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Minutes for Committee Meeting – Tuesday 16 January, 7.00 pm

Bonny Hills Community Hall

Meeting began: 7.00 pm

Welcome by Chairman: Roger Barlow

Attendance: Bill Howell, Roger and Pam Barlow, Paul Poleweski, Kathy Regan, Ross Smith, John Drinan, Ian Richardson, Ian Simpson, Lyndon Harris, Peter Rodgers, Tony Robinson. PMHC representative Nicole Kosseris

Apologies: Virginia and Graeme Cox; Helen Smith; Marty Dures.

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2023:

Moved: Kathy Regan.

Seconded: Ross Smith. **Carried.**

1. Houston Mitchell Drive - Pacific Highway intersection

Kathy reported on the response to the media release in December. To enable this she has collated all the media contacts. ABC responded and interviewed Kathy re HMD.

NSW Transport Minister, Jenny Aitchison, met with Kathy re the HMD intersection which resulted in a 45 minute face to face meeting. This allowed for an open and honest discussion – the best we have had to date. Estimates of timeframes and costs were revealed. Tfornsw advocate UTurn bays but were unable to show us a working example for a junction like this. We aren't convinced that this is an option and are fully focused on getting a design plan in place for an overpass.

Lighting will not happen due to absence of power at the site and the fact that no accidents have been recorded here at night.

The Minister is to get back to us re the matters that Kathy was able to raise.

Kathy was rightfully congratulated for her tireless efforts pursuing this important initiative.

[Lyndon suggested that maybe signage - for entering Traffic - could be worth considering. Tony pointed out that the latest NRMA Open Road makes comment on the poor condition of roads in the Central/Hunter Valley regions and thought it might be worth checking the ratings for roads in our region as well?]

2. Sewage and stormwater

Ross reported there seems to be less flow from the infiltration trenches onto the beach, but recent rainfall has been light. He also reported that E Coli testing indicates there is no major issue with water quality at this time.

Latest info re recycled water/purple pipes is that PMHC are still waiting for final State Government approval for this to occur.

There is a state-wide alert on all NSW beaches to not swim in the ocean for at least 24 hours after rain. Communication is the key here so that all are aware of this. It was pointed out that there needs to be signage at additional beach access points alerting to this for all locals and visitors - places such as the track that leads from the Ingenia Caravan Park.

Still no information following the RAIN smoke testing re fixing the sources of waste-water entering the sewerage system. Need to follow up.

Action

Check with PMHC re where this is up to?

3. Art Prize Report

John reported that this year's show was again very successful. Review meeting will occur in the in the next couple of weeks. A full report will follow this meeting.

About 17% of entries were sold. The majority of visitors (80%) were local postcodes. Highest number of visitors per day so far, 815 in total.

One of the uses agreed for profits is to underpin a grant to install another double covered table at RBR. A letter was sent to PMHC re this over six months ago - still no response from them!

Roger to share a report re the need for a local biodiversity study – follow-up for next meeting.

Action

John to followup with PMHC re the covered tables at RBR.

Action

Roger to report on where the local biodiversity study of the BH area is currently up to.

4. CCAT

Roger introduced Nicole Kosseris who has only recently taken responsibility for PMHC CCATs. Due to the glacial pace at which anything relating to the CCAT Community Plans

have been undertaken by Council there is now little community interest in CCAT. Due to this BHPA has formally taken over responsibility for BH CCAT liaison with PMHC.

Paul P outlined the process BH CCAT will work through some of the various items that emerged as important by the community as identified in Bonny's Community Plan.

Paul P referred to the priorities from the Community Plan, with the question raised of how to get these into the annual operational plan?

Nicole responded by saying she came on board on October 2023 and is still putting together her team so that the CCAT process will be more effective and provide more positive outcomes for the community. It should become more effective at following up issues that may arise when dealing with any of the various Council staff. Nicole emphasised that she will be THE conduit for us to get information to the right people for the best possible outcomes.

As an example she asked that we share information re a TAFE related Have Your Say that will enable the community to have input re the future direction TAFE will take.

CCAT is not the place to deal with day to day issues, such as pot holes in the roads, or safety concerns. These should continue to go through the existing CRM process [see PMHC website].

Action

Roger to draft a letter to be sent to all BHPA members to outline where the CCAT/BHPA relationship is up to and why BHPA has taken over the responsibilities for the foreseeable future.

