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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting
Johns River Community Progress Association Inc.
3rd February 2008, 4.25pm at the 8 Station Street, Johns River

Committee Members in attendance:

Glen, David, Chris, Rod, Bruce

Apologies:

Kerri

Absent without advice:

Tony

Glenn opened the meeting indicating that the association is in a good position and has achieved a great deal of progress since inception. Glenn further stated that the Development plans for the village are progressing well [and the Community Forum on the 2nd Feb](#) was a great success. It was evident at that meeting and also the Special General Meeting held after the Forum that the community was comfortable with the current Committee of the Association and also our Progress.

Glenn then indicated that he had received 6 letters of complaint from members of the Association in relation to the Vice President of the Association – Tony Galati. These letters varied in their degree of displeasure with Mr. Galati's total disregard for many members of the community and that was evident with Mr. Galati's letter box drop to the community in the previous week. The members are calling for something to be done and have requested that these letters be served on Mr. Galati and for him to respond to their concerns.

Glenn requested that the Secretary prepare a letter to be served on Mr. Galati with a copy of each of these letters and request that Mr. Galati respond to the committee within 14 days as to the complaints raised by members. This letter is also to be sent via Registered Mail.

Letter sent to Mr. Galati – 5th February 2008 and served on Mr. Galati 7th Feb 2008 (as per notification receipted by Australia Post)

Wish List

Glenn indicated that the work that was completed by the [Community at the Forum on the 2nd Feb 2008](#) – was excellent. These are the elements that will be presented to the Greater Taree City Council – 355 Johns River Post Bypass Committee – on the 8th Feb 2008.

Chris indicated he was happy to develop the presentation to the 355 Committee and also to develop some of the objectives in relation to the key elements of the Design and Plans for the village. Chris

requested the other members of the Committee to develop their own so we ensure that all areas are covered. Committee members will forward these to Chris for preparation of the presentation by Thursday 7th Feb 08.

Chris also indicated that he would take the 'butchers paper sheets' that were completed at the Forum so all delegated on the 355 Committee could see the overall input from the Community.

Special General Meeting, 2nd Feb 2008

Glenn then reconfirmed to the committee the reason why the Special General Meeting was held – even though Mr. Galati had withdrawn his complaint against Chris Bawn and Bruce Shaw.

Glenn indicated that there were 5 other members that signed the request for the Special General Meeting and that Mr. Galati did not have the authority to withdraw the meeting request – hence the meeting continued with only one of the members requesting same present.

(Minutes of this meeting are available [here](#) on the website)

Correspondence

Letters of complaint received regarding Mr. Tony Galati

- Letter from Gwen Hall
- Letter from Marian Heath
- Letter from Frank Araldi
- Letter from Robert Ferrero
- Letter from Wendy Bawn
- Letter from Brian and Deena Lane

Applications from New Members

The following applications for membership have been received:

- Megan James - Wharf Road, Johns River
- Cheryl Teague – Pacific Highway, Johns River
- Paul O'Brien – Pacific Highway, Johns River
- David Spokes – Thomas Street, Johns River

A vote was taken by all Committee members to accept the new members above.

Secretary to send welcome letter to the new members to advise of their successful application to join the Association.

Treasurers Report

We now have 66 members and the bank balance is looking very healthy. Chris showed the committee members present the accounting for these members and the Bank statement from the Credit union. A

full audit of the books will be completed prior to the Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer and the President.

Glenn indicated that we are looking to establish a fund for members who may not be able to afford to join the Association. Chris indicated that we could use space on our website to advertise local businesses – which could increase their exposure to the internet world. Chris indicated that businesses could pay for valuable advertising on the site and these funds may assist with funds for the association and also to assist with the Membership fund.

Both Chris and Rod indicated that the Community Hall and Markets would be interested in a site to promote the markets and the village as a whole. Other businesses in the village may like to adopt the same approach.

David indicated he would give the Committee an understanding of the relevant costs associated with the design of such commercials, etc.

Chris indicated that he would contact the communications officer within GTCC to arrange for a link to the JRCPA Web site placed on the GTCC site.

Media Officers Report

David discussed the voting that occurred at the Forum on the relevant elements for the community.

(A summary of these are available on the web site under the Minutes of the Community Forum session held 2nd Feb 2008.)

Other Items for discussion

Chris indicated that in recent discussions with Frank Araldi – regarding streetscape design in and around the General Store – Frank made comments about the owner of the premises – Mr. Ray Stack OAM was interested in further development of the site and area around the shop. Chris indicated to Frank that the Progress Association would like to meet with both Frank and Mr. Stack in relation to proposed plans – just so that they are in harmony with what the community and the association is planning.

Glenn requested that the Secretary issue a letter to Mr. Araldi and Mr. Ray Stack OAM to seek a meeting so plans could be discussed.

Chris discussed the option of using the Tennis Courts at the Public School for the general use of residents of the village. This issue was raised at the Community Forum on the 2nd Feb 2008 – with reference made in relation to the removal of the Tennis courts at the Community Hall. The courts were in fact moved from the Hall and placed on the school premises some 25 years ago.

Glenn has requested that the Secretary issue a letter to the Principal of the Johns River Public School as a general request from the Community to utilise the Tennis Courts at the School for recreation purposes.

David has proposed some amendments to the Rules of the JRCPA Inc – as there are some elements within these that could be enhanced to the benefit of the Association as a whole. Glenn has requested

that these be tabled for a vote at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting in March 2008. Chris agreed with the amendment to these rules and indicated that the Department of Fair Trading needs to approve these changes – before they can be adopted.

All Committee members agreed with this suggestion.

(A copy of these proposed changes have been added to the Website for review by members)

No other items for discussion.

Meeting closed – 6pm – 3rd Feb 2008.

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R G Ferrero
President of JRCPA Inc.