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Minutes of BHPA Monthly Committee Meeting

Held Tuesday 16 April 2024 7pm at Bonny Hills Community Hall

Welcome by President/Chairman: Paul P

Attendees (including non Committee Members and Guests): Paul Polewski; Roger Barlow; Ross Smith; Sue Polewski; Tony Robinson; Ian Richardson; Kathy Regan; Helen Smith; Virginia Cox; Graeme Cox; Paul Galland; Dave McDonald

Apologies: John Drinan, Ian Simpson, Bill Howell, Lyndon Harris

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes of 20 Feb 2024

Moved: Roger Barlow

Seconded: Ross Smith

Carried

Noting Minutes of AGM held 26 March 2024 – Deferred until May 2024 Meeting

On-going Business Arising from Feb 2024 Meeting:

A. Houston Mitchell Drive & Pacific Highway/M1 intersection

During March 2024 Kathy sent emails to Lesley Williams, Jenny Aitchison, Anna Zycki and the NRMA and PMHC Councillors seeking continuing support for the road overpass. Only Jenny has responded requesting we keep pushing and thanking us for the continuing good work.

A few attendees mentioned recent experiences of near misses, with the installation of a camera to record these instances suggested, but not deemed feasible as such events are not deemed “usable” by authorities in their assessments of work need.

Action

Kathy to report at the next meeting of any progress and feedback from the various contacts she has made.

B. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported that he is keeping tabs on the PMHC weekly water quality data that is posted on their website. There have been some very high daily readings days, but not to the extent they have been in the past as measured by Roger and John. This is likely due

to when the samples are taken as it is the early runoff after heavy rain when the readings are at their peak.

Ross also mentioned he attended a PMHC event that focused on the current reticulated water situation in the LGA and the plans in place to deal with a population of 100,000 by 2041. Work is well underway to ensure the water infrastructure is in place to cater for that growth with a new water treatment plant planned for the Corowa Dam area.

C. 2025 Art Prize Progress Report

Roger reported that he been in contact with the various previous and new sponsors for the 2025 BHAP and he is starting to receive verbal commitments. Paul P asked if, where and when possible, he could join Roger when site visits are planned to introduce himself.

D. CCAT update (includes BH Reserves Masterplan)

Paul P reported he had invited Nicole Kosseris, Community Engagement and Communications Co-ordinator, PMHC to this meeting but did not receive a reply. He has had no feedback from her also regarding the issues raised about the CCAT form and items going into the 24/25 Op Plan. The on-going issue of an approved Rainbow Beach Reserve plan not being included in the Reserves Master Plan is a frustrating.

Action:

Paul P will contact Nicole to seek answers and invite her to the May Committee meeting.

E. Electrify 2445

Tony reported that the subcommittee of John, Paul and himself had met a couple of times in the last few weeks. Coming out of these meetings was a letter sent to Lesley Williams on 22 April requesting she propose or support any State Government initiative that would provide a subsidy for the installation of home batteries, long the lines implemented in Queensland.

Tony also mentioned that he had heard from Gavin Hughes, the Sustainability Coordinator at PMHC regarding the possible installation of an EV Charger at the BH Community Hall Car Park. Gavin was investigating if there was continuing interest in the project. Tony shared with him that in the view of the BHPA committee it was not the most ideal location. That location only had phase 1 power and limited security, especially at night. Tony suggested that it would be better to pursue the possibility of such an installation in or around the Rainbow Beach Reserve, especially given that area is due for redevelopment and that there was an Essential Energy Kiosk/Transformer there.

Action: Further letters to be drafted and sent to Federal ministers and local Councillors to gain support for our initiatives. Discussions are also about to take place with Leslie following her positive response to our letter of 22 April.

F. Interpretive Signage

Tony, Paul P and Ian R met with Vivien Mitchell, Senior Cultural Officer PMHC on 23 April. Vivien has only been in her role five months and was keen to meet with us to discuss the process of applying for new interpretive signage. She was very supportive of our proposed project and urged us to continue to develop it once she has better communicated to all applicants simplified guidelines to follow in that process.

