



Bonny Hills Progress Association INC.

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Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 15 October 2019 7.00pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

MINUTES

Meeting Opened: 7:00pm

Welcome by Chairman

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

In attendance: Bill and Raeleen Shelley, Lucas Tubergen, Peter Rogers.

Apologies: Alison and Rob Board, Anne Drinan.

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2019.
Moved: Bill Howell, Seconded: Tony Robinson. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Netball court apron

Completed today as scheduled.

2. Covered seating at Hall Reserve

Equipment ordered and quote accepted for concrete pad and movement of existing seat.

3. Bonny Hills Community Plan – Council meeting 16 October

Will be presented to Council tomorrow evening, and Roger and Kathy will speak to it.

4. Grant applications – Adult exercise equipment

Grant application for \$25k has been prepared by Ian Simpson and submitted. Successful applications will be notified by March 2020. Ian provided illustrations of the equipment and location.

5. Grant applications – Hall extension

Grant application for \$68k has been prepared by Roger Barlow and submitted on behalf of the Hall Committee. Roger described the extension and preparation process. Assistance was provided by Paul Thompson and Nigel Swift.

6. Rainbow Beach erosion

Ross reported that it is still eroding! Purple pipe laying is progressing and flushing is underway. Seems to be according to target. Concern about new sewer rising main from school to Water Treatment Plant. EPA letter reported on progress and extra monitoring to follow up fish kills. Ross to write to Council. *Action, Ross.*

7. Review of Reserves Master Plan progress

Still waiting of advice from Council re a process to involve the community.

Treasurer's Report:

Note: Amounts in () are those for the previous month.

Balances at 30 September 2019

Community Support (general/administration):	\$5319.12	(\$5318.46)
Community Strength (projects):	\$ 182.02	(\$ 182.00)
External grants:	\$8228.89	(\$15137.85)

Acceptance of Treasurers Report.

Moved: Elizabeth Fielding; seconded: Ross Smith. Carried.

Reimbursement to Kathy Regan for \$60 for flowers for Felicity Staedter (CCAT) on her departure from Council. Moved Roger, Barlow, seconded Elizabeth Fielding. Agreed.

Correspondence In

Subject	Correspondents	Dates of correspondence*
Covered seating at Hall reserve	Precinct Street and Park; Paul Koch and Felicity Staedter, PMHC; Lucy Kowaleski, PMHC	22/8, 26/8, 27/8, 30/8, 2/9, 10/9, 1/10, 2/10, 3/10, 11/10
Hall extensions	Liam Bulley, PMHC; Paul Bailey, PMHC; Stronger Country Communities Fund;	22/8, 17/9, 18/9, 27/9
Graham Street traffic	John Hanlon, PMHC;	30/8, 19/9,
Spooney's Reserve clearing	Phil Rowan, BH;	2/9, 17/9, 2/10
Mural at RB Reserve	Skye Frost, PMHC;	5/9
Lake Cathie – Bonny Hills Sports Fields	Barry Spencer;	10/9, 9/10
Grant opportunities	Felicity Staedter, PMHC;	10/9
Netball court apron	Craig Luff, PMHC; Lucy Kowaleski, PMHC	13/9, 10/10
Reserves Master Plan	Craig Luff, PMHC; Sandra Wallace, PMHC;	19/9, 11/10
Rainbow Beach erosion	Peter Jamieson, EPA;	26/9
Community Participation Plan	Sandra Wallace, PMHC;	27/9
Insurance	Local Community Insurance; Lucy Kowaleski, PMHC	4/10, 14/10
Bonny Hills – North Haven Walkway	Kristy Williams, PMHC	10/10
Climate Change	Lee Dixon, PMHC;	11/10 (ph)
Coast, Estuary and Floodplain	Sandra Wallace, PMHC;	15/10

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*Email correspondence unless otherwise noted.

General Business

1.Paragliders

Bill Shelley spoke to ongoing problems with paragliders at Bartlett's Beach Reserve and concerns about safety. He has collated a petition to Council expressing concern about the risk of out-of-control pilots hitting beach users, and this has been signed by 280 people. His search of the web has shown that this site appears to be the only paragliding area that does not have a clear open space below it. Lucas Tubergen reported that pilots are using space outside the launch area when this is prohibited. Council has not been responsive to concerns. Roger pointed out the opportunity now provided by the Reserves Master Plan review to get this addressed. Lucas noted residents have asked for a dialogue re their concerns. It seems that pilots may be abusing their privilege. Historically they have done a lot of damage to vegetation at Dunbogan and Bartletts. It was recommended that the concerned residents produce a one-page, hard-hitting paper describing the problem and referencing sources. John offered to assist Lucas to prepare this:

What is the problem?

Who is at risk?

What is the evidence?

Proposed solutions?

Action. John

2.New members

Nil.

3.Public liability insurance

Advice received regarding Council's requirements for the amount to cover are excessive for a voluntary organisation. To be investigated further with Council and insurers before 28 October.
Action.

4.Discussion of BHPA/Bonny's Climate Change position

[Note this discussion occurred before the current bush fire emergencies]

It was noted that Council has declined to review its climate change policy, and refused to declare a climate emergency as many other local Governments have done.

BHPA Committee agreed unanimously that CC is real and is going to have serious impacts on Australia and its communities. As such it is disappointing that our Council is not prepared to take a leadership role.

It was agreed that we consult with BHPA members to determine community views.

Action. John and Roger

5.Nomination of Matt Model for Sports Award

A nomination has been made on behalf of BHPA.

6.North Haven – Bonny's walking track

Ross, John, Bill, Kathy, Tony and Roger volunteered to walk the track with Council officers, Craig Luff and Kristy Williams on Wednesday 23 October. Purpose is to identify needs that might be met from the \$104k allocation made by Council in the 2019/20 Operational Plan.

7.Bushfire preparedness

[Note this discussion occurred before the current bush fire emergencies]

Ian raised concern about the level of preparedness in BH for bushfire. Agreed to discuss with authorities whether another information session might be held. Bill and Ian to action with Alan Rogers and Glenn Dunn and, perhaps, follow up with Council. *Action. Ian and Kathy*

8.Meeting dates in early 2020, including AGM

These will need to be changed to 11 February and 24 March as we will not have a quorum otherwise with committee members away. To be advised to members. *Action. John*

9. Use of Spooney's Beach by vehicles.

Peter Rogers has raised with the Mayor his concerns about increased vehicular traffic on the beach since the boat ramp was upgraded, and discovered that Council officers might encourage expanded use of the beach. Phil Rowan has also written to BHPA and asked to speak at the November meeting about apparently unauthorised clearing there. Recommended that this be brought into the review of the Reserves Master Plan. *Action. CCAT members*

Meeting closed: 9.05pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 7.00 pm