



Minutes of General Meeting – 7 March 2016

Present:

AJ Jack, Ann Benedet, Barb Johnson, Barry Funnell, Diane Green, Ian Campbell, Jim Robson, Joan Kent, Karen Edward, Kerrie Elgar, Peter Hurenkamp, Ramsay Moodie, Renzo Benedet, Sarah Childs, Seamus Casey, Sue Jack, Susie Moodie, Tom Kent, Toni Conley, Warren Elgar, Bill Pritchard

Apologies:

Josh Barnes, Barbara Wheat, Max Wheat, Dick Austen, Bob Morris, Michael & Margaret Combs.

Commencement:

Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Item 1 – Hartley Village Improvement Plan

Matthew Johnson and Melanie Jones from Lithgow Council attended to provide information resulting from their community consultation survey of residents as to what work residents would like to see undertaken in the area.

The DRAFT action list from the Council is attached which shows the responses. The survey was distributed to 650 households, only 72 responses were received. Many of the items listed by residents, for example, TV reception and internet access are beyond the control of the Council and cannot be actioned.

Council has asked HDPa to respond with items that they feel would best benefit the community. Council has some funds available before the end of this financial year to allocated to acceptable projects. Discussion in relation to the preferred works was undertaken during the review of the Item 6 on the agenda – Building and Facilities. Please see notes under this agenda item below.

Item 2 - Attendance

An attendance sheet with email addresses was circulated to ensure our information is up to date.

Item 3 – Apologies

Noted above.

Item 4 – Matters Arising

Treasurer's Report

Cash at bank \$4,861 including nett \$712 due to HHAG/WCT. The Business Directory has raised \$3,500 net profit. Payment for advertising in the directory is due at the end of March.



The Chair thanked Barbara Johnson for the wonderful job she does on the directory and Duncan Wass for his extensive work in assembling the directory.

In the past our electricity bill has often been paid late, resulting in an interest charge. This arises due to the time taken for the bill to be delivered to the post box, collected, sent to the treasurer, and payment being made. It was proposed, and accepted, that the bill be paid via direct debit. Warren Elgar has organised this and at the same time arranged an 18% discount on our electricity charges for the next 12 months.

Diane Green requested that our supplier be reviewed after this period to find one that is more environmentally ethical and perhaps more cost effective. Diane Green is to forward information that she has in relation to alternative electricity suppliers to Warren Elgar for review. A copy of the financials is attached.

Actions

Action	Responsible	Date Due	Date Completed
Ensure payment for advertising in the directory is received in good time	BJ	15/4/2016	
Provide information on alternative electricity suppliers	DG	31/12/2016	

Item 5 – Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last General Meeting held on 7 September 2015 were accepted. Motion moved: Tom Kent; Seconded: AJ Jack.

Item 6 – Building and Facilities

The Building and Facilities Subcommittee comprising Renzo Benedet, Seamus Casey Josh Barnes and Peter Hurenkamp have met to discuss priorities in relation to the Hartley School site.

The report and a powerpoint summary is attached.

A number of items were identified that require fixing. These include painting (heritage colours for the school room), fix up of the kitchen, replacing skirting boards, replacing the refrigerator (recently demised), outdoor lighting.

It was decided that the HDPa will commit to spending up to \$3,000 to do repair work on the school room including painting, replacement of skirting boards, cleaning of floor – preserving the map of Australia on the floor) and revamp of the kitchen. An amount of \$500 (estimated to be what is required) was made for plumbing to install gas heating in the hall. The heating is to be in place by the end of May. Renzo Benedet is to obtain quotations for painting and also investigate the heritage colour scheme for the school.



Motion Moved: Diane Green

Seconded: Barb Johnson

Discussion was also had in relation to a vision for the future and the purposes for which the site can be used. Following on from the Council's proposal that we submit ideas for an immediate spend of around \$10,000; the issue of the tennis courts was discussed at length. Whilst benefit can be seen by fixing this area and making it a multi-purpose surface (tennis, basketball hoop, skate boarding, bike riding) there is some concern about the viability of this area contributing to the funds of HDP.

