

Greenwell Point Community Association

1. **Minutes of General Meeting 15th September, 2016**, at the Greenwell Point Community Hall. Declared open by Grahame Ross, President, at 7.00 pm.
 - 11 Residents & Committee in attendance as per attendance register.
 - Apologies: Tanya Paterson, Karen Knowles, Ann Williamson, Bob Williamson, Beverly Bloomfield.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes of July Meeting:** There was no business at the August meeting due to the special "Meet the Candidates" session held. The minutes for July therefore were read and passed.
3. **Business arising:** None highlighted. All to be covered in items below.
4. **President's Report:** Grahame thanked attendees for their interest. He said he would defer any report until he had more time in the seat to get across the issues.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Report was circulated. Passed. Main outstanding item was payment for last month's Gazette.
6. **Correspondence in/out:** List of items tabled by Secretary. (See attachment) One item highlighted was the correspondence from L Nolan about ideas for a Community Garden for Greenwell Point. This was discussed further under "business" below.
7. **Business.**
 - 7.1 **CCB Item:** Kate Ryan is now the main contact person for Community Consultative Bodies (i.e. Community Groups like ours) at Shoalhaven Sire Council (SCC). She has expressed interest in coming to our monthly meetings.
 - 7.2 **Gazette Update:** PT explained the likely content for the next issue. He had received some feedback about size of text in the last issue and consider that for the next issue.
 - It was suggested that the two pages of Community Information in all Gazette could be printed only every three months instead of every issue. PT to consider. The main problem with this was that the content of the community information often has updated details.
 - A further suggestion was that a note to be placed in Gazette reminding everyone to check on their neighbours' welfare if they are elderly and living alone.
 - Closing Date for Gazette inclusions to be end of next week
 - 7.3 **Gallery Update** - No update available this month.
 - 7.4 **Men's Shed update:**
 - Laine is keen to see items from the shed in the Gallery. GR said it was still early days for the shed (now one-year-old) but they are also keen to make more saleable items and to have suitable outlets for them. The Men's Shed needs to generate some funds on an ongoing basis to cover week to week running expenses. Whether items will fit into the Gallery and Craft shop (both physically and practically) is yet to be tested. Gallery policies around who can sell items there may have to be reviewed.
 - GR advised that one project being worked on at the moment is a ramp for a mobility scooter so that it is above flood level.
 - 7.5 **History Group:** K Knowles had sent a brief report to the effect that she had undertaken a "Greenwell Point history session" at the Culburra aged care facility and it was very well received by the group there.
 - 7.6 **Christmas Promotions:** There was discussion about whether we should try to decorate the town (as had been done years ago). Ideas from floor included:

- Possible use of Laser Lights (as in the church)
 - Possible focal point for “dress up” e.g. the sign at the service station
 - Possible Christmas Tree focal point at the front of the Hall with lights
- It was also noted that a few houses in town usually have their houses covered in lights at Christmas and it was suggested that there could be a competition for the best house. There was no resolution following this discussion.

7.7 Community Communication Strategy: The perennial question of how to get more people along to meetings came up again. There had been support in last year’s survey for a change of day or time for the meeting. Many people don’t like going out at night – and also there are many other activities – like meat raffles and trivia nights which keep people away. Laine suggested that the meeting should be moved to Wednesday nights – as this is the one with the fewest “other” activities. GPCA committee to consider.

- One point raised was about how a small community like GP could possibly work together to get bulk discounts from energy companies (for example).
- It was also suggested that better signage promoting meetings – and topical speakers would help to get numbers up.

7.8 Progress of Sign re-erection at Highway Junction: GR explained that there has been a good response from businesses to his call for funding the re-erection of the sign on the highway. Enough money has been promised to erect it. Grahame Ross to follow up.

7.9 Community Garden: The question of a community garden was put in the town surveys of 2014 and 2015. In both surveys there was good support for the idea. A new proposal has been put forward to use the area behind the Hall block. It is a green space – Council land. Lyn Nolan suggested that three universities be approached to provide input by way of their horticultural and / or landscape design students. The planning officer at Council has asked for a rough plan of what the community is wanting so that she can look at it further. [Action – LN and PT]

8. Other Business

8.1 Table Tennis – At the Hall on Tuesday’s & Thursday’s. There are now six members & three tables. Each person pays \$3 towards the use of the Hall. PT to clarify insurance coverage for such activities. [ACTION: PT]

8.2 Merging Lanes – The merging lanes at the junction of Pyree Lane and Greenwell Point Rd was raised again. It was noted that the “Give Way” sign has now been removed, so there is no confusion about the “merge” but it may not be as safe now for the right turn.

8.3 Adelaide St flooding: Ken Knights reports that further investigations about a drain in Adelaide St has identified that a concrete top on the outlet has probably caused sand to bank up in the pipe thus reducing its’ effectiveness. Council is looking into it further.

- Ken also noted that Council is considering whether it should open Shoalhaven Heads earlier in the event of flooding to reduce the effect on Greenwell Point. Evidence from recent floods in GP would support this action.

Meeting closed by Grahame Ross – 8.30 PM

Attachment 1. Correspondence summary:

E-mails	August	September
Federal	8	13
State	20	11
CCB		6
General	11	30
Community	12	
Sent	16	2
SSC	15	15
Gazette		6

Correspondence August

2016/23	Ordinary Meeting + Attachments	26/7/16
2016/24	Council Meeting Minutes	26/7/16
2016/25	Development Committee + attachments	28/7/16
2016/26	Strategy & Assets Committee + Attachments	3/8/16
2016/27	Ordinary Meeting	10/8/16