



Gateway to the Manning!

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Minutes of the Mangement Committee Meeting

20th February 2008, 11.00am at 8 Station Street, Johns River.

Committee Members in attendance:

Glenn Ferrero (GF), Chris Bawn (CB) (via telephone), Rod Heath (RH), Bruce Shaw (BS), David (DS), Kerri Williams (KW)

Absent without advice:

Tony Galati (TG)

GF opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. GF read through the agenda for the meeting. Agenda items summarised below:

Approval of New Forms

GF read through the new form (Nomination and Acceptance form for Committee Members – AGM). CB indicated that it was important that nominees for these Committee roles are fully aware of their responsibilities (depending on role) and also are able to fulfill these roles if elected. That would include having the time to attend meeting, after hours work and also computer and internet access.

BS – Agreed and indicated that we should publish on the website the roles and responsibilities of the positions on the committee.

DS – indicated we could include these in a JRCPA Policy Booklet – which could also be published on the website.

GF – Proposed acceptance of the new form for publishing on the website.

KW – seconded. Vote taken – unanimous support - motion carried.

DS to publish form on website with Policy Booklet to be designed and then published.

Correspondence Inwards

GF indicated that we have received 3 letters from Mr Tony Galati. These are summarised below:

- (a) Letter requesting that ‘all allegations and complaint letters be published on the website - and to also include his responses to these letters’

GF indicated that all letters requested by Mr Galati could be placed on the website for members to review. GF also indicated that he has personally spoken to all the complainants to gain their permission to publish their letters on the website. Permission was granted by all.

GF further indicated that only member’s names will remain on the letters and their addresses will be withheld. GF also indicated that Mr Galati chose to use offensive

language in one of his responses. To protect visitors to our website – especially children – we will blank out the relevant word.

GF also indicated that he would make a note in relation to Deena and Brian Lane's letter in relation to Kerri and Michael Williams not being able to attend the Special General Meeting due to prior engagements on the day.

GF proposed motion to place letters on the website. CB seconded.

Vote taken – unanimous support - motion carried.

- (b) Letter requesting that Mr Galati's petition regarding his road realignment be placed onto the JRCPA website.

GF explained to the committee that the JRCPA Inc was never involved in the petition nor was it invited to be. The JRCPA Inc did not even have a copy of the petition.

The JRCPA has always focused on the main corridor in the village (being the present Pacific Highway) and the elements around the main street area of the village. GF also explained that he has been approached by 3 community members that signed Mr Galati's proposal and they did not want their details available to the general public.

CB indicated that he agreed with GF's points raised and there could also be legal concerns with placing this document on the web – the main point being the details of community members being in the public domain – without consent.

KW agreed.

BS indicated that Mr Galati's proposal was a private proposal between him and Greater Taree City Council and the RTA and nothing to do with the JRCPA Inc.

KW indicated that the original petition was about a roundabout to deliver the traffic to Mr Galati's Tavern and proposed Motel and a deterrent to traffic in the village. KW further indicated that she could not recall other points in the petition but these were the main points.

GF proposed motion To not place the petition on the website. CB seconded.

Vote taken – unanimous support – motion carried.

- (c) Letter requesting information from the JRCPA which was (allegedly) supplied to Greater Taree City Council by the JRCPA indicating – 90% of the village was against Mr Galati's proposal.

GF indicated that the JRCPA has never had an opinion on Mr Galati's proposal. Our delegates on the 355 Johns River Post Bypass Committee have only promoted the objects and design proposals in relation to the main street area of the village and the relevant items on the wish list. The minutes released in relation to 355 Committee meetings confirm the above.

DS indicated that the original brief from GTCC on 10th October 2007 indicated two separate elements:

- (i) That Council liaise with the local community and the RTA with a view to preparing a brief to engage engineering and urban design skills to prepare a plan for the village of Johns River post by-pass.

(ii) That Council support **consideration** of the designation of Johns River as a Highway Service Town and **consideration** be given to the proposal presented by Mr Galati.

DS indicated that the focus here was the word ‘consideration’.

RH asked the question – ‘If Mr Galati has had a meeting with council – where are the minutes of that meeting?’ GF indicated that it may have been a private meeting and as such no minutes taken.

