

Hartley District Progress Association

Minutes of Ordinary General meeting held Monday 1st July 2013

In Attendance Seamus Casey (Chair), Ian Campbell, Ramsay Moodie, Susie Moodie, Diane Green, Barbara Wass, Duncan Wass, Tom Kent, Joan Kent, Dick Austen, Barry Funnell, Trish Ryan, John Facchina, Jeremy Dawkins, Lynda Lovegrove.

Apologies Michael Combs, Margaret Combs, Barb Johnson, Jim Robson, Bob Morris.

Prior Minutes Minutes of meeting held on 8th April 2013 previously circulated were adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising

Hartley Music Festival- Vice president read letter from Q dance stating that they had made a decision to focus on Glen Alice. Last meeting review of this opportunity a disaster.

Ramsay Moodie expressed disquiet and disappointment that we had turned our back on this proposal without any considered review of the pros and cons. Susie Moodie stated our attitude is myopic and that process for decision making was non-existent. Dick Austen pointed out that we didn't make any decision. Diane Green stated happy not happening here. Opportunity to consider was lost by hearsay of community antagonism. Tom Kent suggested we send letter to suggest still open to proposal.

Hyde Park Matter-Seamus Casey advised it has resolved itself.

TV Reception- Federal issue Barry Funnell advises he raised with John Cobb. Cobb realises we have been duded. 'No access to local news' an appeal that will be heard. Barry advised that Win and Prime news available on VAST.

Correspondence In

Letter from Dick Austen raising issue with HHAG report in last newsletter Newsletter stated "This has been done to avoid continual attempts by a member minority group to prevent HHAG from carrying out the instructions of the public meeting called in October last year"

Dick desired to change to something like. "This has been done to avoid continual friction arising from the question of the HHAG being answerable to the HDP or not".

Ramsay not willing to concede. Trish Ryan suggested suitable words to be agreed between Ramsay and Dick for clarification for next newsletter. Meeting agreed.

Correspondence Out

Nil

Ramsay Moodie stated much 1813 correspondence in and out.

Accounts Paid

Finance Report

Seamus Casey, as treasurer reported balance of fund on hand \$8190.16 of which \$1131.61 HHAG funds.

Net position with 1813 committee Western Crossings Trust settled with payment of \$800 odd including clearing brought forward 1813 debt of \$434.

Website

Extra bandwidth invoice for \$3 tabled

Spirit of Hartley Awards

Standing item.

1813 Committee report

Ramsay tabled tentative financial reports Year Ending June for Western Crossings Trust.

Duncan Wass read from Western Crossings Trust accounts showing total receipts of \$35,239 and total outlays of \$27,826.

Ramsay indicated these were tentative first pass results with some \$7k still on hand to fund printing of Moment in Time book.

Duncan referenced Margaret Combs email quoting 1813 committee has lost its way and supporters abandoning. Duncan denied and in support of denial read list of fifty or more volunteers who had surfaced out of community, responding to appeal in last newsletter to support a Moment in Time etc Chair expressed congratulation on job well done.

Susie Moodie: How do we capture the wave of positive sentiment that flows from 1813 activities? Extraordinary people, fabulous volunteer support overwhelming good positive vibes. Susie expressed thanks to Dick Austen for Cows Rd access.

Jeremy Dawkins suggested minute list of names and list in newsletter. Seamus Casey as chair expressed vote of thanks for massive effort, such fun. Diane Green commented that champagne breakfast was wonderful thank you function.

Newsletter update

Articles to Susie Moodie by Aug 16th please.

HHAG Committee Report

Ramsay Moodie stated nothing to report everybody focussed on 1813 delivery.

Building Restoration Committee Report

Nil. Agreed that Lynda Lovegrove should seek trust concurrence that we happily accept security equipment from Johan Nillsen

General Business

Notice of motion from Barry Furnell

'This Association advises the Hon Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads and Maritime Services through Mr. Paul Toole MP that it believes that the overwhelming majority of the local community is strongly opposed to the Final Conceptual Plan proposed for the Great Western Highway upgrade between Brown Town Oval and the top of River Lett Hill.

"Further this Association requests the Minister to arrange for the urgent study and report on all other likely alternatives for this stretch of road."

Barry spoke to motion as attempt to get around log jam and find something that will be done because concept design will never get done.

Ramsay spoke and said first point agreed but would move amendment to second leg as totally contrary to concluded community position unless modified to be 'outside the valley'. Purple corridor reopening was specifically put to last public meeting and 90%plus against.

Barry countered motion not suggesting any particular route.

Tom Kent vehemently opposed to motion as thinly disguised attempt to pursue purple corridor and create another line of road through valley totally contrary to majority public view.

Barry Furnell: Got to find a way for people out west. Mt Vic and River Lett Hill can never be fixed.

Jeremy Dawkins stated community reaction has been an entirely appropriate rejection of an F3 style road. Total over correction when safety enhancement primary need. We have not seen the impact of implementation of Point to Point camera commitment. We should allow freight to find a plateau route.

Dick Austen: John James held 2 or 3 meetings to look for alternate routes. Trish Ryan stated not that committees role to select routes that have been done by public meetings.

Duncan Wass Public meeting process has resolved community position.

Seamus Casey: Awkward

Dick Austen: Don't mean to be offensive but Ramsay Moodie never mentioned safety at MT Vic (6/09) meeting.

Ramsay Objected that is offensive. Safety has always been first priority.

Dick Austen Plateau route has been rejected. River Lett Hill accident rate unacceptable.

Ramsay: But committed point to point cameras not installed yet.

Dick: Road is just as bad as ever

With clear majority against, Barry Furnell chose to withdraw motion stating 'you people don't care if people get killed'. Several objected strongly.

Barry refused to withdraw this statement.

Jeremy Dawkins: HHAG and community have had safety as primary concern since day one.

Roads & Maritime Services has done little to improve safety. The majority of people in this room have always had safety as first priority.

Ramsay commented that point to point technology properly implemented will dramatically improve safety.

Tom Kent moved that HDPAC should act to call for point to point camera installation to proceed asap.

Seamus Casey: we will consider at next meeting.

General Business

Seamus Casey noted workshop on draft LEP to be held here next Tuesday

Seamus & Diane Green asked bonfire when?

Ross Howard & Michael Combs will arrange by end July

Lynda Lovegrove: Thanks for 1813 great effort. When is fire shed going to have pianos (that had been stored during A Moment in Time Exhibiton) removed? Agreed Wednesday for pianos. Discussed desirability of storing stuff in small shed.

Seamus C to chase Appleseeds to OK clean out.

Seamus C to arrange for pianos to be assessed, one believed to be Hartley Vale School historic item.

Duncan Wass Oral history workshop \$95. Agreed we should pay for two places.

Diane Green interested, Fran Leighton suggested?.

Signed as a correct record

Chairman / 08 /2013