

SHOREHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SIXTIETH COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Thursday 20th April, 2017, at 7.00pm in the Rural Fire Brigade, Shoreham

MINUTES

Present : Peter Renkin (Chair), Barb Kelly (Treasurer), Sue Boggan, Kathryn Shain (Secretary), Alan Fisher (Vice President), Verity Ducos, Lee Collins, Peter Kelly, John McMahon, Ian Joy (Minutes).

1.0 Chair's Introduction (Peter Renkin)

- **Apologies:** Deidre Cochrane
- Acknowledgement of the Boonwurrung/Bunnurong First People.

Recognition of notable community activities since February meeting:

- Cuppa & Talk – 7th April – Lee said that the Nursing Home had to use an extra vehicle to convey the numbers that attended and there was still good attendance by residents, one of whom indicated she wished to make a donation to express her appreciation. Everyone enjoyed the event.
- Works at the old School Hall site – See Item 3.3
- Easter Egg Hunt – Peter K and Verity said that a lot of people and children of all ages attended and the event was very successful. There was general discussion that this should be an annual event to which everyone agreed. Lee said that this could be an opportunity to include the Rural Fire Brigade to inform about their activities & interact with young people. Peter R suggested we could extend an invitation to participate next year. Verity presented a slide show of the day.
- Clearance of trees, etc, along the eastern fence of the Common – See Item 3.1.
- E-newsletter & website – the newsletter has been circulated. The Committee thanked John Mc and those that helped with this – Bob Nottle, Kathryn & Linda Patrick.
- Foreshore Reserve Committee's educational event on 16th April with Indigenous Consultant Lionel Lauch – 42 adults and 6 children attended and Lionel gave a very informative tour, indicating various types of vegetation, a lot of which was edible.

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting:

Fifty-ninth Committee of Management Meeting on 16th March 2017.

Peter R mentioned that 3.6 was incorrect in that he and Sally Draper also attended the meeting with the developer referred to in that item. Minutes to be amended accordingly.

- Motion: To confirm the minutes of that meeting as amended
- Moved Peter K and confirmed Lee C.

3.0 New and/or Agenda items to prioritize?

3.1 'The Shoreham Village Common – Community Place Making Project' Progress report – Verity

– Verity read her report -
- Adrian Smith placed Works Orders as specified, he has responded that all is going well with them.

- Verity and Sally Prideaux conducted 2 separate site visits each and various communications with Adrian Smith requesting feedback, definition of budget allocation of works orders and timelines.

- Verity has requested definite allocation of budget against works orders submitted, other works estimates and definite timeline of all co-ordinated works.

- Vegetation works started on the Eastern side of the Common.

Unfinished are the following: weed spraying, hand weeding around native plants, further tree removal, stump removal, soil preparation, mulching (outline) and planting. Adrian conducted a site visit 2 weeks ago and requested Gerard Cook get back to him re: continuation of works. He hasn't got a definite time as yet. Sally Prideaux approved the suggested mix of the 200 plants promised by the Natural Systems group for the Eastern Boundary.

- As Hall works are finishing early (last week of April), Verity requested road works start as soon as site is vacated.

Adrian Smith is yet to confirm.

Parking – Peter R read from a letter from MPS that owing to a lack of car spaces required for the Tennis Club players/supporters & people attending Hall events, the lower car park near the Tennis Club could not be given up for the Common Project. Peter R has written on behalf of the SCA to Elliot Reid of MPS contesting this decision. Verity said that Sally Prideaux has produced a plan to show how these car parking spaces can be achieved. Twenty-four spaces are required for the PO as per the approved plan. There will be a meeting with Cr Gill on Monday 24th April at 3pm that will focus on:-

1. The Buxton Reserve and Chapel site
2. The application of the Common funds
3. Parking

3.2 Road Verges – Sue B – nothing further to report. Kathryn asked if any re-planting is to take place. Sue to enquire. Lee said that the RFB thought that the fire protection work along Byrnes Road was very good. The Brigade is apparently going to write a commendatory letter to MPS. When the role of the SCA in this was mentioned at a Brigade meeting, there was comment by someone querying what, if anything the SCA had to do with this. Lee said there is a problem with suitable recognition of effort and perhaps we need to promote our achievements more. Peter R outlined the history of the \$7000 grant for this work. He thought that even if this was a view held by some, that doesn't mean we don't communicate. Peter R said SCA has written to MPS thanking the team for its good work.

John Mc asked what was happening with **drainage** as there had been some work in Prout Webb Road. Peter R said this was general not specially funded work as we are not on the list for major drainage works: but we should continue to agitate for an overall drainage plan for Shoreham.

3.3 Old School Hall Foundations Restorations and other works

Alan – MPS has confirmed that the contracted hall works will be complete by end of April. The additional painting to be undertaken by MPS Maintenance Department is expected to be completed by May 17 - this requires confirmation that Alan should have by next week. At this time it is expected the furniture can be moved back in by end of May.