Our proposal includes one Master Sign, similar to the one that is at the track head of the Grants Head Walking Track at Honeysuckle Street. Then there are to be three signs spaced along the pathway that runs from Jordan Avenue to the drop down to Bartlett's Beach. The first would include information about the naming of Bonny Hills and include a photograph of the old Post Office and Store. (Check Page 7 of the Back to Bonny's booklet)

The second would display information about Oxley and the early excursions of the area, including a summary of information that is found on the existing sign. The final one would include information about the indigenous heritage of the area highlighted by one of the Thomas Dick photographs (Check Page 24 of the Back to Bonny's booklet)

Action

The Interpretive Signage subcommittee to continue their work on developing what will be written on each of the proposed signs.

G. Review and update of BHPA Constitution

Our current constitution is 12 years old (approved in 2012). Roger obtained a new template off the NSW Govt website for us to compare and update our Constitution that will better suit the BHPA going into the future

Paul P also linked in the previous discussions the Committee has had about whether the word "Progress" should be changed/taken out of our Association title. It makes sense that the two issues should be reviewed together given the implications a name change might have on our Constitution.

Action

Paul P, Roger, Kathy and John to form a sub-committee, address the issues and make recommendations to the full Committee.

H. Progress on Bands at Bonny's on 20 July 2024

Roger, Kathy and Paul P are progressing the idea of a new event titled "Bands at Bonny's". The proposal is for four or five bands to perform in the Bonny Hills Community Hall on Saturday 20 July 2024. They are meeting with Jock and Aaron at LCPS on Thursday 2 May to assess the feasibility of this event happening.

Action

Roger to advise the next meeting if 'Bands at Bonny's' will occur or not.

I. New Committee Contact and Reference List (copy provided prior to meeting)

Paul P elaborated on the purpose of this "all in one" information sheet that is a combination of previous lists and new ideas.

Action

Paul P requested all members listed review the details recorded against them for correctness and to confirm/let him know of any needed changes before the May Committee meeting

J. Member BBQ Saturday 25th May at Bonny Hills Community Hall.

More details to follow.

Treasurer's Report - Sue P/Paul P

Moved by Sue Poleweski

Seconded by Roger Barlow

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 29 FEB TO 16 APRIL 2024		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)		Balance 16 Apr
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$285.93	
Receipts		
Member Fees	\$725.00	
Trf HMD Costs to Comm Strgth	\$548.21	
Payments		
Square Fee	\$1.44	
		\$1,557.70
2) Community Strength Account (500111729) and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540)		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$18,602.63	
Receipts		
Bank Int	\$108.25	
Trf fr Events Account	\$9,236.13	
Payments		
HMD Costs Trfd fr Admin	\$548.21	\$27,398.80
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$0.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$10,872.11	
Receipts		
Payments		
Transfer to Comm Strength	\$9,236.13	
Other Art Prize costs	\$635.98	
		\$1,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT	BANK	\$29,956.50

Correspondence - Tony

From	To	Regarding	Date
IN			
St Agnes Catholic Parish	Roger Barlow	Acknowledgement of letter of thanks for us of the Francis Retreat for the BHAP	Feb 12
NSW Government	BHPA	NSW Government Regional Roadshow - Port Macquarie	March 26
Rewiring Australia	Tony Robinson	Renewable Energy Workshop	March 27
PMHC - Nicole Kosseris	BHPA	CCAT & Have Your Say	March 27
Roger Barlow	BHPA	Thanks for sendoff	March 27
Leslie Williams	BHPA	Monthly Update	March 27
Bill Howell	BHPA	Community Hall Sign Installation	March 27
PMHC - Gavin Hughs	BHPA	EV Charger Installation at BH Hall Car Park	April 4
Rewiring Australia	Tony Robinson	Renewable Energy financing scheme announcement	April 4
Samuel Johnson	Paul Poleweski	Webinar notification re 'Zombie' developments	April 4
Climate Change Australia	Tony Robinson	Newsletter re urgency for council renewal at upcoming (September) elections	April 5
Douglas Connor - NOTA	BHPA	Information re possible local newspaper for the area	April 5
David Gillespie	BHPA	National Party "Newsletter"	April 5
David McDonald	BHPA	Membership payment notification	April 10
Kylie Moss	BHPA	Newsletter information	April 14
PMHC - Nicole Kosseris	Paul Poweleski	Apologies for upcoming meeting	April 15
NSW Government	BHPA	Training opportunities	April 15
ATO	BHPA	Self-review reporting obligation notification	April 15
OUT			
Paul Poleweski	PMHC	Feedback on the Places to Play	March 26

Tony Robinson	PMHC - Geogina Perri	Interpretive signage query	April 2
Tony Robinson	PMHC - Tracey Sharp	Interpretive signage query	April 3
Tony Robinson	PMHC - Vivien Mitchell	Interpretive signage query	April 5
Tony Robinson	PMHC - Gavin Hughs	EV Charger Installation at BH Hall Car Park	April 8
Tony Robinson	BHPA Members	Membership Renewal reminder	April 11
Tony Robinson	BHPA Members	Monthly Meeting Agenda	April 15

New/General Business:

A. New members update

No report due to Pam's absence.

