



Gateway to the Manning!

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Johns River Community Progress Association Inc. – 6th April 2008, 2.10pm at the Johns River Community Hall.

Committee Members in attendance:

Glenn Ferrero, David Shepard, Chris Bawn, Rod Heath, Bruce Shaw, Anthony Galati, Kerri Williams.

In total – there were 53 members (either whom were present or proxies were received) at the meeting. There were no apologies received. The Associations total members are 68 financial members.

Glenn Ferrero - President - opened the meeting and welcomed those members in attendance. Glenn referred all members to the agenda that was issued prior to the AGM and also indicated that Cr Richard Wilson would be presiding over this meeting – as all Committee members' positions were to be made vacant.

However, prior to this occurring – a resolution was put to the membership from Joe Malvicino and Paul O'Brien – indicating (in short) that 'the committee members elected to represent the village on the Greater Taree City Council's 355 Committee (Chris Bawn and Bruce Shaw) – be retained in their positions until the completion of the project – this will ensure continuity of the project'. The resolution also indicated that 'the current committee of management of the association should remain until the completion of the project...'

Glenn thanked both Joe and Paul for their support of the current 355 committee members and also the committee of management of the JRCPA Inc. Glenn indicated to the members that by law – we need to have the AGM – which means that the committee members positions are made vacant and a new vote taken for the positions. However, we can take a vote from the members on the first section of the resolution.

Glenn asked the membership if anyone was against the resolution.

Anthony Galati indicated that the members from the village on the 355 committee should be 'locals' and not people who don't 'live in the village'. Bruce Shaw questioned Mr. Galati's comments and asked 'so I am not local as I don't live in the village'. Mr. Galati responded – 'no, you don't live in the village'. Mr. Galati then took his seat.

Chris Bawn then addressed to members indicated – that 'yes, I don't live in the village on a daily basis – BUT I do travel to the village (from Sydney – some 4 hours away) every second weekend to assist with the Markets at the community hall. Mr. Bawn also indicated that 'he travels from Sydney to attend the Friday (monthly) meetings at Taree for the 355 committee and that even though he doesn't live in the village on a daily basis – his activities and commitment to community is very strong.

Glenn then asked if there were any other comments or questions in relation to the resolution. No further responses were forthcoming.

Glen then asked Cr Richard Wilson for his commentary in relation to the 355 Committee. Cr Wilson indicated that if there was to be a change on the 355 committee that it would need to be ratified by the council. Cr Wilson then gave a brief summary of the current progress of the 355 Committee.

David Shepard discussed the voting process for this resolution with members.

Glenn then invited the members in attendance to vote by show of hands – which included those members carrying proxies. These members displayed a 'numbered' card which indicated how many votes they were entitled to.

The show of hands indicated that the resolution was passed in favour of retaining the current committee members on the 355 committee at Greater Taree City Council.

Votes were as follows:

For – 37

Against – 16

David Shepard then walked through with the members – the proposed changes to the Rules of the Association. David gave a brief summary of each proposed change and the members voted using the same process as above. A summary of the proposed changes was made available to members prior to this AGM. These changes can also be viewed on the association's website www.johnsriver.com.au. A Summary of the votes is below:

Proposed Changes 1 - 6 - Motions carried

Proposed Change 7 - Motion failed - await further discussion at a latter time.

Proposed Changes 8 - 11 - Motions carried.

The Association will now draft the new changes into our current Model Rules and will remit these changes to the Dept of Fair Trading for approval.

Glenn Ferrero then presented his President's Report to the members. The full report was made available to members on the day and is also available on the website.

Chris Bawn (Treasurer, Secretary and Public Officer) then gave the Treasurer's Financial Report to members. There was no time for David to give his Media report, but all members we given a copy of the written reports which are also available on the website.

Glenn then handed the meeting over to Cr Richard Wilson.

Cr Wilson gave the members present an understanding of the voting procedures – which would be by silent ballot. Cr Wilson explained the each member will be given a number of voting ballots, depending on proxies held. Each of these slips were marked by Cr Wilson as part of the scrutineering process.

Members cast their votes. Votes were collected, counted and given to Cr Wilson – who then retired to a room with three other scrutineers, Joe Malvicino, Lucy Legge and Michael Williams to count the ballots.

The meeting then suspended to allow counting.

Cr Wilson called the meeting back to order and gave the results of the vote. Summary as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Number of Votes received in favour</u>			
President	Glenn Ferrero	37	Anthony Galati	16
Vice President	David Shepard	39	Malcolm Bulley	12
Secretary	Chris Bawn – elected unopposed			
Treasurer	Bruce Shaw	40	Anthony Dekort	9
General Committee	Rod Heath	38		
	Bruce Shaw	36		
	Deena Lane	36		
	Kerri Williams	18		
	Michael Williams	18		

Cr Wilson indicated to members that Bruce Shaw was in fact voted for two positions and asked whether the members would be in agreeance to have both Kerri and Michael Williams sitting as General Committee members. Members agreed with the proposal unanimously.

Cr Wilson congratulated all new Committee Members – who will be charged with running the Association for the next term. The control of the meeting was handed to Glenn Ferrero as returning President.

Glenn thanked Cr Wilson for his continued support of the Association and for his kind assistance.

There was a general discussion about the importance of keeping the village and the wider catchment area of the Johns River involved with changes to the village centre. Glenn confirmed to members that this has always been the goal of the association and we have in the past held several community forums for all interested parties regardless of whether they are members of the association.

Discussions continued around other issues facing the community – such as lack of a Broadband service – withdrawal of the ‘free’ satellite service for Broadband and how Telstra is not consistent on the issue. Other issues raised were in relation to provide a ‘horse riders ahead’ sign in the village.

Glenn indicated that the Alliance in charge of the bypass will make available to the community a large quantity of mulch for their gardens. It is proposed that this will be available at the hall grounds and collection on certain days. The association will provide further details to the community when further information is known.

Other discussions continued in relation to the following items:

- Discussions regarding Johns River having its own postcode.
- A History of the village Sub Committee could be established so we can create a good history on the website.
- The website can advertise businesses in there area with part of the proceeds being used to fund a subsidy scheme for membership for those who cannot afford the costs of the members of the association. More information will be release to businesses shortly.
- Issues with the Telstra manhole near the Shop and the corner of Thomas Street.
- Hall and Oval being used for sporting fixtures – further discussions with the Trustees of the Hall and grounds to commence, with the understanding that the JRCPA and the Hall are separate entities.
- Support of the Hall and the school by all the community – as these are our assets and we to support them.
- Water and Creek issues – to be raised again with the RTA.

Glenn thanked all members for their attendance and support of the association and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed – 3.30pm

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



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