The final site meeting with the contractor (Jovan Constructions) is now scheduled for next Thursday April 27th at 8:00AM. Alan will be able to have a site inspection at that time and hopefully will be able to confirm all planned work has been completed.

3.4 Red Hill Ward Consultative Group business meeting held 23rd March 2017.

Kathryn had circulated three reports of the meeting, being: -

1. Her report to SCA COM of the meeting (see Appendix B).
2. A discussion paper prepared by Neville Wale on Green Wedge planning.
3. Notes taken by her at the meeting.

Kathryn said the main issue was Green Wedge. There was discussion regarding this and the Committee endorsed the six points made by Neville in his paper and included a seventh, the issue of enforcement. Peter R also said we should write to the Minister emphasizing an individual approach to the Peninsula rather than have a 'one size fits all' approach to planning issues. There should also be monitoring by the Red Hill Ward and its associated groups. Verity suggested adding a green wedge section to the newsletter and website.

Action – Peter R and Kathryn to provide a response to the RHWCG.

3.5 SCA/Taskforce + architects meeting on 10th March with Gordon Hamilton re PO/Commercial/Accommodation Works – follow up – Sue /Peter R

Peter said that Sally Draper has the Planning Permit Regulations for reference if people want to reference them. He said that a Landscape Plan had been requested by us /Sally. There were issues associated with the painting colour and parking. There would be ongoing monitoring of progress through meetings with Gordon.

3.6 Shire Council meeting at Flinders on 27th March – Alan, Sue and Peter K

The meeting was of a standard type and quite boring in parts. MPS outlined what has been achieved over time. MPS had invited VicRoads and there was a Victoria Police representative and each gave presentations that were very good regarding traffic safety. Peter K mentioned a reference to MPS becoming a great agricultural opportunity. Alan recommended we should attend council meetings as a matter of course, There was the evening meal followed by the full council meeting.

3.7 Open Air Chapel land title at Buxton Reserve/former YMCA Campsite – Sue

Sue gave an overview of the Council meeting on 27/3. She then gave a slide presentation outlining the history of Camp Buxton. She said that she has access to all the original documentation regarding the setting up of the Camp. She recommended we approach MPS to overturn the decisions to sell the Chapel Site to the private landowner. The land was left to Shoreham Community by Mr. Buxton and not to go into private hands.

Alan referred to the paper written by Jim Houlihan (Team Leader MPS Land Strategy). Peter R queried the reason the landowner, Tony Brooks, wanted to purchase the land. It was agreed that we try to have Jonathon Chivers and Elliott Reid attend the Monday meeting with Cr. Gill.

4.0 Business Arising from the previous Minutes:

4.1 Commonwealth Govt priority of ‘Black Spot’ Road Safety works – Greg Hunt MP follow up – Sue B – Met with Brett Whitwan (Shire) and looked at the road intersections. VicRoads is not interested at this stage. Alan said that decisions regarding road treatments are not based on statistics but logic. Sue has not heard from Greg Hunt’s office.

4.2 Foreshore Reserve Committee – Sue said there had been a collective meeting of the Foreshore Committees to look at how to monitor the dog issue. Local committees/rangers need some form of enforcement for action – eg taking names and addresses, issuing penalty notices. Further action is pending.

4.3 Point Leo – Shoreham Trail – Lee – There are permit barriers such as indigenous issues, disabled access and heritage overlay to be addressed before we seek funding. This is not a high priority at the moment.

4.4 Shire council’s Budget 2017/2018 – Peter R reported on the successful inclusion of extra funds for the Hall improvements, plus a recommendation to add two new items in a second submission. He also recommended attendance at the Section 223 Submission committee of Council on 10th May. Approved.

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 In from:

5.1.1 Bulent Oz, Financial Controller - Mornington Peninsula Shire re Council Budget SCA submission

5.1.2 Westernport News –Free Advertising listings available

5.1.3 Elliott Reid, Shire’s Traffic & Road Safety Team re SCA’s request for a Car parking assessment & allocation of appropriate spaces, & request to terminate car parking on the ‘old tennis court’.

5.1.4 Various emails: Common Placemaking Project, Cr David Gill, Red Hill Ward Consultative Group, Shire Officers, & SCA Committee members

5.1.5 Other

5.2 Out to:

5.2.1 Cr David Gill re Traffic & Road Safety Team’s negative reply to SCA’s request for an overall parking assessment/plan; Council’s resolution re the title to the Open Air Chapel, & request to have an appointment with him

5.2.2 Jonathon Chivers, Shire Senior Property Officer, re YMCA Buxton Camp ‘Open Air Chapel Site’ – following Council’s resolution on 27th March

5.2.3 Various Emails to responsible officers re. projects & tasks as in 5.1.4

5.2.4 SCA Submission to Victorian Planning Department’s “VicSmart” Survey

5.2.5 Bulent Oz – making additional Submission to Shire Council’s Budget & notifying intention to appear at Section 223 Committee

5.2.6 Elliott Reid, Traffic & Road Safety Team, reply to his letter

6.0 Standing Committees/Priority Projects updates

6.1 Treasurer's Report – (See Appendix A) Barb K tabled her report and went through it item by item. Peter R asked if we had been re-imbursed for our costs re the Common. Barb replied in the negative. Barb stated we have sufficient funds to meet our obligations until the end of the financial year.

