

Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

**Meeting on 12th April 2009 - 1.05pm – 4 Thomas Street, Johns River,
Johns River.**

Committee Members in Attendance:

President Glenn Ferrero (GF), VP David Shepard (DS), Secretary Chris Bawn (CB), Ordinary Members Deena Lane (DL), Rod Heath (RH)

Apologies:

Richard Wilson and Bruce Shaw

GF opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. GF also acknowledged the traditional owners both past and present of the land upon which we are meeting today.

Presidents Report

GF asked all committee members whether they had read the previous minutes and agreed that they were a true and accurate records of that meeting.

After a short period of review, all members of the committee indicated that they accepted the minutes. GF proposed minutes be accepted. DS and DL and RH seconded proposal. All committee members were in favour.

GF indicated that it had been an interesting month. He had received from Mr Galati \$85 in cash. Mr Galati indicated that the cash payment was for all those who signed the resignation advice prepared at and faxed from the Johns River Tavern.

GF telephoned one member who signed the advice (Bet Kay), who informed GF that she was not sure what she was signing as she 'did not have her glasses on'. GF then read the content of the letter to Ms Kay, who then challenged GF with the allegations raised in the letter. GF indicated that nothing is released external of the association without his approval and that the allegations raised in the letter were 'baseless'. GF also indicated to Ms Kay that it was apparent that other did not read what they had signed. GF ended the conversation with accepting Ms Kay's resignation for the association but did not accept the allegations.

DS then requested the treasurer prepare an audit of the membership list to confirm and match off those who have signed the letter of resignation against those who have not paid their fees to date. CB indicated that it was impossible to reconcile this as there is no evidence provided by Mr Galati as to who has paid. DS indicated that he believes that we are short by 1 member, as there is insufficient cash to cover all the signatories.

GF commented on the Easter activities in the village and especially with the 2 Markets operated by the Hall committee. GF assisted on both days to raise money for the Hall via the BBQ, whilst DL assisted in the kitchen selling scones. GF stated that it was good to have members from two organisations in the village working together

for a common goal. Both CB and RH thanked GF and DL for their assistance at the markets.

GF indicated that GTCC has been in and around the Koolyangarra reserve and had completed some clearing of the drain section near the reserve. That will be of great assistance to us during next weekend working bee.

Telstra has yet to fix the damaged pit near the shop. CB to again contact Telstra to have them fix the area, which is a tripping and OHS hazard.

GF's final comment was to indicate that we need some new members in the association considering that we lost a few (as pervious minutes indicates). All Committee members are to approach residents who aren't members to encourage them to support their local association.

New Membership Applications

We have one new nomination this month. Walter Vanderpoll now resides in the village and has indicated that he would like to join. Walter has extensive business experience and would be an excellent asset to the association. Walter's nominations has been proposed by GF. GF proposed that the committee consider Walter's nomination. CB seconded the nomination. All Committee members were in favour. Proposal carried.

Secretary's Report

CB indicated the following:

- He had been to visit Martin Lighting and Electrical (Laurieton) to seek their support in advertising in the JRJ. CB spoke with director Grahame Martin who will secure an advert in the JRJ. Artwork will be sent through to the Media Officer.
- CB also visited Bunning's Port Macquarie and promoted the association to both the site/complex manager and the community liaison officer. A letter was prepared by CB to Bunning's asking for their assistance with items which will be used by the Eco and Beautification subcommittee. The Committee decided on the items required and a copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.
- Cb also visited Bendigo Bank (Port Macquarie) to review their policy in relation to Not for Profit organisations. Cb will seek funding from Bendigo Bank in the future and will consider the moving of the association's accounts to the Bank, who is a strong community supporter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer was absent from the meeting. GF and DS indicated that there were a couple of cheques to be banked along with the \$85 previously mention.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

Carried forward to next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Crime Subcommittee

With BS absent – no report was given to the committee.

It was noted however, that there was another Quad Bike stolen in the village. GF indicated that we needed to obtain the crime ‘spot and refer pads’ from past committee member Kerrie Williams.

Youth Subcommittee

DL indicated that she would make contact with Sherie Quinlivan (Principal) regarding the wish list from the school children. This was started by previous committee member, Michael Williams.

Money is still held in trust for the proposed skate park.

History Committee

DS indicated that we have plenty of material for the history subcommittee and we would need some volunteers to scan some of the documents so they can be placed on the web. CB and DL offered to assist.

DL to ask Philip Isaac’s sister for assistance with this subcommittee.

JRJ and Media

DS address GTCC at their March council meeting to support the adoption of the village plan. There were several of the committee present for the meeting, which went very well with the councillors voting in favour of the plan.

Mayor Paul Hogan has been in the press lately discussing the infrastructure backlog and is looking to increase rates in an effort to reduce the backlog.

RH asked about the article about the village plan and the photograph the MRT took at the council meeting. DS indicated that he will follow this up.

DS went on a site tour, organised by the alliance. Allan Cooper, from the Alliance, indicated his support of our association and will assist us where possible. NPWS has a park discovery tour at Diamond Head on the 15th April commencing at 3.30pm.

The local fire brigades (Moorland and Cooperbrook) received new water tanks through a grant.

