

Minutes of Meeting of Hartley District Progress Association

August 1st 2011. 1935 hrs.

Chairman : Keith Berry.

Attendance and apologies as per record book.

Minutes of previous meeting read by chairman.

Acceptance of minutes moved by Diane Green, seconded by John Facchina.

Business arising: Chairman explained rational behind cleaning out old crockery from school kitchen.

Replacement mugs have been purchased and a storage bin to secure same in a vermin free environment has been installed.

Lights: \$1036:00 has been paid for lights and Mark O'Toole will install and the Treasurer will settle account.

Land Use Strategy: Ramsay Moodie summed up activities on this front. The meeting at Glen Alice was described and the resolutions passed there were similar to our own. Letters to Lithgow City Council and Radio 2LT were sent and Jennifer Minchin of 2LT was spoken to. Portland also has had a very active meeting on the subject.

Jeremy Dawkins organised a meeting with Lithgow Mercury editor, Len Ashworth . The meeting endeavoured to point out to the Mercury the critical nature of elements in the Draft LUS document.

Renovations: The meeting was advised by letter from the Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust that the funding for the renovation of the Hartley School has finally been received and that the matter has been discussed at the AGM of the Trust held recently. Joan Kent will contact Lynda Lovegrove (President, HRRT) and discuss the usage of the generous grant.

Treasurers Report: (Treasurer Barb Johnson unable to attend).

Bank: \$11,296:00

HHAG: \$1487:00

1813 Committee: \$604:00

HDPa: \$9205:00.

\$1036:00 paid for lights.

Report accepted ; Diane Green, Peter Stopher

Correspondence:

Letter from Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust regarding grant of monies for renovation at School.

Email from Robert Leslie , Catchment Officer Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

General Business:

The meeting addressed the topic of the HDPa being a forum for the community to enable members to air their concerns on any matter and , if the meeting so decides, have the HDPa as their official voice when dealing with official bodies. The HDPa has always been a platform for public comment .

In 2010 there was a difference of opinion as to whether the Association spoke for the community or not. It was noted that the Association canvases around 400 households on any subject of importance and meetings are open to all comers. This important subject will be revisited at the next general meeting of the HDPa.

The matter of the fee of \$500 due to one of the speakers at our forum on the Draft LEP was addressed by Ramsay Moodie and payment arranged from Hartley Highway Action Group funds.

Community Web Site: Diane Green reported to the meeting. It was a very positive report and indications are that the well managed web site is making inroads as the Association's information channel.

Authority to post the meeting minutes on the web was given: proposed Diane Green, seconded Carmen Stopher.

Next AGM: This will be in November 2011. Those interested in being office bearers should nominate in advance. Keith Berry commented that in line with the revised constitution new people, new blood, new ideas are to be encouraged. A turn-over of office bearers will aid this objective.

1813 Commemoration Committee: Joan Kent spoke on the subject. With less than 2 years to go, the naming of specific projects is very important. There was a recommendation of 2 to 4 projects that may be central to the project. Discussion on such items then followed.

The next meeting will be at the Tea House on 13th August.

Ramsay Moodie also addressed the 1813 project and expressed concern that there be an overarching equitable arrangement in place instead of many groups doing their own thing and all chasing funding.

Neville Castle is to be contacted regarding composition of 1813 Committee.

Business Directory Report: Suzie Moodie reported on state of play in the matter of customers. Invoices have gone out, 10 have paid. The work continues.

Constitution: At the next general meeting a change be sought to constitution to clarify the position of the executive in regard to any profit making arising.

Meeting ended 2115 hrs.

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S F Casey ,Secretary, HDPA.