Motion That the report be accepted.

Moved John Mc Seconded Kathryn

Carried unanimously.

7.0 General Business – Coming Events/Activities

7.1 **AGM** – set for 23rd July where there will be a presentation of a painting by Harry Haralambous. Lee suggested as a speaker, one of the Trigger brothers as she had heard an interview on 3RRR which was quite interesting regarding the history of the area. Ian to arrange same.

7.2 SCA's participation in ANZAC Day at Flinders. – Peter R said that Tony Proust is organizing and would like us to lay a wreath. Time set for 10am at the hall and the service at 11am. Agreed SCA will participate.

7.3 Next Cuppa & Talk – Friday 7th April 2017 at 10.30am at the CFA building – Lee & Kathryn

7.4 Next Foreshore Reserve Working Bee – Sunday 26th April at 10am (I thought this was cancelled)

7.5 Next community dinner set for Saturday June 17th – Lee suggested an Indian curry night to which all agreed.

8.0 Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7.00pm at the Rural Fire Brigade.

9.0 Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Appendix A

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 20 APRIL 2017

STATEMENT ACCOUNT

NO TRANSACTIONS SINCE 16/3/2017

Bank Balance as at 20/4/2017 **\$**
5,632.98

TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Opening balance (from 10/12/16)
\$10,602.75

Plus interest to 10/03/17 **56.17**
\$10,658.92

Balance as at 20th April 2017: \$ 5,632.98 - Statement Account

Balance as at 20th April 2017: \$10,658.92 - Term Deposit Account

Membership still at 176

Appendix B

Kathryn: Report to COM following the Red Hill Ward Consultative Group (RHWCG) Meeting held on 23rd March 2017 – attended also by Sue and Peter K.
I attach two papers –

- Discussion paper prepared by Neville Wale* 'Green Wedge Planning'
- Notes taken by me at the RHWCG meeting

The meeting was orientated around Green Wedge (GW) issues. These are of current importance to the RHWCG and also to the Mornington Peninsula Shire (MPS).

Neville's paper was a culmination of earlier discussions and written input, including that of the SCA. Please read in particular his Recommendations for Action.

The RHWCG meeting was attended by Cr David Gill and Alan Cowley - Strategic Projects Manager, MPS. Alan gave a power point presentation on the issues involved in the Interim Mornington Peninsula Shire Green Wedge Management Plan (2012)(GWMP) (this can be viewed on line).

The SCA COM now needs to decide how best to work with the RHWCG to protect the Peninsula GW for the future. Despite the Mornington Peninsula Planning Statement (2014) (PS) and the GWMP, the RHWCG meeting felt that the Peninsula was losing out – eg the recent Willow Creek development (Jackalooop), the RACV resort at Cape Schanck, Colonial Leisure Group Brewery at Portsea.

A recent State planning paper 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 (March 2017) is pushing local governments to produce PSs and GWMPs for their areas. Alan Cowley anticipates that the Shire wish the GWMP to be fully implemented by mid 2018. A community consultation process is required before this happens. (From what I have read it seems there was considerable community involvement prior to the adoption by Council of the interim GWMP in 2012).

On reading Plan Melbourne, the MP PS and the Interim GWPS, wording such as 'protect', 'support', 'maintain and enhance' etc. crop up time and time again, but with little emphasis on any mandatory provisions. The vision is great but the real issue is how this vision is actually put into practice. Contexts vary so widely that mandatory provisions may not be the answer. In reality whether or not the GW is maintained and supported will revolve around the shared understanding and commitment to the values of GW by MPS and its officers.

According to Cr Gill the MPS CEO (Carl Cowie) is very committed to the GWMP. There are 4 new planners being employed by the Shire to work with GW issues. Another issue to consider, one that Alan Cowley also mentioned, is recent change to the State Government's VicSmart process. VicSmart allows developments up to \$250,000 (in some contexts) to be processed quickly without community input. The level has been lifted to \$500,000 (again in relevant contexts). This could be undermining of GW policy.

Please read in particular the Recommendations for Action in Neville Wale's paper. Also look at the comments I have made towards the end of my Notes of the meeting (yellow highlight).

I feel we should support Neville's Recommendations for Action. A further specific recommendation could be the tightening of enforcement provisions that appear to be presently inadequate.

* Neville is a retired Town Planner with over 50 years experience in strategic, environmental and heritage planning in government and private practice. He has served as a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria; is a former member of the Heritage Council of Victoria; and Honorary Life Member of the National Trust (Victoria).

Neville is President of the Flinders District Historical Society. He is also a Past President of the FCA and Flinders Probus Club. Neville holds qualifications in Town and Regional Planning; Heritage Planning and Conservation management; and is a Fellow of Planning Institute Australia. Neville was also involved in the preparation of the Flinders Character Design Guidelines in 1999.