

SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Fifty-Eighth Committee of Management Meeting

Thursday 16th February, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Old School Hall, Shoreham

MINUTES

Present: Peter Renkin (Chair), Alan Fisher, Barb Kelly (Treasurer), Sue Boggan, Verity Ducos, Ian Joy, Lee Collins, Peter Kelly, Barb Porter and John McMahon (minutes).

Visitors: Bill Clancy, Susan Utting, David Utting, Ann Lorkin, John Lorkin, Linda Patrick (part), Steve Dolman (part) and Cr David Gill (part).

1.0 Chair's Introduction (Peter Renkin):

- **Apologies:** Kathryn Shain.
- Acknowledgement of the Boonwurrung/Bunnurong First People.

Recognition of notable community activities since October meeting:

- Death of Margaret Wilson (Fairlie) was noted with sadness.
- Pending departure of residents Solvie & Siggy Wenig to Wantirna after decades as residents at Shoreham.
- Enjoyable Events :
 - Christmas BBQ at the Rural Fire Brigade, December, 2016.
 - **'Cuppa & Talk'** – 3rd February 2017 – an enjoyable function as usual.
 - 'Under the Trees' – the Tennis Club's Music event in January.
 - Committee Drinks at the Renkins' in January including recognition of Rob Patrick's contribution to the SCA as Vice President & Convenor.
- Progress in the works at the PO/Retail Space and first floor accommodation – steel frame currently being erected.
- Peter K noted that recent heavy rains have underscored the importance of the drainage issue (refer Item 4.6). On the positive side, Peter has welcomed back Pobblebonks to the local creek.
- Lee noted that Vicroads has done a great job cleaning up its local refuse area at the former "Kennedy's Corner" following installation of a banner noting its "ownership".
- Concerning accident at the campground – the 12yo girl is reported to be fully recovered.
- Peter, Sue and John attended a Red Hill Ward Consultative Group meeting on 26/1/2017 to discuss the future of the RAM meetings with our new councillor and planning issues (refer Item 3.6).

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting:

Fifty-Seventh Committee of Management Meeting on 17th November, 2016.

- Motion: to confirm the minutes of last meeting.
- Moved – Sue; Seconded – Barb K; Passed unanimously.

3.0 Agenda Items

Note: Introduction of our special guest for the evening, Cr David Gill, had to be postponed until 8.30pm due to a late-breaking diary conflict of his. Accommodating this change and the time needed for the Common/Place Making Project meant that the proposed order of business was not followed as per the agenda, only the highest priority items could be addressed. The order of business was items 3.1, 3.4, discussions with David Gill (commencing at 8:25PM), 3.3, 3.6 and the remainder as noted. Several items have been held over until next COM meeting.

3.1 **The Shoreham Village Common - Community Place Making Project - Progress Report and Reference Group meeting on Friday 10th February – Outline of Further Plans & Development – Any Decisions the Committee should make?**

Verity apologised for the lateness of her written report which was due to the complexity of the project and communication issues considering the number of stakeholders and Council officers involved. Her report covers – the MPS Vegetation site visit (9/12/2016), the Reference/Creative Group Meeting (10/2/2017) and the Adrian Smith (MPS) Collaboration Day Findings document (17/12/2016). She then spoke to her e-mailed report and a site plan with the following highlights:

