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Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting

Held Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 7pm in the Bonny Hills Community Hall

Welcome by Chair/President: Paul P

Attendees : Paul Poleweski, Sue Poleweski, Pam Barlow, Kathy Regan, Ian Simpson, Roger Barlow, Virginia and Graham Cox, Tony Robinson, Rod Bucton, Paul Galland

Apologies : Ian Richardson; Bill Howell; Ross Smith; John Drinan.

Conflicts of interest: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Minutes of meeting held 16 April 2024

Moved by Roger Barlow
Seconded by Sue Poleweski

Guest Speaker

Paul P welcomed our invited guest, Rod Bucton, President of the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce, to address the meeting.

After an acknowledgement of country, Rod gave a brief background of himself and his family's connection to the area. He then gave a short overview of his own life, including the mention of his time as a student at North Haven Primary and one of his teachers, our own Kathy Regan!

The Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) covers eight towns in an arc from Lake Cathie to Comboyne. Approximately 100 of the 1100 businesses across this area are members of the CHCC.

Rod pointed out that the CHCC has a much broader mission than just supporting businesses. All members of the community, and visitors as well, are critical to commerce in the region.

In addition to annual business membership fees (Business: \$150; Not for Profit: \$75), CHCC major source of revenue is from coordinating the Laurieton Riverside Markets.

Rod concluded by expressing interest in collaboration with organisations like BHPA.

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Reports and Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

BONNY HILLS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (BHPA)		
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 16 APR TO 19 MAY 2024		
1) Community Support/Members Account (500031361)		Balance 19 May
Balance 16 Apr 2024	\$1,557.70	
Receipts		
Member Fees	\$120.00	
Payments		
PO Box Annual Fee	\$159.00	
Deckhand for Annual Domain	\$192.50	
Nat Seniors for Screen	\$120.00	
NSW Govt for Annual A12 Form	\$54.24	
		\$1,151.96
2) Community Strength Account (500111729) and Comm Strength Inv Account (100519540)		
Balance 16 Apr 2024	\$27,398.80	
Receipts		
Bank Int	\$72.84	
Payments		
	\$0.00	
(Inv A/C \$27417.22 @ 3.25%)		\$27,471.64
3) Grants Account (500204783)		
Balance 29 Feb 2024	\$0.00	
Receipts		
Payments		
		\$0.00
4) Events Account (100474271)		
Balance 16 Apr 2024	\$1,000.00	
Receipts		
PMHC Grant for Bands Event	\$1,000.00	
Payments		
		\$2,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AT BANK		\$30,623.60

Moved: Sue Polewski

Seconded: Pam Barlow

Correspondence In

Correspondence Out

Membership Status

New memb

			Apr/May
Keep Aus Beautiful	BHPA	KAB Congress at Regents Park 28/29 August	April 18
David Gillespie	BHPA	National Party "Newsletter"	April 19
Leslie Williams	BHPA	Newsletter information	April 19
Ian Richardson	BHPA	Screen purchase	Ap 24/May 8
Alex Gray	PMHC	OD Pathway Update	April 30
Mitch Graham	NSW Gov	18 Ngamba Place	May 1
Sam Andrew	BHPA	Upgrading the BHPA Website	May 2
Lesley Williams		Meeting for May 24 re Home Solar/Batteries	May 3
Wal Setkiewicz	NRMA	Response to request for support re HMD OP	May 9
	PMHC	Have Your Say re Operational Plan	May 13
Doug Connor	NOTA	Announcing a new Newspaper	May 15
Tony Robinson	Tracey O'Day	Membership Query	April 17
Paul Poleweski	Lesley Williams	Renewable energy initiative	April 22
Paul Poleweski	PMHC - Alex Gray	Ocean Drive Pathway update request	April 28
Tony Robinson	BHPA	Monthly Meeting Digest	May 5
Tony Robinson	BHPA	Rod Bucton Invitation	May 7

er: Tracy O'day. We currently have around 90 members in the BHPA

General Business items discussed/decided/for actioning:

- a) PMHC has confirmed that Bonny Hills CCAT can modify the form/s used back and forth between them to document and update outstanding issues. We had hoped one standard form would be endorsed by PMHC that would then be used by all CCATs in the future rather than just us.

The following email from Nicole Kossieris (PMHC Community Engagement & Communications Coordinator) about the Bonny Hills Reserves Master Plan (BHRMP) was read out to the meeting;

“The BHRMP is a long-term concept vision to assist planning for the reserves over the next 10 - 15 years. The Council has currently forecasted a budget allocation for the Rainbow Beach Reserve upgrades to take place in the 2026/2027 financial year. The Spaces and Places Team will work with the Bonny Hills community prior to this budget allocation to undertake planning for Rainbow Beach Reserve prior to this budget allocation. The proposed timeline for this engagement will be during the 2025/2026 financial year.”

