



Get to the Point Program (Inc.)

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Minutes of General Meeting

Meeting Held: 17 May 2007

Present:

Ron Vaughan, Lyn Eckersley, Veronica Rawlinson, Tony Fowler, Ian Fincham, Tony Lahood, David McCorkell, Laurel Kennedy, Marilyn Delaney, Vera Farnham, Brian Allen, Barry Allen, Jeni Harvie, Garry Wall, Merle Richards, Grahame Ross, Sandra England, Wendy Vaughan, John Wade, Clr Gareth Ward, Ossie Hancock, Shelley Hancock, Joanna Gash MP, Kerry Gilbert

Apologies:

Julie Brown, Tanya Patterson, Graham Patterson, Rob Tompsett, Janelle Tompsett, Graham Bannister, David Llewellyn, Bob Luckman.

Previous Meeting:

Motion that the minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Marilyn Delaney Seconded: Ron Vaughan

CARRIED

Business Arising:

- Vera Farnham has been appointed to the Shoalhaven Tourism Board
- Principal Consultative Body meeting – the name of this group has been changed to “Community Consultative Body”. Dave and Ron attended the latest meeting.
 - Fishing Platforms – GTTP and Council has requested a meeting on-site to discuss Master Plan and fishing platforms.
 - The GP/Culburra sign is obscured, so Council is considering moving it.
- The Bowling Club is getting quotes re the painting of the GP sign on the highway.

General Business:

- Council's Management Plan for the next three years has virtually nothing in it for Greenwell Point (\$202,000 in '07-'08 and \$600,000 in '08-'09). A meeting is to be held on 28 May at 7pm at Council re the plan. Ron Vaughan estimates Greenwell Point contributes over \$500,00 pa in land rates alone.
- There was a very misleading public notice in this week's South Coast Register by the Lands Dept re the naming of the foreshore reserve. "Titania Park" is intended for the park near the wharf including the boatramp; "Foreshore Park" for the park along the river to Church St.
- Octoberfest – Vera is organising another venue for Saturday 13 October
- Dave McCorkell noted that Graham Bannister had received an email from Michael Strachan saying that the boatramp is well into the design stage.
- Ron Vaughan to contact the Bowling Club re the sign format before repainting.

Joanna Gash, Member for Gilmore; Shelley Hancock, State Member for South Coast; and Clr Gareth Ward arrived at the meeting and were welcomed by Ron Vaughan. Ron stated that he believes Greenwell Point is seen by Council as an island and the only funding gained for the area is from shared State or Federal funding. There is virtually no funding in the current budgets and the CCB meeting advised GTTP that a recent Fishing Communities Assistance application had been unsuccessful. Jo Gash said she will look into it and advised that letters of support from herself and Shelley Hancock are advisable. Lyn Eckersley noted that the proponent was Council.

Shelley Hancock MP:

- Shelly noted that Jo Gash had just been endorsed as the Liberal Candidate for Gilmore in the coming Federal election
- She will follow up the funding for the tennis courts (under discussion on her last visit)
- She is happy to do letters of support for any funding applications
- Shelly suggested that GTTP should bring up having a local councillor at the next Council elections (Sept 2008)
- On discussion about "slippage" of GTTP issues in SCC funding, Shelly said the squeaky wheel is dealt with first so GTTP needs to be more vocal and keep up the pressure. Draft Management Plan meetings should be attended as these have influence on budgets
- Shelly noted that State Government funding was difficult to obtain

- Re marina, Greenwell Point, Jervis Bay and Ulladulla were being considered and GP seems a good option considering Jervis Bay is a marine park
- Jo Gash noted that “boat harbour” is the term now being used instead of “marina”
- Wendy Vaughan noted that waste is probably being pumped into the river from visiting vessels and this affects oyster farms. Shelly was aware of this.
- Shelly said direct contact with Council was a good idea re issues of importance, especially prior to budgets being finalised. Gareth suggested a petition and Shelley said a lot of letters has more impact
- Ron stated that the Goodnight Island development was having problems with the State Planning Dept – just when they seem to have fulfilled all the requirements, more seem to be found. Shelley said it is very important that everything is covered off, especially with large projects, otherwise they can be contested
- Barry Allen said he would send Shelley a copy of the Sustainable Aquaculture Plan, noting that the plan talks about the “end of the drought” having an impact on environmental flows
- Ron asked which government department looks after Anzac Park, as the foreshore is a huge concern re erosion. Over 5 metres of foreshore has been lost in the last 10 years. Shelley agreed and said she will look into it, and asked Gareth to take it up with Council
- Sandra England said the river needed to be fenced so that the cows could not pollute the water (this has been done in the Crookhaven but not the Shoalhaven). Barry said this was on the agenda for the Catchment Management Authority
- Ron brought up the issue of the naming of the foreshore park and the confusing advertisement, and wanted to be assured that “Titania Park” would be the name approved for the park and area including the boat ramp.

Joanna Gash MP

- Jo agreed with Shelley re GP’s need for their own councillor
- She said community grants, crime prevention or veteran’s affairs might be sources of funding for Anzac Park, and encouraged GTTP to apply and gain support from the RSL
- Jo said she was a strong supporter of the boat harbour, but that her preference was Huskisson. Currently cruise ships need to put people in row boats to get ashore. She will support anyone who puts in an application for a boat harbour

- Marilyn brought up Kanga Birtles' DA and Jo said it was still in the pipeline
- Jo said that our 12.5% unemployment was unacceptable and that the Goodnight Island project was a good project to address this problem
- There was some discussion of broadband and Greenwell Point not wanting a tower but suggesting the Marine Rescue site at Crookhaven Heads
- Main Road 92 is progressing well. Council has committed \$12m over 3 years. It should be completed in late 2008/early 2009.
- Jo said she would like to see an eco or solar village in the Shoalhaven
- She also noted that there is funding available for water tanks for community groups and that letters have gone to all scout groups and schools.

Clr Gareth Ward:

- Gareth said he was happy to help with any Council issues even though this is not his ward
- He noted a report in Wednesday's paper re the Shoalhaven Estuary Management Plan wanting to stop all development in Greenwell Point, but noted that there had been no consultation with property owners. Dave McCorkell said development was not an issue for GP as there is no land left, but Gareth said "no consultation" was the issue
- He said that he has suggested to Council that vandals be ordered to clean up their mess but that this idea had been rejected, despite working all over the State
- He again encouraged people to attend the Management Plan meetings as Council's budget of \$220m and it has 900 staff, so GTTP should have a say
- After some discussion on the lack of public toilets, Gareth said he will take this up with Council
- Gareth suggested asking other councillors to GTTP meetings and to even change the meeting night to fit in with them – all councillors have power re the budget
- Vera noted that the tennis courts and pool screening are major issues
- Gareth suggested that we "cc" the Mayor and all councillors on issues of concern

Financial Report:

At April 2007, the net assets of GTTP were \$15,007.06 and the net profit (loss) was -\$417.00

Meeting closed – 9.30pm

Next meeting – 21 June 2007

cc. Carolyn Crebbin, SCC
Marilyn Delaney, GP Gazette
Graham Bannister, greenwellpoint.info
Joanna Gash MP
Shelley Hancock MP
Clr Gareth Ward