

Next step is to implement the Action Plan. Suggestion by Peter R that a dedicated Facebook page be set up (in addition to BHPA FB page) to connect with a broader group of concerned community members.

4. Judy Love Australia Day award- Roger advised a BHPA M/Tea has been arranged for Judy and she has been nominated by Council for a State Environment Award.

5. BHPA new logo design – Paul advised that designer Stephen will incorporate the majority agreed changes into the final version and provide BHPA with the colour codes. Tony has offered to develop the new mast head for BHPA correspondence. Ian & Pam to explore the development of the logo suited to printing on clothing with Mel Robinson, Midcoast Uniforms.

Discussion of the use of our logo's on Facebook and web sites. Roger to discuss with the 'administrator' of 'Back to Bonny's' facebook page.

6. Overflows into Saltwater and Duchess Creeks – Ross provided a brief history of the situation including BHPA & community concerns about recent sewage overflows into Saltwater & Duchess Creeks & the subsequent closure of Rainbow Beach.

Two BHPA sub-committees have been formed to focus on: (1) Stormwater management & (2) Sewage treatment. Roger reported on a subsequent meeting with PMHC Stormwater engineer Mark Edenborough to gather information on the current situation and proposed actions in the existing parts of Bonny Hills and future inflows from extensive future developments such as Area 14 & McGilvrey Road.

Mark will investigate similar situations in other coast communities to see what can be learned for our benefit.

Ross has been in contact with EPA regarding the sewage treatment situation, samplings & measurements.

Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February includes John's letter summarising the conclusions of the community meeting about the Bonny Hills sewage overflow & associated impacts, and the motion put by the Community as a Mayoral Minute. Watch this space!

7. Meeting with Stuart Bate, President, Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce – Kathy reported on an exploratory meeting with Stuart to investigate how:

(1) BHPA can grow & continue to be meaningful organisation to the community into the future; &

(2) Whether there is value in BHPA working with CHCC and if so how.

A possible future approach could be to partner with residents who have skills, knowledge & experience on a project by project basis. The 2021/22 Committee can continue these deliberations, and should revisit BHPA's stated core business.

8. AGM 2021 – Roger proposed the AGM be conducted at Community Hall on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 21 to enable the Mayor, Councillors &/or Directors to attend. Focal topic will be to report to our constituency on progress in tackling the community issues covered in these minutes.

Main reports will cover:

- Achievements in 2020/21 and plans for 2021/22 (Roger)
- Sewerage & stormwater situation (Ross)
- Houston Mitchell Drive Intersection with Pac H'way(Kathy)

## Treasurer's Report

Balances at 31 January 2021 **Note:** Amounts in ( ) are at the end of the previous month.

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| ❖ Community Support (general/administration): | \$2006.08   | (\$1,996.08) |
| ❖ Community Strength (projects):              | \$4,878.16  | (\$4,878.16) |
| ❖ External grants:                            | \$18,098.67 | (42,508.76)  |

Significant payments: InsideOutside Building \$24,210  
Rodeb Industries \$ 200

Significant receipts: Nil

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Elizabeth Fielding; Seconded Ross Smith.  
**Carried.**

## Correspondence: 19 January 20 – 16 February 21

**Note:** Email correspondence unless otherwise noted

| Subject   | Correspondents   | Dates of correspondence*               |
|---|--|--|
| Grant finder                                    | David Gillespie MP;  | 20/1                                   |
| Joyce Wulff's property                          | Michael Toohey, resident;  | 21/1                                   |
| Environment meeting                             | Blayne West, PMHC;   | 21/1, 16/2                             |
| Beach driving                                   | Judy Love;   | 25/1                                   |
| Water and waste management                      | PMHC; Internal; Mayor; Sharon Griffiths, PMHC; Mark Edenborough, PMHC; Jesse Dick, PMHC; Michael Ferguson, PMHC; | 27/1, 29/1, 31/1, 5/2, 9/2, 10/2, 12/2 |
| Murals and public art                           | Ally Coyne, PMHC; Brian Barker;  | 29/1, 9/2                              |
| Training workshops                              | Centre for Volunteering  | 10/2,                                  |
| Hall extensions                                 | Smartygrants;  | 13/2, 15/2, 14/2                       |
| Reserves Master Plan                            | Ramise; Alex Gray, PMHC;   | 9/2, 11/2                              |
| Premier's Awards                                | Leslie Williams MP   | 11/2                                   |
| Community Grants                                | PMHC   | 15/2                                   |
| Highway-Houston Mitchell Drive Intersection     | Pete Rodgers;  | 11/2                                   |
| Proposed light industrial area                  | PMHC;  | 11/2                                   |
| Meeting with Stuart Bate, President, CH Chamber | Kathy Regan  | 16/2                                   |

## General Business

1. New members - Nil

### **Special presentation on electricity supply interruptions – Steve Fennell, Lake Cathie**

**Situation:** high incidence of power interruptions in local area (6,800 people in Bonny Hills & Lake Cathie) because of an antiquated sub-station.

**Aim:** is to 'encourage' Essential Energy (NSW Gov't owned) to upgrade the network with a new sub-station (to meet the demands of existing residents as well as Area 14 & other future developments)

**Local member** Leslie Williams is seeking discussions with the relevant NSW Minister.

The major concerns expressed were general apathy in the community (despite the fact that we pay one of the highest rates for electricity use, but have a substandard service); and the likelihood of delays in the State Gov't replacing the existing Lake Cathie sub-station (located at Medical Centre on Ocean Drive).

#### **Possible actions:**

- Raise community awareness about need for the new sub-station to be built ASAP at a location on HM Drive (just past LC public school intersection).
- Steve & Ross & Ian Carlon to develop an objective case and Action Plan to raise community awareness & expectations [eg documenting & publicising dates & times of outages, impact on the community & commerce, development & use dedicated Fact Book Page to share]

3. DRAFT Reserves Master Plan submission – This was based on community feedback and the issues raised in our previous submission

4. Meeting with Dr Clare Allen, new CEO, PMHC – Roger will prepare a briefing paper & propose that we host a meeting in Bonny Hills with the new CEO to include a drive around to demonstrate the issues and concerns of the community

5. North Haven to Bonny Hills Coastal Walk - Ross reported on progress with the development of the walk and appropriate signage. New completion date is likely to be late May 2021 Roger to raise this at the April meeting.

6. Grant Application workshops - Kathy, Ross, Tony & Ian attended the Grant Finder workshops sponsored by PMHC

7. Council leasing of Community Halls - Bill briefly raised that Council is still proposing to hand back management of local Halls to the Community but this will have consequences that need to be carefully considered.

Meeting closed: 9.07pm

**Next meetings:** Tuesday 23 March, 2021 – Annual General Meeting at Community Hall  
Future meetings: 20 April, 18 May, 15 June

President

Acting Secretary