

**MEETING OF THE HARTLEY DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**  
**Held on Monday 7 April 2014 at 7.30 pm at Hartley School**

**1. PRESENT**

Tom Kent (Chair) (TK); Joan Kent (JK); Ramsay Moodie (RM); Susie Moodie (SM); Diane Green (DG); Ian Campbell (IC); Michael Combs (MC); Margaret Combs (MaC); Seamus Casey (SC); Bob Morris (BM); Jim Robson (JR); Trish Ryan (TR); Max Wheat (MW); Barbara Wheat (BW) - Minute Secretary

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Patricia Hunt

**APOLOGIES**

Barbara Johnson, Dick Austen, Barry Funnell

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2014 were confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

**3. MEETING PROTOCOLS**

TK requested that participants maintain a degree of decorum to ensure a productive meeting and that all comments be addressed through the Chair. As volunteers, it is essential that members' views be respected.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4.1 Hy-Tec – Application for Extension of Licence by 30 Years**

TK reported on the very productive meeting held with Hy-Tec on 29 March 2014. Interested parties will be provided the opportunity to discuss the proposal prior to lodgement with the Department of Planning. Hy-Tec is very keen to hear any concerns residents may have. TK tabled a map provided by Rod Corkery and requested the meeting to identify any inaccuracies or properties not shown.

A record of the meeting is currently being finalised and will be available from TR.

**4.2 Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust (The Trust) - Lease**

Further to the Trust's proposal to grant a lease to HDPa for the Hartley School buildings, upon further investigation, it was determined that a lease was impractical and an updated draft Memorandum of Understanding was tabled that provides clarity of mutual obligations.

**Action:**

HDPa to review draft Memorandum of Understanding.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE IN**

**5.1 Letter from Sue Graves dated 23 February 2014 re Lithgow City Council LEP**

TK read letter to the meeting.

**Action:**

TK to respond to Ms Graves and thank her for the information and her interest.

**5.2 Email from Lawrence Natale seeking \$2,000 Contribution toward construction of a 2km section of Peach Tree Reserve Road in Cullenbenbong**

This request has also been forwarded to the Kanimbla Sports & Recreation Community Club and Megalong Valley Landowners Association, both of whom had declined to contribute to the project. Following discussion, it was agreed that HDPa would not support the proposal, and that funds should be attracted from the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

**Motion:**

"The information was tabled and a response would be prepared by TK suggesting that a serious proposal should be submitted to the RFS and that HDPa is unable to assist."

**5.3 Correspondence from Dick Austen re Newsletter**

TK read the letter to the meeting, with particular emphasis on an article entitled "Heritage" that appeared in the Autumn 2014 newsletter. Mr Austen requested that the article be retracted and that an apology be forwarded to various LCC Councillors involved with this issue.

Following discussion on the history of this matter, it was agreed that the LEP was a LCC matter and not the purview of the HDP. It was agreed that all opinion based articles appearing in the newsletter, must be attributed to an author, with the proviso that it is not necessarily the view of the HDP.

**Motion:**

That any opinion based articles included in the newsletter be attributed to an author and the Editorial Committee to ensure this is the case.

**Carried Unanimously**

Several members of the HDP present believed that a retraction of the article in the next newsletter was necessary, as well as an apology to Council. A vote on the matter was defeated 7/4.

**5.4 Endeavour Energy re Branches near Service Line**

The request for removal of these branches was noted and the work has been undertaken.

**5.5 Letter from Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust**

TK read the letter to the meeting, which was addressed to Duncan Wass. In relation to repeating the "Moment in Time" exhibition, and Cox's Road walks, the Trust requested proposed dates, management plan covering the proposed layout and security of the display to allow the Trust to assure Crown Lands, Orange that the use of the buildings adhere to their requirements.

**Action:**

This information would be provided to the Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust.

**5.6 Email Received from Adam Hawken providing information on a Mining and Coal Seam Gas Workshop for Landowners scheduled for Tuesday 6th May at Lithgow Workman's Club at 7pm.**

The information was noted.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

RM tabled 31 March 2014 Financial Report, together with a draft budget. RM emphasised that the draft budget required more work.

**Motion:**

That the Financial Report be accepted.

**Carried Unanimously.**

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued on fund raisers, including a bonfire and bootsale, with "sausage sizzle". It was agreed that in relation to the bonfire, a working bee would be required to clear the site and provide wood for the fire. A date of 15 June was set for the working bee, and 19<sup>th</sup> July for the bonfire. A flyer would be developed with the required information.

MaC also agreed to organise a raffle and SC offered a load of wood as a prize.

**8. SPIRIT OF HARTLEY**

Item to be removed from the agenda, however, nominations would still be received.

**Motion:**

That this item be removed from the agenda.

**9. BUILDING RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

TK reported that he had a discussion with SC who advised that the Trust was keen to undertake painting of the hall and shelter shed and would call for volunteers to assist.

Discussion then turned to the dire condition of the map of Australia and the urgent need for restoration. JK reported that she had names of several Conservators and agreed to pass these to SC. TK requested that, if possible, restoration of the map by a professional conservator be finalised in readiness for the next Moment in Time exhibition. SC agreed to progress this matter with Lynda Lovegrove.

**Action:**

The Trust to report back to the HDPa Executive next month.

The meeting was also advised that a grant may be available from the Museums & Galleries NSW and more information would be sought.

**10. ORAL HISTORY UPDATE**

DG provided an update on this project which is progressing well. JK queried whether HDPa should join the Lithgow and District Family History Society which would provide great assistance.

**Motion:**

That HDPa join the Society at a cost of \$45.00.

**Carried Unanimously**

**11. WEBSITE**

It was agreed that the HDPa website/facebook page would not include any political issues, or a particular point of view not endorsed by the HDPa.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA**

**12.1 Clean-Up Australia**

IC was thanked for his wonderful effort in providing his truck to remove the piles of rubbish to the tip following Clean-Up Australia Day.

**12.2 Delivery of Notices**

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Brian Carter at Australia Post for his assistance in organising the delivery of notices on the south side of the Great Western Highway (GWH).

**12.3 Poplars on GWH**

It has been identified that these special variety of poplars are in danger of removal as a result of road works. JK agreed to undertake research on the trees and SC offered to discuss the matter with the manager of that section of road works.

**Motion:**

That this matter be pursued.

**12.4 2014 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards**

TR received advice that the volunteers of the 1813 Committee of HDPa are to receive a 2014 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Award, scheduled for Tuesday 15 April 2014. All volunteers are welcome to attend the presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

The next meeting of HDPa is scheduled for Monday 2 June, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Hartley School Hall.