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Bonny Hills Progress Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Tuesday 21 February, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

Meeting opened: 7.05 pm

Welcome by Chairman

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

In attendance: Helen Smith, Peter Rodgers, Ian Richardson, Paul and Melissa Galland, David Hofmeyr

Apologies: Marty Dures

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2022:

Moved: Ian Simpson, Seconded: Tony Robinson, *Carried*.

Business Arising from Minutes

1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

Kathy noted December meeting with Anna Zycki and recent correspondence concerning: speed-limiting sign not working; the requirements for getting through the first gate in decision-making re road projects; how to report incidents at the intersection; and whether a petition has any effect.

2. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported on Council data showing excessively high levels of faecal bacteria in Saltwater and Duchess Creeks at times during January, even though there was only moderate rainfall in January. Ross to check rainfall records.

Smoke-testing of stormwater systems at Bonny Hills premises has recently been conducted; a report is expected in early March.

3. Australia Day Awards

Roger reported that BHPA's nominee, Jock Garven, shared the 2023 Citizen of the Year award.

4. Matters to follow up with Council

John reported on recent correspondence to Council expressing the reluctance of the remaining 5 members of Bonny Hills CCAT (there were 15 at the start) to continue to serve unless guarantees are given that CCAT opinions will be seriously considered in Council planning and operations.

5. AGM program and committee positions

Citizen of the Year, Jock Garven, will be invited to attend and to speak similarly to his speech at the Australia Days Awards ceremony.

This will be followed by reports on BHPA's major projects.

There was discussion about the continuing problem of attracting new committee members and, especially, the role of president. Roger explained his concern about being in the role for 14 years, in his view too long given that turnover is needed in organisations so new ideas and approaches can be brought forward.

6. Driving tour of Bonny Hills

Ian Richardson reported on advice he has received for improved presentation of his draft for consideration when the project might be revived. Feedback was sought on the draft concept.

7. Art Prize wrap-up

John reported on key points from the recent wrap-up meeting of the Art Prize committee. Among these were: the need for all to keep looking for potential sponsors; the very successful Childrens' Workshops; very good support from Camden Haven Courier, Port News, Wauchope Newsletter and NBN; and improvements to the Opening Event to allow more people to attend a livelier occasion. The third Bonny Hills Art Prize will be held in the same week in 2024.

Treasurer's Report

Balances at 19 February 2023. **Note:** Amounts in () are at 15 January 2023

❖ Community Support (general/administration):	\$ 1,170	(\$ 1,442)
❖ Community Strength (projects):	\$11,710	(\$11,872)
❖ External grants:	\$ 4,124	(\$ 4,124)
❖ Events	\$ 8,364	(\$10,000 est)
Total funds held	\$25,369	(\$ 27,439)

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Moved: Paul Poleweski, Seconded: Bill Howell. *Carried.*

Correspondence In: 17 January – 21 February

Subject	Correspondents	Dates of correspondence
Smoke testing of sewage system	Cameron Hawkins, PMHC;	18/1,
Thanks for meeting and invitation to quarterly ones	Cnclr Rachel Sheppard, PMHC;	3/2.
CCAT	Hayley Owen, PMHC; Lucilla Marshall, PMHC; Mayor; Lucilla Marshall, PMHC; Mayor;	3/2, 13/2, 15/2, 20/2, 20/2.
Stormwater Report	Mayor and Councillors, PMHC; Mayor; Mayor;	6/2, 13/2, 15/2.
Transitional Accommodation Project	Brian Giles-Browne, Community at 3;	7/2.
History of plantings at RB Reserve	Jenny Daniels, resident;	12/2.
Invitation to Council briefing re Strategies for our Future	Community Engagement, PMHC;	15/2.
Stronger Communities Program funds	David Gillespie, MP;	17/2.
HMD-PH intersection	Brad Crispin, Transport for NSW; Anna Zycki, TfNSW;	20/2, 20/2.
Outdoor gym equipment R&M	Alex Gray, PMHC;	21/2.
Graffiti Management Project – Water Reservoir	Georgina Perri, PMHC;	21/2.

General Business

1. New members

Nil.

2. Progress on Hall storage project

Bill reported he is looking for builders to inspect and quote for the job.

3. Graffiti Management Project – Water Reservoir

Roger reported on email received today from Council and subsequent conversations with Georgina Peri, PMHC. Concept themes are being sought from BHPA and CCAT in a short time frame of 2 weeks (by 3/3). Ideas will be sent to secretary by Tuesday 28 February.

4. Heather Webb

Ian Richardson drew the committee's attention to the death of Heather Webb on 26 January. He noted Heather's substantial contributions to the community including her successful advocacy for the building of the Community Hall.

Meeting closed: 8.37pm

Next meeting: 21 March 2023 AGM
 18 April 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
- Pathway along Ocean Drive
- Uses for Art Prize surplus