- Local landscape architect, Sally Prideaux offered her expertise to develop collaborative designs and options for the Common. She has already produced drawings combining the Common and the new commercial development on the Post Office site – considering the bigger picture. She is recording hours spent (as all members are supposed to do). She has also offered to produce drawings/options on: vehicle/pedestrian traffic, parking, sight lines and vegetation (including species options, the ANZAC Avenue of Honour and the avenue of Algerian Oaks on the northern side of Byrnes Road).
- The Reference/Creative Group, representing community feedback, disagree with Adrian Smith, who wants to exclude the old tennis court (Mechanics Institute) land from the scope of the project. Committee agreed to write to MPS Planning Department and Cr Gill opposing exclusion, on the grounds that it:
 - does not reflect the Community feedback
 - would not coordinate the road removal with later(?) 'old tennis court' development site (they are joined!)
 - risks significant errors in design and planning in relation to vehicle/pedestrian movements, the adjacent new commercial development and parking facilities
 - denies this space as a community free and open recreational meeting space given its pivotal location including its potential use for the signage project.
 - *Note:* Verity was able to walk Cr Gill through the issue later in the evening.
- It seems Council's formula (site & numbers) for parking requirements for the PO/retail usage, hall, tennis club etc might be the Shire's reason behind capacity being set aside there.
- The Reference Group is concerned about realising the commercial development's courtyard. **Action: Taskforce to raise with Gordon Hamilton and report back. Verity recommended Sally Prideaux be involved.**
- The Reference/Creative Group (through Peter Adsett) is composing a framework document covering the Common and surrounds. Committee noted that such a document would be valuable but would not have the force of a planning control like a DDO or the Coastal Villages Strategy Allan Cowley was working on. Committee approved this proposal on the understanding that the work will be conducted in parallel with other tasks and will not delay the project. **Action: Reference/Creative Group to develop for approval and reference to the community.**
- Lee raised the desirability of no vehicles on the Common and the question of parking along Byrnes Road. She urged Committee to "learn the lessons of Flinders" where community action in producing a Master Plan without involving Council involvement has led to wasted effort. Issues discussed were:
 - Council has determined that 31 spaces are needed for the Common etc.
 - How developers are avoiding providing adequate parking in some developments.
 - Peter R emphasised that the Post Office development has to provide for its own car parking as a permit condition.

- Several matters affecting vegetation in the Common and adjacent surrounds were raised:
 - Woody weed removal along the eastern boundary of the Common will commence shortly (the Steen Avenue neighbour remains to be contacted).
 - Byrnes Road weed removal down the northern side to the bus shelter will commence soon in the previously funded \$7K verges project.
 - Adrian Smith and the Reference/Creative Group are keen to create appropriate sight lines and “canopising” (sic) around the Common.
 - The question of dealing with the Queensland Box avenue including possible removal.
 - A separately funded Green Army exercise is planned to extend the work west of the bus shelter. This will result in 200 plants going in.
 - The street vegetation (ie the “butchered Melaleucas”) will be dealt with under the Tree renewal program.
- **Action: Committee agreed to delegate Sue to continue to deal with the Shire and liaise with Reference/Creative Group on this Shire/Broad Spectrum contracted program re vegetation matters.**
- The priority of removal of the “road” through the common was raised. Alan warned that the hall restoration project is likely to commence within a fortnight and will make that area a construction site. The road is likely to be required by the builder as part of its site access. **Action: Alan will discuss the builder’s needs at next opportunity.**

3.2 **The Triangle Project** - held over until next meeting.

3.3 **Road Verges** – Sue quickly reviewed her reports distributed prior to the meeting – aspects of which had already been discussed under item 3.1. The imminent Byrnes Road works and the unexpected Howard Street project under the “Corridors of Green” program were the highlights.

3.4 **Old School Hall** - Alan covered the following points:

- The MPS engineering department drawings for the renovations were distributed for the SCA’s November, 2016 meeting. The scope of work includes the essential foundation and cracking repairs as well as drainage improvements and removal of surrounding concrete paving.
- Tenders for the work closed 14/1/2017 and several bids were received. Sign-off on the selection of the tenderer is imminent. Alan expects work to start in about a fortnight and expects the project to be completed this fiscal year.
- Concrete will not be reinstated – granulated sand will be used for paths. Alan does not believe that the drop-off point will be concreted. **Action: Alan to confirm that all paving material will be the same as used for the existing pathway on the western side of the building to the toilet.**
- The design includes a ramp compliant with relevant Australian disability standards and at the height of the existing steps (about 0.5m).
- Verity pointed out that the new wheelchair access requires a substantial platform and wedge which will change the look of the building entrance. Alan believes it is too late to amend details like this now. The platform itself will have an old granite edge. **Action: Alan to provide latest plans and elevations for the project so that design detail aspects can be understood and assessed.**

3.5 **Point Leo-Shoreham Trail** – held over until next meeting.

