
Minutes of the JRCPA Management Committee

Meeting on 22nd August 2009 – 9.30am – 4 Thomas Street, Johns River.

Committee Members in Attendance:

VP David Shepard (DS), Secretary Chris Bawn (CB), Treasurer (BS) and Ordinary Members - Deena Lane (DL) and Richard Wilson (RW) and Rod Heath (RH).

Apologies: President Glenn Ferrero (GF).

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

Presidents Report

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

DL indicated that she did not make reference to Mrs Deanna Clewes wishing to assist with the fundraising. It was in fact DS who made that comment as Deanna is friends with Joe Malvicino. BS also indicated that he has no recollection as to why he is the chair of the Crime Subcommittee. Both these items were corrected with minutes being reposted to the web.

Those present indicated that they accepted the minutes after the alterations. A resolution was passed that the minutes be accepted. Resolution carried.

DS gave the Presidents report and a summary of last month's activities. These are summarised below:

There has not been much happen in the village in the last month so there is not a great deal to report. DS indicated that at the upcoming AGM, we would allow time for those who have joined the association between this meeting and the AGM to be ratified by the current committee. It would also allow those members who have not paid their fees to become financial prior to the commencement of the AGM.

Posters have been displayed at the Hall and General store advertising the AGM and the Community Forum which follows. Letters/Flyers were also sent to residents in the area with 7 being sent external of the village/out of district. Members were also emailed. DS also indicated that there were plenty of forms at the general store to remind people. Under our Rules, communication of the meeting has been sufficient.

DS indicated that we need to change the proxy form as it is confusing especially in relation to the resolution section. RW suggested some new wording. CB to update the form and email this to the committee.

DS indicated that both he and GF would not be seeking nomination for the new committee. Their company 'Siteware' would also sever its agreement with the association. This is due to various business commitments which makes it difficult to commit the time to the association. DS did indicate that they will support the association moving forward and will remain active members.

CB indicated that he was willing to stand on the committee but due to new business interests in Sydney, would not be seeking an executive role.

DS indicated that he would be talking with Walter van der Poll as he had expressed an interest in the Secretary position. DS would also speak with Keith Allen, who lives in Station Street about a role on the committee.

DS further indicated that the current committee has performed a very important role with the establishment of the Association and also the work to date. To complete many tasks in such a short time was a credit to all involved. It is now time for a new fresh committee to continue with the work and to keep the objectives of the association alive and foremost in the mind of the community.

DS thanked RW for his assistance with council related information, especially chairing the 355 committee whilst still a councillor.

Nominations for the Committee roles were then read and accepted. These were as follows:

Deena Lane – Nominated for Vice President and Ordinary Member

Walter van der Poll – Nominated for Secretary

Bruce Shaw – Nominated for Treasurer and Ordinary Member (Bruce declined Treasurer nomination and has accepted Ordinary Member nomination)

Rod Heath – Nominated for Ordinary Member

Joe Malvicino – Nominated for Treasurer

Richard Wilson – Nominated for Ordinary Member

Shannon Davies – Nominated for Ordinary Member

[Nominations for Walter van der Poll, Shannon Davies and Joe Malvicino were received following this meeting and prior to the 1pm Deadline (as per the rules).]

No further nominations were received which means that the roles of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected unopposed.

New Membership Applications

We have received applications for the following to join the association:

1. Christine Waterhouse – sponsored by Chris Bawn.
2. Patrecia Legge – sponsored by David Sheperd.

Both sponsored gave a brief summary of the new members and a resolution was passed (with those present in favour) to accept both as new members of the

association. Funds were given to the Treasurer, who issued receipts with the Secretary sending welcome letters to both new members.

Secretary's Report

CB indicated that there has been no inward correspondence. Outward correspondence was as follows:

1. Letter sent to Johns River School Principal – regarding the relocation of animals found homeless due to the road works.
2. Letter sent to Potts Davis Duncombe accountants in response to their letter regarding audit services.

RW indicated that we could approach John Stewart from Moorland who could audit our accounts for a cost effective fee as many accounting firms tend to become quite costly.

CB has been on the search for House rules of Bingo. We need these displayed prominently in the hall where Bingo will be played. CB is contacting local clubs to obtain a copy of their rules, after having no success with the Department of Gaming Liquor and Racing, so we can adapt them to our circumstances.

CB also handed out information received from a club in Sydney with instructions and prizes on offer at their Bingo sessions. We may be able to adapt some of our games to their format, etc.

Treasurer's Report

BS indicated that the books were finally in balance with the Bank Statement, after a small discrepancy was discovered. The balance in the bank account was \$760.96 with amounts of \$35 needing to be banked as a result of new memberships and renewals.

CB indicated that we need to add the Financial Report to the Statement for Members, which will be presented at the AGM. CB offered to assist BS with this.

BS to send latest spreadsheet and members details to CB.

Update from Community Information Group (CIG)

Carried forward to next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Crime Subcommittee

BS indicated that he was not the chair for the Crime Subcommittee.

DL indicated that she has distributed some new 'spot and refer' booklets. RH indicated that he would be happy with chairing the Crime Subcommittee.

Youth Subcommittee

DL indicated that this was a work in progress and that we need to get the school more involved in the decision making process and future of the village. DL to continue to work with the school in the area.

History Committee

DS indicated that Alastair to Camp Obadiah has shown a keen interest to assist in this area. We need the new committee to take this further.

