

## **Hartley District Progress Association**

Minutes of General Meeting held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

**In Attendance** Tom Kent (Chair), Ian Campbell, Margaret Coombs, Michael Coombs Ramsay Moodie, Susie Moodie, Trish Ryan, Joan Kent, Sarah Dunstan, Johnathan Dunstan, Nathan Dunstan, Judy Kinnear, Diane Green.

**Apologies** Seamus Casey, Barbara Wass, Duncan Wass, Dick Austen Barbara Johnson,

Chair read letter from Mayor congratulating HDPa on 2013 heritage activities and advising our winning of a Highly Commended Award in the Tidy Town sustainable cities program. Chair introduced George and Fay Quinnell and Kathleen Compton from Tidy Towns.

George outlined role and history of Tidy Towns Committee and awards steps. Presented Highly Commended award in Category E 10-25,000 (population) towns to HDPa for Western Crossings commemoration.

Chair and meeting expressed thanks and appreciation.

**Prior Minutes** Notes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012 read by the chairman, adopted as a correct record.

### **Matters arising**

Dealt to in agenda see below.

### **Correspondence in**

Letter from Mayor

Letter from Hytec re quarry

Letter from Karen McLaughlin of Lithgow Environment Group re Clarence Colliery western road freight proposal

Hartley Recreation Reserves Trust re lease

### **Hytec Matter**

Undated letter received early November, president had sought immediate

extension of time allowed for comment to 12<sup>th</sup> December. Extension not yet confirmed. Discussed that proposal has potential to seriously impact on valley vistas.

**Resolved** that Hytec be asked to confirm extension of time and to undertake a full public information meeting to enable interested residents to gain a full insight into their submission seeking Director General's Requirements. President to write accordingly.

### **Clarence Colliery Matter**

Clarence Colliery environmental assessment seeking approval to transport coal

west to Wallerawang by road on the NSW Planning site open for comment till 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Proposal apparently entails movement of 100,000 tonnes per annum by road from Clarence via Darling Causeway Mt Victoria and GWH to Wallerawang.

Apparently no community consultation other than Clarence Colliery's Community Committee.

Road trip of some forty kilometres rather than ten by train or via Chifley Road. Ian Campbell advised council anti.

General concern discussed. Michael Combs advised original mine approval was all rail.

Agreed we should alert Blackheath and Mt Victoria community groups re this proposal.

**Resolved** that submission be lodged objecting to proposal and outlining concerns and alternative rail suggestion. Copy to Paul Toole and Lithgow City Council.

### **Hartley Recreation Reserve Trust**

Chair explained trust has asked us to sign a lease, no indication of terms other than \$50 rent. Mick Combs explained rent nominal - could be \$10, terms to be agreed, just seeking to put HDPA arrangements on same footing as others.

Meeting expressed acceptance subject to further investigation of terms etc.

President to write confirming desire to explore further and to seek to settle terms of lease.

### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer confirmed only just got the books back from auditors. Bank statement

15<sup>th</sup> Nov says cash on hand \$6172.56 of which \$1100 odd is HHAGs. A number of cheques haven't cleared so available funds less than \$4k.

Approval given for payments

Blackwattle accounting	audit fee	\$550
Blue Mtns ACHO	membership	\$30
Fair Trading	A/return	\$77

Treasurer tabled annual accounts prepared by Blackwattle and explained difficulty in reconciling individual income and expense items to cash book but overall surplus for year of \$1247 must be right. Cash on hand at y/e \$6546.

Treasurer proceeded to read Blackwattle audit report and its criticism of many of our processes.

Agreed we'll endeavour to address issues in 2014. Adoption resolved.

Chair advised has list of 17 financial members.

Mick Combs & Margaret Combs paid \$10 membership fee.

### **Business Directory Status**

Susie Moodie advised process being passed to Barb Johnson in the next few weeks. Couple of new advertisers pending.

## **Spirit of Hartley Awards**

Standing item no nominations

## **1813 Committee**

Raffle status briefly reviewed. Three sales.

Jonathan Dunstan volunteered to take 10 tickets for his sale and return stubs and money to Ramsay Moodie.

## **HHAG Committee**

Ramsay M outlined response from approach to Duncan Gay re the truck parking stations. Assurance that project not funded. Not regarded as adequate. Will need further action. Need to follow up with Paul Toole and Council.

Judy Kinnear raised issue with safety upgrade right turn from Hartley Historic site.

Sarah Dunstan raised issue with right turn from Jenolan Caves Road. Ian

Campbell raised issue with left turn from Jenolan Caves Road and right turn from Hartley Historic Site.

Sarah stated that detailed plans at council show different story to update publication issued in last week or so. Margaret Combs raised issue with single lanes to runoffs

Subsequently summarised issues as

From west

- Double lanes westward from Jenolan Caves Road eliminated hence westward traffic likely to bear down on slow westward turning vehicles.
- Similarly eastward turning traffic double lanes eastward eliminated hence same problem of bearing down on slow moving eastward turning vehicles.
- Identical eastbound issue exists at Hartley Historic Site exit to highway.
- One lane approach to three emergency stopping runoffs seems dangerous

Agreed we need to arrange consultation session with Roads & Maritime Services prior to early Feb comments deadline. Ramsay M to review and arrange.

## **Buildings**

Discussion of Roll of Honour and Map projects. School bell mentioned.

## **Newsletter**

Susie Moodie mentioned Capertee Alliance wanted to put Big Burn article on their website blog. Susie M expressed thanks to the regular newsletter distributors

## **General Business**

Agreed

Signed as a correct record

Tom Kent

Chairman  
3/2/2014