BS indicated that in the first Community Forum sessions - when the association was just formed – there were several votes taken at these meetings with the overall audience rejecting Mr Galati’s proposal. Delegates from GTCC were at these meetings and may have used this information in later discussions with Mr Galati.

GF asked the Secretary to issue a letter to Mr Galati covering all three letters indicating as follows:

1. Agree to place letters on the Website of the JRCPA – however addresses of complainants will be removed.
2. The JRCPA Inc will not place the petition on the website as this is not related to the JRCPA Inc.
3. The JRCPA Inc has never had a position on his private proposal of a second roundabout in the village and has never will have. The JRCPA or delegates have had no discussions with GTCC in relation to this.

[Responses to Letters issued to Mr Galati..](#)

GF- indicated that he received earlier this week – a ‘form’ of response from Mr Galati in relation to the 6 letters of complaints received from members of the JRCPA Inc. Mr Galati has chosen to ‘respond’ by writing 1-2 sentences on the letters. These responses - one that contains inappropriate language – fail to answer the allegations and/or body of the complaint. GF further indicated that he was dissatisfied with Mr Galati’s contempt for certain members of the association and that the fact is that Mr Galati is working against the association and not with it. GF further indicated that it is difficult to get the work done due to constantly dealing with Mr Galati’s issues. Every letter that the association has sent to Mr Galati has not been addressed and his total disregard for the association is unacceptable.

CB -indicated that constantly dealing with Tony issues is not productive and we to act now so we can move on with the work the community is expecting of us.

DS- indicated that Tony hasn’t addressed important issues that the committee has raised with him – such as his membership drive where he paid for several members – and the adhoc way in which he chooses to reply to these complaints. All these issues need to be taken into consideration.

GF -I believe we have grounds to discipline Mr Galati

CB -Indicated that we do have grounds to discipline Tony as the complaints have been proven. 6 members of the community/association are demanding that we do something about him. Tony even indicated in his last letter box drop that he has no faith in the committee. We have no other options.

DS – His continual contempt for the association is concerning.

GF -we cannot continue to have a member and Vice President who does not want to work with us. We have no other option but to expel Mr Galati under Rule 11.

GF -Propose a motion to expel Tony from the Association.

KW -Will this get in the way of the AGM in March?

GF -There is a process we need to follow as directed by our Rules – which allows Mr Galati to appeal our decision – Rule number 12.

CB – I will second the motion to expel Tony from the Association.

RH -There is really no other option – we have given him ample opportunity to work with us.

KW - There will be another letter drop

GF -We need to vote on the motion. All In favour – apart from KW who has abstained from the vote. Motion carried - 5 for - 1 abstained.

CB -we will need to have a formal resolution as per our rules – Rule 11 – we then need to serve the notice on Tony within 7 days. Tony then has time to consider an appeal. If he appeals we need to hold a general meeting – which could be at the same time as the AGM – as per the provision in the rules.

CB- suggest we have the formal resolution at our usual Committee Meeting in early March.

GF- Our AGM is scheduled for the 15th of March. We can push this out as we need to ensure that Richard Wilson is available to preside.

CB- The following weekend is Easter.

GF- This is not preferred as people will be away with their families.

GF to CB – are there any time issues with the AGM not being held within 6 months following incorporation.

CB -No not at all – the AGM needs to be held no later than 18 months after inception.

GF -Then what about the 29th March at the Community Hall at 1pm.

CB- I believe that there will be a market on that Saturday.

RH- Yes it is the 5th Saturday in the month.

GF -Right – then lets say Sunday 30th same time.

ALL – that sounds fine.

DS -We need to review the proposed changes to the rules – so if all committee members can review these – which will be placed on the net – before the next meeting so we can confirm these will be discussed at the AGM – and it will be up to the new committee to enforce these rules.

GF -I will contact Richard Wilson to see if he is free for Sunday 30th at 1pm.

CB- Indicated that he needed to go to another appointment. Are there any more items we need to cover off on.

ALL- No further items

No other items for discussion.

Meeting closed – 12.15pm – 20th Feb 2008.

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.


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President of JRCPA Inc.