



Minutes of General Meeting

Meeting Held: 7.00pm 15 September 2005 at Greenwell Point Community Memorial Hall

Present: Allan Mayze (Chair), Graham Bannister (Minutes), Ron Vaughan, Vera Farnham, Janelle Tompsett, Rob Tompsett, Monika Oakman, Bruce Oakman, Joe Franklin, Jim Wallis, Laurel Kennedy

Apologies: Wendy Vaughan, David McCorkell, Tony Lahood, Julie Brown

Proceedings:

1. Welcome

President Alan Mayze welcomed members to the General Meeting.

2. Previous Minutes

Acceptance of minutes moved Ron Vaughan; seconded Janelle Tompsett.

3. Business Outstanding from Previous Minutes

- a) Tennis courts – Council have confirmed that funds are not available this FY.
- b) Main street banners – Carrs have sought a revised quote.
- c) Entry sign suggestions – no suggestions arising from article in Gazette. See further discussion under Council Issues.
- d) Bumper stickers – awaiting quotes.
- e) Insurance policy – information and quote received. More follow up required. Suggestion that we get an insurance specialist to address the meeting.
- f) Recreational fishing grants – see under Team Leader Reports.
- g) Community hall signage – No response to letter sent to Council offering to go 50:50 on costs of sign-writing.

4. Financial Report

As at 31 August assets stood at \$13,287.16. Net income of \$183.75 was recorded for August 2005.

4. Council Issues.

5) Foreshore Erosion Works

Recommendations are to go to Council for a contractor to undertake the first stage of the works. Update expected in time for publication in next Gazette. \$100,000 from last FY has been rolled-over to this FY so there is now \$200,000 available.

Jim Wallis requested that we write to Council seeking reassurance that the old sandstone wharf would be reconstructed rather than removed as appears to be the suggestion in correspondence to the Heritage Commission.

b) Public Meeting

Council have scheduled a public meeting to discuss the Landscape Master Plan and foreshore works. This will be held at the foreshore reserve commencing 3.30pm 19 October. Councillors and Council managers will attend.

c) Tourism Development Grants

Application form received. Ron Vaughan will follow up.

d) Arts Awards

Call for nominations for Shoalhaven Arts Awards received. To be canvassed in next Gazette.

e) Entry Sign

A motion was put by Jim Wallis, seconded by Vera Farnham and unanimously agreed that:

“Some wording be added to the base of the sign along the lines of ‘The Original Shoalhaven Port’ or ‘Shoalhaven Historical Port – Since 1829’ and arrangements be made to provide a separate sign closer to the village for the purpose of advertising events and the like”.

6. Team Leader Reports

a) Social Development

Joe Franklin reported that he had received some concerns about the medical bus service. He is following up on Neighbourhood Watch with former “watchers” Jack Woodward and Jenny Pope.

b) Events

Planning for “An Evening in Germany” well under way and ticket sales have commenced.

c) Business and Tourism

Team Leader position still vacant.

d) Physical Design

Ron reported on his review of the Recreational Fishing Grants application form. Bruce Oakman tabled an application form from NSW fisheries. This looks like a simpler and more relevant option. Bruce suggested that the informal ramp at the south west end of Crookhaven Drive reserve be considered a potential candidate for a grant and also fish cleaning and toilet facilities at West Street.

The problem of the dearth of fish in the river and inappropriate netting practices were discussed. Rob Tompsett and Ron Vaughan undertook to prepare a submission to the appropriate authorities.

Ron is following up with Paul Cardow to see if his water-recycling ideas are suitable for application for the Community Water Grants.

7. General Business

a) Wetlands Preservation

Jim Wallis reported that some 20km of fencing was to be installed to prevent cattle from accessing the wetlands along the northern banks of the Crookhaven River west from the end of Crookhaven Drive.

8. Next Meeting: 7.00pm 20 October at the Greenwell Point Community Memorial Hall

Meeting Closed : 8.25 pm

Graham Bannister

Secretary

16 September 2005