

MEETING OF THE HARTLEY DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE
Held on Monday 2 February 2015 at 7.00pm at the Hartley Historic School

1. PRESENT

Tom Kent (Chair) (TK); Ian Campbell (IC); Seamus Casey (SC); Ramsay Moodie (RM); Diane Green (DG); Sharon Howard (SH); Barbara Wheat (BW) – (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

John Facchina

IN ATTENDANCE

Susie Moodie

Joan Kent

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

RM tabled Financial Statement and advised a balance of \$3,128.20.

Motion:

That the Financial Statement be accepted.

Carried Unanimously

4. HY-TEC UPDATE

TK reported that Hy-Tec has advised the planning submission had been on display Lithgow City Council (LCC) and other venues prior to Christmas. Two written submissions, protesting against the development, have been forwarded to the Department of Planning and it is expected that approval should be received in the next 6 – 8 weeks.

The Voluntary Payment Authority is currently being negotiated with LCC, with no progress to report. It was suggested that contact be made with Andrew Muir, Group Manager, Environment & Development to determine status of the project. This contact would also provide/enable discussion on other issues relevant to HDPa.

Action:

TK to make contact with Andrew Muir

TK advised that Hy-Tec has passed on its “thanks” to HDPa for its support and reported that it is still happy to discuss any further concerns with residents.

RM advised that HDPa had written to LCC requesting that the road issue to be pursued, ie speed limit on Jenolan Caves Road, and that HDPa also write to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) on this subject.

Motion:

That HDPa Executive writes to RMS in similar terms as LCC letter seeking a review of the speed limit on Jenolan Caves Road and a review of the considerations at Jenolan Caves Road and Great Western Highway junction.

Carried Unanimously

5. SUCCESSION PLANNING – CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS

With the impending departure of Tom and Joan Kent from the Valley, discussion followed on succession planning. It was agreed that HDPa Executive would continue on a month to month basis, with the Vice President at the helm. This situation would be revisited at the AGM 2015.

6. GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADES – RMS UPDATE 17 FEBRUARY 2015

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 17 February 2015 at Hartley Historic School for community members and interested stakeholders prior to the commencement of the work. This meeting is co-convened with Seymour Whyte, the contractors undertaking the works. Notices will appear in the Lithgow Mercury and Blue Mountains Gazette.

IC informed the meeting of his concerns with several lane closures and advised that he had instigated a petition for signing by concerned residents. These closures impact the exit from Hartley Historic site and the junction at Jenolan Caves Road onto the Great Western Highway.

These issues will be highlighted in the upcoming Newsletter.

7. BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The next business directory will be distributed in March and Barbara Johnson is the contact.

8. EVENTS IN 2015

8.1 Hartley Happy Hour

This event is scheduled for Friday 20 March and held in the Hartley Historic School. Catering costs will be met by HDPa.

8.2 Open Garden

Ross and Sharon Howard have offered to open their garden on Sunday 22 March – to be confirmed.

8.3 Ki Yoga Classes

To be held in the Hartley Historic School, commencing Friday 6 February at 10am.

9. BICENTENARY OF FIRST CHURCH SERVICE WEST OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS 26 APRIL – HDPa PARTICIPATION

This event celebrates the first ‘church’ service west of the Blue Mountains Conducted by Governor Macquarie and will be held at 2pm on 26 April 2015. Professor Marie Bashir will be invited to attend. A small committee will be formed to advance this event.

Action:

RM to approach Duncan Wass to head up this committee.

10. LCC SURVEY – HARTLEY VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMUNITY SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to identify how the current facilities and services can be developed to improve the quality of life for the community. Council’s Community Development Officer, Mathew Johnson, will be invited to attend the next HDPa

General Meeting on Monday 2 March to provide feedback and to assure LCC of our continued interest.

Action:

TK to contact Mathew Johnson to issue an invitation to attend the meeting.

11. CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

This event is scheduled for 1 March 2015 and TK will coordinate on behalf of the HDPa and can be contacted by email or 'phone to express interest.

12. NEWSLETTER

The Autumn newsletter will be finalised and delivered by 13 February.

13. MEN'S SHED – LITHGOW

Two old desks and several children's chairs have been restored by members of the Lithgow Men's Shed.

Action:

TK to write letter of thanks to the Men's Shed for their efforts, with acknowledgment in the Autumn Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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President

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Date