- 3.6 **Red Hill Ward Consultative Group** – a meeting was held 26/1/2017 at the Old School Hall with Peter R, Sue and John representing the SCA. The future of the RAM meetings was discussed - though the main focus of the meeting was protection of the Green Wedges. Neville Wale presented a masterful summary of the Green Wedges commencing with the planning from the 1970s. John outlined that key points from the meeting were:
- Representatives came from Flinders, Cape Schanck, Red Hill and Shoreham.
 - The Consultative Group agreed with the perception that the Shire has become too liberal in its interpretation of the Green Wedge controls giving too much emphasis to tourism and economic development – some recent development projects such as Willow Creek and the RACV at Cape Schanck being deemed inappropriate. It was agreed to write to the CEO requesting that Council’s policies become more conservative. Neville Wale is to coordinate the letter with each group attending supplying points for consideration. Peter R is coordinating the Shoreham response.
 - Barb P expressed a desire to join the strategic planning group (with Peter R, Sue and John). **Action: John to brief Barb on the recent Green Wedges discussions.**
- 3.7 **Other business** – none discussed.
- 4.0 **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**
- 4.1 **E- newsletter December 2016 & web-site** – further plans – held over until next meeting.
- 4.2 **Follow up from the Special SCA Committee meeting discussions (11/11/2016)** – held over until next meeting.
- 4.3 **Shire Hall fee charges** – any follow up needed? – Barb K reported the problem has been resolved favourably and was reported so at an earlier meeting.
- 4.4 Commonwealth Government’s priority of **‘Black Spot’ Road Safety Works**: Sue raised the matter of the unresponsiveness of Greg Hunt MP in our discussions with David Gill on traffic/road safety issues (refer Item 8). Otherwise, committee discussion is held over until next meeting.
- 4.5 **Foreshore Reserve Committee – proposed amalgamations** – held over until next meeting.
- 4.6 **Drainage** – follow up with Shire re May Street & Higgins Lane – held over until next meeting.
- 4.7 Information about progress of **NBN installation** – held over until next meeting.
- 4.8 **Invitation to Jessica Wingad**, formerly MPS Manager Climate Change, Energy & Water – Jessica’s role has changed. Verity had extended our invitation to Jessica but has had no reply. Given both circumstances and the heavy workload of deferred items for next meeting, Committee decided to withdraw the invitation and have no guest speaker. **Action: Verity to e-mail Jessica accordingly.**
- 4.9 **Harry Haralambous painting** – Peter K recommends accepting the Balnarring framer’s quotation. **Action: Peter R to arrange.**

5.0 Correspondence:

5.1 *In from:*

- 5.1.2 Margaret Wallis of UK – enquiring availability of a ‘2017 Shoreham calendar’
- 5.1.3 Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5th March 2017 – any involvement?
- 5.1.4 Westernport News –Free Advertising listings available
- 5.1.5 Tony Walkington, Ranger, Pt Leo Park & Reserve – advising proposed path has no source of funding & no assistance from Green Army
- 5.1.6 Red Hill Ward – various matters – see Item 3.6 above
- 5.1.6 Local Community Insurance Policy renewal
- 5.1.7 Other

5.2 *Out to:*

- 5.2.1 Reply to Margaret Wallis - not one planned
- 5.2.2 Invitation to Cr David Gill to attend SCA Committee meeting in February 2017
- 5.2.3 Hon Greg Hunt inquiring about the status of the SCA’s ‘Black Spots’ submission to the Federal Government
- 5.2.4 Shire Finance Controller – SCA’s Budget Submission for financial year 2017-2018; request any unspent Project funds be carried forward into next financial year – for Hall, Common, Trails; request extra funds to fully complete Hall restoration & to undertake drainage works. Request to undertake a Strategic Plan for ‘Coastal Villages’
- 5.2.5 White Lady Funerals, Rosebud re payment of \$30 Hire of Hall for Margaret Wilson’s Service

5.3 Any Other Correspondence

Note: – all discussion of correspondence is held over until next meeting.

