

MEETING OF THE HARTLEY DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Held on Monday 4 August 2014 at 7.30 pm at Hartley School

1. PRESENT

Tom Kent (Chair) (TK); Joan Kent (JK); Barbara Johnson (BJ); Diane Green (DG); David Banks (DB); Belinda Banks; Duncan Wass (DW); Barbara Wass (BW); Michael Combs (MC); Margaret Combs (MaC); (BB); Dick Austen (DA); Ian Campbell (IC); John Facchina (JF); Max Wheat (MW); Barbara Wheat (BW) - Minute Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Patricia Hunt

Chris Warren - Collit's Inn (part of meeting)

Josh Logan – Logan Signs (part of meeting)

Noelene Thorne – Organiser, Hartley Farmers Markets (part of meeting)

APOLOGIES

Seamus Casey, Ramsay and Susie Moodie, Bob Morris, Barry Funnell

2. PRESENTATIONS

- Chris Warren, owner of CJ's Restaurant in Lithgow, advised that he would be opening a bed and breakfast/restaurant/function venue at Collit's Inn. Work is continuing on the old barn and he is awaiting final approval to host functions, including weddings and conferences.
- Josh Logan provided details of all facets of his sign-writing business.
- Noelene Thorne provided details of the farmers markets to be held at the Hartley Village, to commence on 17 August 2014. The aims of the markets are – “to have a food based market, to source as local as possible; to have hand-made goods from our region; to offer to all a pleasant place to visit, shop and socialise and to work with staff holders to as to have a positive approach towards showcasing and stimulation interest in our region”. Noelene advised that she held appropriate insurance policies for stall-holders at a cost of \$10 per staff.

TK thanked the visitors for their presentations, and they departed the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Hall Hire

Refer to General Business below.

5. CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 5.1 Email from Marc Aussie-Stone re “Lithgow Region Can be Greatly Progressed” – for information.
- 5.2 Email from Seamus Casey and Michael Coombs re chipping of excess pruning – TK read the email to the meeting. MC explained that as a result of there being an excess of pruning following the recent working bee at the school, SC and MC gave approval for the Asplundh Company to carry out mulching work at a cost of \$500.00. This was to be paid half by the Trust and half by HDP. TK advised that an invoice and copy of receipt would be required before HDP funds could be paid out.
- 5.3 Letter from Roads and Maritime Services dated 27 June 2014 re “Review of Environment Factors, Great Western Highway Upgrade, Hartley Valley”. Correspondence noted.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, TK tabled the Financial Report up to 31 July 2014 Financial Report. Current closing balance is \$8,648.00 of which \$2,200.00 is a grant from Lithgow City Council for the painting of the out-buildings. This leaves a balance of \$6,448.00, which includes \$1000.00 on behalf of HHAG.

Work has commenced on the external painting of the hall. The roof has been undercoated and one coat of the top colour has been applied. MC

advised that the work to date has been paid for by the Trust. As soon as weather permits, the outside of the wall will be painted and the second coat will be applied to the roof. The sum of \$2,200.00 held by HDPa will be applied to the cost of this work.

TK reported that the bonfire and raffle has raised \$1,204.00, less \$157.00 expenditure.

Motion:

That the Financial Report be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Hall Hire

TK advised that Josh Logan had provided a quote for \$140.00 for the art work and sign sized at 1200cm long by 600 cm high. The sign will be affixed to the fence alongside the school gate and will read hall for hire along with Barbara Johnson's telephone number.

Motion:

That HDPa proceed to have the sign prepared at a cost of \$140.00, in accordance with the quotation.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 Budget for Christmas Lunch and Format

Issues discussed included the amount of \$500 contributed by HDPa for Christmas parties in the previous 2 years and whether the same amount be offered this year. Should an entry be charged for children and/or adults? Maybe a gold coin donation would be acceptable. Following discussion, TK requested that consideration be given to this matter with a report to next meeting.

7.3 Hall Bookings Update

BJ reported that there were currently 3 x \$100 bookings, however, there would be no bookings over the period of the Moment in Time Exhibition. Discussion followed on people hiring the hall leaving lights on and leaving garbage behind. BJ suggested that an information sheet be prepared and handed to prospective hirers.

Action:

BJ to prepare information sheet.

7.4 Restoration of the Map

The map is currently with restorers in Artarmon. A quote has also been received from International Conservation Services for \$3,500.00. Unless grants can be sourced, this amount of money is extreme. Discussion followed on whether the map should be conserved or restored.

Action:

Discuss with Ramsay and Susie Moodie and ascertain if there are cheaper options.

7.5 Website

DG advised she had uploaded the agenda onto the website at 5pm and received two comments requesting information about the farmers markets by 6pm.

7.6 Newsletter Deadline

Deadline is 18 August 2014.

7.7 Annual General Meeting

The Constitution determines that the AGM be held within 4 months following the close of the Association's financial year. TK advised that succession planning for executive positions was essential, particularly in view of positions being current for only 2 years.

7.8 "A Moment in Time" 1813 – 2014

The Exhibition returns to Hartley Historic School Hall on Saturday 13 September to 12 October, inclusive, and will be officially opened by the Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole, with an address from Anne-Maree Whitaker who is a Cox descendant. Cox's Road Historic Walks will commence on Sunday 14 September. BJ is organising the volunteer roster and additional A Moment in Time books have been ordered.

7.9 Back to Hartley

Provision has been made for HDPa to have a stall at this event on 26 October. Information will be included in the Newsletter.

Prior to closing the meeting TK thanked everyone who participated in the bonfire on 19 July.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the HDPa would be held on Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.