Further discussion was had in relation to what needs to be done including heating for the hall and better access for the disabled.

To accommodate the Council's request, the committee will meet to discuss the items raised during this discussion and propose items to the members for submission to Council. This needs to be done quite quickly as the funds must be allocated before 30 June. The committee is meeting on 21 March to discuss this and a communication will be sent following this meeting. A decision will need to be made by mid-April for submission to Council.

Actions

Action	Responsible	Date Due	Date Completed
Obtain quotations for painting of hall	RB	30/3/2016	
Find information on the heritage colour scheme for the school	RB/JK	30/3/2016	
Discuss submission to Council	Committee	21/3/2016	
Circulate items to all members with responses due within 7 days	SJ	26/3/2016	
Submission to Council for funding	RM	8/4/2016	
Provide the Trust with a copy of report	RM	15/4/2016	

Item 7 – Hy-Tec Voluntary Planning Agreement

Ramsay Moodie spoke about the Hy-Tec funds following a submission made at the end of January. Hy-Tec have undertaken to provide \$20,000 plus per annum that we have requested be distributed as follows:

- 25% to HDP for facilities maintenance and enhancement
- 25% to other projects in Hartley
- 25% to benefit a program for children in the Lithgow area
- 25% for Council administration.

Council has advised that it does not require 25% of the funds for administration and that 25% will be distributed back to the other recipients. It is unclear whether the funds will be distributed by the Council or directly allocated by Hy-Tec



Item 8 – Highway Upgrade

Some dissatisfaction was expressed about the single lane around Blackmans Creek Road. Approaches have previously been made to the RMS in relation to this and they are unwilling to make any modifications.

Item 9 – LCC Rural Residential Land Strategy

An updated of this strategy is expected in April. Jeremy Dawkins has prepared an opinion piece on the strategy which may be published in local papers shortly.

Item 10 – Hartley Long Lunch

The Hartley Long Lunch is planned for 3 April from 12.30 until the cows come home! The event can accommodate 75 people. There will be shaded seating, a children's area and live music. Please let Barb Johnson know if you will be attending so that we can manage the numbers. You can contact Barb on 6352 5828 or barbjcoona@bigpond.com.

Chair explained that Hy Tec, thanks to Renzo's work has committed to provide \$1,000 to support our community building activities this year.

Item 11 – Social Committee Future Plans for 2016

Sharon Howard spoke about upcoming events and plans for the year. The social committee is planning a Trivia Night later in the year and discussion was had in relation to a cycling group to follow trails through Hartley and surrounding areas.

A walking club is meeting at the Post Office Café on Friday 10 March at 9.30 am to discuss plans for the year. We will provide information on this when available.

Diane Green spoke of attending the Crookwell Nature Flora and Fauna Festival (Potato Festival) and had a number of ideas for activities that we may be able to hold at our site.

Item 12 – Confirmation of email addresses

Refer Item 2.

Item 13 – General Business

Tom Kent has expressed concern about the location of the Honour Roll that was formerly housed at the school. There is also a plaque and a bell.

A decision was made by the Trust that the Honour Roll be removed from the school for safe-keeping at the historical site. This decision was reached by a majority vote of the Trust. There was concern that there was a no communication with the HDPA in relation to this. Tom proposed that the real home of these items is at the school and that we should advise the trust that we are unhappy with the decision and that following the works we are undertaking in the school house that the items be returned. The location of the bell is unknown however it is understood that the historical site operators have both the honour roll and the plaque.



It was undertaken to contact the operators of the trust in relation to this.

Actions

Action	Responsible	Date Due	Date Completed
Contact operators of the trust to determine the situation and request return of the items	RM	30/4/2016	

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm

Next General Meeting: 6 June 2016



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