DS indicated that we could introduce a Health and Nutrition section to the JRJ and was keen to look at the commencement of a walking group in the village.

National Volunteers Week was getting close and we should consider nominating people in the community who do a great job volunteering.

JRJ is out and all congratulated DS on his fine work. The next issue is due out in early June. All Committee members are requested to add some items to the edition.

Eco/Beautification Committee

DL indicated that all was set for the working bee on the 18th April at Koolyangarra. CB indicated the he can bring his tractor and various pieces of equipment to use at the site.

GF indicated that we must wear the high visibility vests – of which he has purchased 10.

GF also suggested that we have a BBQ for all who volunteered on the day – the location of which will be at 8 Station Street.

DS to prepare an A5 flyer and will distribute in letter boxes in the village to gather support from the residents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Playground

On track - No further updates at this time.

Village Plan and Design

As previously indicated, the plan was adopted by GTCC and they will now establish a Johns River Implementation Group (JRIG) to see the remaining elements of the project through to fruition. GTCC has confirmed that they would like members of the JRCPA on this group as well as members form council and RTA.

We will now nominate members of the Management Committee to be part of the JRIG. Members present at the meeting indicated their acceptance for nomination. CB did indicate that whilst he would like to be part of the JRIG, the distance and travel to and from would be difficult.

CB to contact Graeme Gardner from GTCC to put forward nominations and start the ball rolling.

DS requested that we revisit signage in the area. DS has asked is he can contact Lisa Procter (GTCC) to discuss this matter and the get the issue solved. DS also indicated that we still have no word from GTCC regarding road names, which we proposed and submitted to council some months back.

Fund Raising (Bingo)

Joe Malvicino is still keen to operate Bingo to raise money for the Community groups in the village. Suggestion is that Joe present at the next meeting to show us his plans for JR Bingo.

GF indicated that he found a 'bingo barrel' on line and that it was half price. Considering that we will be a major beneficiary in the fund raising efforts, it was

agreed that we consider the purchase of the main components of the bingo enterprise, as we will be reimbursed through a donation to the association.

New Member Application Forms

It was decided at the previous meeting to update our New Members form to include a concessional membership, which means that people suffering hardship can apply to have their membership fee paid from donations. All agreed to the changes. The new form is to be placed onto the website and used for all new members.

Items still open and waiting finalisation.

Speed Limits for the village

Will be determined by GTCC when roadway ownership is handed to them from the RTA. JRCPA will push and promote a 50km/h speed limit. ONGOING

Renaming of Roads

Submissions have been put to GTCC for the roads and this will be decided on shortly. Item remains open for discussion with GTCC and RTA. ONGOING.

Skate Park

On Hold at present. Refer above

Coordinating Village Group Activities

This item is still open and will continue to be managed to gain a meeting with all the groups in the village. Expected for completion by the end of April 2009. CB has been in contact with the president of the Johns River P and C Association (Krystal Grayson). Krystal is willing to meet with us to discuss mutual opportunities. We need to propose a time and date for the meeting.

GF commented that we have other organisations in the area that could form part of this forum. The list in full includes the Community of Christ Church, JRCPA, RFS, School P and C, Hall Committee, Play Group, Camp Obadiah.

DL has agreed to contact these groups to coordinate a meeting with members from each.

Income for the Association

CB is continuing to work with the GTCC to arrange for some funds for the association (by way of Grants). Chris Ryan - GTCC has been very supportive of our efforts thus far and is keen to support us. CB also approaching corporates for funding or either goods in kind for advertising in JRJ or Online. ONGOING

Raised Telstra Box – Lot 1 – No. 2- Thomas Street

CB has been in touch with Telstra to repair this box. Telstra have visited site and will construct a safety barrier around the box pending their repairs to bring the level of natural ground higher. Item still pending and awaiting Telstra to fix this area. ONGOING. Refer comments raised earlier.

Weed Species in the area

This has now been resolved by GTCC. They attended and sprayed the weeds, which are now all dead. CB has been in contact with them and the job has been added to their list.

Funding Opportunities

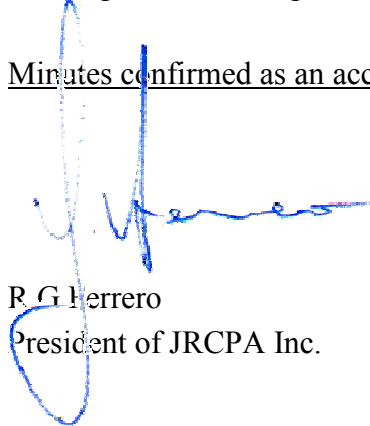
The group discussed the various sources available for funding of the village plans and upgrades to village space and common areas. DS and Cb working on various sources at present and we will hear from NSW Dept of Sport and Rec in Early May re our funding grant for the 2nd elements to the playground.

ALL- No further items.

After consultation with all Committee members, we have decided to change the meeting date to the 4th Saturday in the month with the commencement time being 9.30am. Next Meeting proposed – Saturday 23rd May 2009 - venue Deena's Studio.

Meeting closed – 3.30pm – 12th April 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



R. G. Ferrero
President of JRCPA Inc.