6.0 Standing Committees/Priority Projects updates

6.1 Treasurer’s report - Financial Matters

- Barb K tabled the monthly Financial Statement (see Appendix).
- Highlights were that our balance of funds is \$6,288.63 and 4 renewals were received.
- Following advice from Brian Alcock, Committee agreed that our current level of public liability insurance is adequate. **Action: Barb K to renew as quoted.**
- Discussion of membership recruitment – held over until next meeting.

7.0 General Business - Coming Events/Activities:

7.1 **Next “Cuppa & Talk”** – Friday 3rd March, 2017 at 10.30am at Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade building - **Action: Lee & Kathryn.**

7.2 **Next Foreshore Reserve Working Bee – Sunday, 26th March**, 10AM – noon.

7.3 **Next Community Dinner** – Friday 3rd March, 2017 at 6:00PM for 7:00PM at the Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade building, theme: Chinese New year - **Action: Lee.** Lee explained the 6PM start was geared to encourage the attendance of children. Food will not start until 7PM. Lee also confirmed the following dates: 9/6, 1/9 and 10/11 for subsequent dinners (though she said there is some flexibility around those).

Discussion with Cr David Gill

Peter R welcomed and introduced Cr Gill who impressed Committee as a frank, personable and experienced operator. In his response, David:

- Distributed a booklet entitled *Mornington Peninsula Planning Statement* - which is a summary of the Shire's Localised Planning Statement.
- Emphasised his commitment to the Green Wedges referring Committee to the reverse of his business card that emphasises that. He is clearly passionate about planning issues and the challenges the Peninsula faces – including new ones (eg the VicSmart program and foreign investment).
- Discussed his priorities for this year including Green Wedge protections, the Coastal Village Strategy, public transport and others.
- Confirmed his understanding of the time-pressures our projects are running under and is working towards insuring our desire that any unexpended moneys from this year's budget are carried over into next year's budget.
- Fielded questions from Committee and visitors from the broader community on traffic/road safety issues, the serious dogs-off-lead problem vs beach-nesting birds, the "swinging seat" syndrome and cross-Peninsula transport issues which impact upon the elderly accessing needed medical services. Peter R emphasised the need for a Shoreham/Flinders heritage review which would address the VCAT recommendation for a study of "Alavina" in particular. **Action: Collaboration between the SCA and the Foreshore Committee on dog controls to be addressed at next meeting.**
- Gave us tips on how to communicate effectively with Council in a way that allows him to follow up – in a nutshell: send directly to the officer concerned, cc the COO or CEO and cc David.
- Seemed agreeably surprised at the level of attendance and interest in our meeting. He was also surprised at the success of our Community Dinner program and indicated a desire to attend the next.
- Outlined his desire for the RAM meetings to continue and commented on his preference for the content of the meetings and their frequency. Peter R had already distributed relevant communications to Committee [on 16/1/2017].
- Noted that there are 8 "green" councillors who are currently finding their way. Nevertheless, he believes Council will work well with matters considered on their merits - the voting blocks and rancour of the past have largely disappeared. David is working well with most Council officers also. Peter K, Sue and others commented that our dealings with Council officers in the field have been very positive and we asked him to convey our appreciation.

Peter R thanked David for his contributions and he was congratulated on his electoral success. We look forward to dealing with him in addressing Shoreham's priorities.

8.0 **Next Committee meeting:** Thursday **16th March, 2017 at 7.00pm** – venue TBA (assuming the Old School Hall is a construction site).

9.0 **Close** - meeting closed at 09:40PM.