B. News of the Area offer

Tony received an email from Doug Connor, Group Editor News of the Area (K/A NOTA) seeking feedback from BHPA on NOTA considering launching another weekly newspaper covering the Port Macquarie/Hastings area. Discussion was in general agreement we should be positive about this proposal, especially given the "paper" gap Bonny Hills and Lake Cathie now have following the discontinuance of the Camden Haven Courier.

Action

Tony to get in touch with them to follow up their interest.

C. Construction of the new Pathway along Ocean Drive

Work on the west side of Ocean Drive is almost complete. Paul P is following up the east side design where a short-term car pull-off bay was being considered back in Feb 2024, but a final decision not advised.

Action

Paul P to report on updated path design

D. Offer of larger projector screen

Discussion took place on the offer from Ian Richardson, on behalf of National Seniors to purchase the larger projector screen they own that was used in the last two BHPA meetings. As it is easier to use and provides a larger area coverage to the audience, an offer of \$120 to purchase it was moved and accepted by the Committee.

Action

Sue will arrange payment if National Seniors accept our offer at their meeting on 30 April.

K. Feedback on Webinar on Zombie DA s held 10 Apr 2024

Paul P reported on a professional Webinar presentation organised by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the Coastal Residents United Group on experiences Community Groups have had with, and the implications of developers proposing developments on sites with Zombie DA's. There was a good discussion with helpful tools provided that could prove helpful to us if another Bonny View Drive proposal happens. It was also advised that the NSW Govt was holding an "Inquiry into historical development consents in NSW". He encouraged us all to make a submission before the 3 June 2024 deadline.

Action

Paul P will not only submit a personal submission, but also one from BHPA.

L. Follow up with Bill to progress a new audio/visual system for the hall.

In Bill's absence Paul P confirmed the need to obtain feedback from the community groups who use the Community Hall on their audio and visual systems needs, and whether installation of a combined modern system would be beneficial for them.

M. Destruction of many huge trees on 18 Ngamba Place, Bonny Hills

Ross, Bill and Paul P attended the above site on 15th February 2024 following neighbour complaints of the owners of this property clearing a huge area of vegetation that was also believed to be a Koala corridor. After a few calls and emails Paul P received advice from Mitch Graham, Compliance and Regulation Officer with the Dept of Climate

Change, Energy and the Environment and Water that investigations were under way. No contact has been received since 26 March to advise the situation.

N. Fire management plan.

Paul G reported on an upcoming meeting he was having with authorities on control burns/hazard reduction and fire break clearing and will continue to confirm details on upcoming planned burns for the BH area.

O. Draft Operational Plan 2024/25 from PMHC

Paul P confirmed the above was now available for viewing and response. He raised concerns linked to the Councillors decision on a 0% Rate Peg, a decrease in services, no Community Grants and new fees.

Action: Paul P to distribute details/Fact Sheets he has downloaded and encourages us all to raise our concerns individually via the on-line survey. The Committee also moved a motion which was accepted that BHPA lodge its own written submission detailing concerns and disappointments with the Draft budget, which Paul P will draft.

P. It was agreed that a formal invitation be made to the President of the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce, Rod Bucton, to come to the next/May 2024 BHPA Meeting.

Action: Tony to contact and invite him and offer him time to expand on their work.

“Not Forgotten” Items

This is a list of still unresolved items previously discussed but not in current Business Arising:

Beach Street rezoning (*letter to Council 16/6/21*)

Hall Reserve Parking Area

Paragliders

BHPA risk assessment

Light Industrial Area

Quarry wind-up date

Pickleball

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 May 2024 7pm at Bonny Hills Community Hall, (Graham St)

President

Paul Poleweski

Secretary

Tony Robinson