Action

Tony to prepare a letter to share with all BHPA members calling attention to the Have You Say link on TAFE NSW

5. Electrify 244X

The local chapter of Climate Change Australia is involved in staging a Sustainable Energy Event at Port Macquarie on Feb 17. See attached poster. More details, including the location, will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Another major sustainable energy event is being held in Sydney - Everything Electric Australia, will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park, on February 9, 10 and 11. Check the website for more information: <https://au.everythingelectric.show/>

6. Bonny Hills Historical Record Project

Ian R shared that his research into the actual date Bonny's name formally changed from Greenhills. This is progressing slowly and will he keep us updated as new information emerges.

7. Housing Policy

Nothing further to report.

Nicole mentioned that PMHC is working on a local LGA housing policy to allow for more community consultation which should be released by early March?

8. Bushfire Preparedness Submission

Paul G submitted an excellent response in December to this issue. Thank you, and well done Paul!

9. Interpretive Signage at Bartletts Reserve

Nothing new to report at this stage – a submission is in process.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Paul reported that there was more activity this month, with the last of the invoices for

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 19 NOV 2023 TO 14 JAN 2024		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)		Balance 14 Jan
Balance 19 NOV 2023	\$359.93	
Receipts		
Member Fees Received	\$0.00	
Payments		
		\$359.93
2) Community Strength Account (500111729)		
Balance 19 Nov 2023	\$18,808.13	
Receipts		
T Shirt Sales	\$325.00	
Payments		
T Shirt Costs	\$585.50	
		\$18,547.63
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 19 Nov 2023	\$0.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 14 Apr 2023	\$2,400.00	
Receipts		
Art Prize Balance	\$32,774.60	
(See separate sheet details)		
Payments		
		\$35,174.60
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT	BANK	\$54,082.16

the Bands on Deck event yet to filter through. See table below for balances at 12 January 2024.

Moved: Paul Polewski; Seconded: John Drinan that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Carried.

10. Correspondence In: September/October

Subject	Correspondence	Date
IN		
David Gillespie	Informercial re latest Happenings	Nov 23
PMHC/NicoleKosseris	Will attend our January committee meeting	Dec 4
PMHC	Proposed route for OD Pathway	Dec 7
PMHC/Alex Gray	Information after Community consultation re OD Pathway	Dec 7/13/22
David Gillespie	Informercial re latest Happenings	Dec 8
PMHC/NicoleKosseris	Re CCAT Meeting agenda	Jan 3
NSW Rural Fire Service	Re submitted Draft Plan Response	Jan 8
John Heath/Ashley Barwell	Invitation to Lake Burrawan book launch	Jan 11
OUT		
Jeffrey Sharp	Re updates to BH WWTP	Nov 30
Lesley Williams	Re where the debate regarding TforNSW funding is up to	Dec 11
NSW Rural Fire Service	Bushfire Response to Draft Management Plan	Dec 19
PMHC	Citizen of the Year submission	Jan 12

General Business

13. New members

Nil.

14. AGM

Delay by a week to March 26. Positions on the Executive still need to be worked through. Paul has put up his hand to become President. Sue Poleweski has offered to act as Treasurer for 6 months if necessary, until a replacement can be found.

Ian S put a motion that we look to change our constitution so we can have two VP's. Seconded by John Drinan.

Action

Roger Barlow/Paul Poleweski to work through the necessary changes to our current constitution so that this can occur.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the AGM can be a lower key event to report and hold elections as required, and that we consider having a separate gathering of members at a more convivial time and place to encourage community interaction.

15. Donate the BHPA megaphone

As this piece of equipment is not used by BHPA it was decided to offer it to an organisation where it is more likely to be put to use.

16. Australia Day Awards ceremony at the Glass House

BHPA has nominated Francis Hoad for an Australia Day Award for her 40 years of service to the Community. AND BHPA has been nominated by a local resident for a Community Organisation award.

Roger, Paul and Kathy will represent the Association at the event.

17. Lake Burrawan book launch

John spoke about the launch of the book, "Burrawan The desecration and resurrection of Lake Innes", by John Heath and Ashley Barnwell at the Innes Ruins site, on January 12.

18. Op Shop Grants

Tony mentioned that the Kendall Op Shop grants are open and that there is an opportunity to apply. We should be in a better position to take this opportunity next year.

Meeting ended: 9.24 pm

Next meeting: 21 February 2024

President

Secretary

Roger Barlow

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*)

Paragliders

BHPA risk assessment

Light Industrial Area

Quarry wind-up date

Bonny Hills Bypass