Nicole will be at our next meeting at which time we will further discuss actions on this project.

- b) There have been quite a few “Have your say” requests/invitations from PMHC over recent months, including Places to Play, Walking and Cycling Review, Flood Awareness, the 2024/25 Draft Operational Plan and Housing for our Future. Some Committee members have lodged individual feedback/completed surveys, in addition to official BHPA submissions on most of them. It was agreed by Committee members that because of the importance of the recently released Housing Strategy a face-to-face meeting be organised with PMHC key staff to reinforce our feedback.

Action item Paul P: To arrange meeting on best day/time availability for majority.

- c) A short discussion regarding the Electrify 2445 initiative took place. Tony advised there has been a lot of information, with some misleading/misinformation in the media about the renewable energy landscape. This is particularly true regarding the Home and Community Batteries debate.

It's sometimes hard to know which is reliable as many commentators have an underlying agenda that either support or undermine the push to an environmentally sustainable energy future. There are few sources who give an unbiased report of the facts and leave it up to consumers/residents/citizens to make an informed judgement or choice.

Paul P and Tony are meeting with Leslie Williams 24 May to discuss the possibility of the NSW Govt subsidising home battery installations that we wrote to her about last month.

Paul P, and Tony are also attending an information day presented by Essential Energy at Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie, on May 30 from 1pm to 7.30pm

Action item Tony: To report at June meeting outcomes of these two meetings.

- d) The Bands @ Bonnys Event planned for Sat 20 July 2024 in the BH Community Hall is progressing. Aaron is lining up four bands for this event, overseen by Roger and Kathy. The production of marketing material is proving difficult without Roger Speaight, who has unfortunately taken ill. PMHC have confirmed sponsorship support.

- e) The BHPA Member BBQ will occur on Sat 25 May starting at 11am. RSVPs indicate 40+ coming; catering for 50. Kathy is coordinating the event.

- f) Launch/first issue of the new free Camden Haven News of the Area will occur on Friday 7 June. We will be submitting a story and pictures of our member BBQ as an item for inclusion.

- g) On the proposal to install a new audio-visual and sound system in the BH Community Hall, Bill is still speaking with the various users of the Hall as to whether they would make use of such a system. Once responses are summarized from all stakeholders, we can be clearer on whether to progress this initiative.

Action item Bill.

- h) Paul advised the BHPA Committee Contact List and Specialist Roles has been finalised and will be distributed with these minutes, to Committee members only.

Other Business items progressing:

- i) On the overpass at Houston Mitchell Drive/Pacific Highway intersection, Kathy reported that the NRMA has been in contact and their representative will be speaking with the NSW minister, Jenny Aitchison, supporting the initiative.
- j) Stormwater/Sewerage monitoring
Ross reported (by text) nothing new/of note to report.
- k) Jan 2025 Art Prize. Next meeting of the planning group scheduled on Thursday June 6. Roger reported that while the prize sponsorships are progressing well, he is still looking for a couple more Gold sponsors.
- l) Proposed new Interpretative Walkway signage is still a work in progress.

Action Ian: to report on progress towards wording and photographs to be used for the information signs.

- m) BHPA Constitution and name review has not progressed since previous meeting

Action Roger: to put case on whether there is a need for name change, and modify/update Constitution for group discussion at the next meeting.

- n) Outcome of planned meeting on local Fire Management
Paul Galland reported that he has been in contact with the PMHC representative and is looking to the possibility of them coming to one of our future meetings.
- o) Coastal Residents United (CRU) and NSW Govt inquiry into Zombie DAs.
Paul P reported that he is continuing to maintain contact with CRU who are driving coastal groups to lodge submissions about the harm such DA's developers are using that can create harm to the environment because they do not adhere to current, more stringent regulations.
- p) BHPA is acting as a conduit between government authorities and concerned neighbours following a massive tree clearance at 18 Ngamba Place. Investigations continue.

New Business

- q) Kathy reported that the BH Fire Station will have an open day on Saturday June 1, 2024
- r) It was agreed that with many Bonny Hills – Yesterday and Today booklets still available, they be made free to all members attending the BBQ on 25 May.
- s) Paul suggested that BHPA contribute to the Community@3 Winter appeal. The ensuing discussion, while supporting the concept of the BHPA contributing to community projects, cautioned that we carefully consider which ones we will support. This issue will be discussed further at our next meeting based on our constitution and mission statement guidelines.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2024, 7pm (PMHC's Nicole Kossieris will be attending)

President
Paul Poleweski

Secretary
Tony Robinson