CB indicated that Brian Fletcher has a great deal of history available. RW indicated that Brian may have a copy of the original surveyor's journals. RH indicated that he would catch up with Brian to see if he is interested. CB indicated that Wendy Bawn was talking with someone recently who had an in depth knowledge of the area and was happy to tell us about it.

JRJ and Media

DS indicated that he could not continue with the JRJ and that the new committee needs to consider whether this is continued. DS further indicated that the JRJ is in a Publisher format, which is part of the Office Suite and is quite easy to utilise. CB indicated that we do have advertising in the JRJ, many of which have paid an annual subscription. This needs to be taken into account of the JRJ is to be discontinued.

On the Media front, DS indicated that the Manning River Times had completed a story in the Northern Manning Section of the paper on the village and progress. There were a couple of points that were incorrect, such as the translation or meaning of the word "Koolyangarra". Apart from that, the article was well written.

DS further indicated that the GTCC still has not developed the plan for the Stewarts River Road/Pacific Highway intersection. We were expecting this plan for display at the new Community Forum, which is to be held after the AGM.

There are also issues with the RTA not commenting on that section of the road. DS indicated that there may be issues with truck coming into the village from the new bridge/roundabout on Stewarts River Road. The issue being fully laden trucks from the quarry heading south will need to head over the bridge, down the incline and turn right at the intersection to head south. GTCC is talking with the RTA in relation to this issue.

DS has nominated to be on the new JRIG, which is being established by GTCC.

RW is to also nominate for this committee as well as for the Local Advisory Group with the suggested title of this group being 'Koorabahk Coalition'. RW indicated that the new committee should convene a meeting following the elections to explore what each town (Cooperook, Moorland, Johns River and Hannam Vale) wants to get out of the coalition and which direction it should take.

DS indicated that the Village Voices group was representative of the smaller groups in our community/locality and it did make sense to broaden the catchment, such as the coalition.

DS did indicate the he will assist the new committee with updating and adding content to the website as the need arises.

Eco/Beautification Committee

DL indicated that there are moves planned by the government to introduce a free assessment for residents wishing to save money by having their houses assessed by certified assessors. Local Solar Installer and member of the JRCPA, Darren Baxter Lane has just been certified to carry out these inspections. There are interest free loan of up to \$10,000 from the government to assist residents in becoming more energy efficient.

There has been more regulation of electricity prices across the board with only country energy providing rebates for solar power generated by a home 'grid connect' system.

DS indicated that AGL seemed to be the most cost effective in terms of tariffs. However, the deals across the board seem to vary.

Koolyangarra.

During the week, Steve Bulley assisted with removal of the rubbish from the reserve. The action plan can now recommence with the next working bee suggested for late September 2009.

Reference is made to the action plan in the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 27th June 2009. Copy of this is below.

Now with the majority of the clearing having been completed on the 18th April, the next stages are as follows:

1. *Remove the large piles of trees and weeds from the reserve. CB to discuss this with Frank Araldi to remove and then place this rubbish behind the community hall (on the overflow carpark). Frank Araldi to assist with removal on a Sunday. **NOW COMPLETED***
2. *Creation of the pathways in the reserve. CB will discuss with Frank Araldi regarding this stage, which will involve the removal of surface material down to a minimum depth of say 50mm so pathways can be created.*
3. *Creation of the trenches to cater for drainage material. CB will discuss with Steve Bulley regarding the use of his ditch witch for creation of these drains. The drains will be partially filled with 20minus aggregate, then Ag pipe laid*

therein. The trench will then be backfilled with remaining aggregate to form the drainage corridor.

4. *Wendy Bawn has been in discussions with Boral Resources regarding the supply of 20 minus aggregate. We require 15m³. Wendy to report back to the committee regarding this material.*
5. *DS has been in discussions with the Alliance regarding the supply of Ag Pipe. DS to report to the committee at next meeting.*
6. *New date for next working bee to be decided on and announce by way of flyers in letter boxes.*
7. *New working bee will commence shortly after the completion of 2, 3, 4 and 5.*
8. *Working bee will require supporters to move road base to the site for path creation, move aggregate to trenches prior to Ag pipe being installed and then installation of further aggregate to fill then trenches. Road base can then be compacted by means of wacker packers, which can be hired or borrowed from local contractors.*
9. *The next stage will include the supply and installation of hard furniture into the reserve. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with this and hopefully Wesley Employment can assist with the material and labour. The plan for these areas (amphitheatre and centre stage) will be prepared so they can be given to the people installing, etc.*
10. *Then we will be looking at further selective planting of some species in the reserve and then discussing with the school about the children planting some tube stock.*
11. *The official opening can then be planned.*

CB and Ben Lockhart to install the boundary fence so the weeds along that corridor can be removed by local residents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Playground

The plan has been accepted by GTCC and the invoice from the designers has been paid by GTCC. The apparatus will be stored at GTCC depot until the playground is ready for installation. ONGOING.

Village Plan and Design

This is ongoing and we have requested the formation of the JRIG.

Fund Raising (Bingo)

Refer to Secretary's report – ONGOING.

Upcoming AGM – August 2009

It was decided that Committee Members would assist with the set up of the hall on Sunday morning commencing at 11.30am so we are ready for the AGM and following Community Forum. BS gave his apologies for the AGM as he has another function to attend, which clashes with the AGM. BS gave his proxy to CB.

Village Voices

DL indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd week in September and that feedback from the first meeting of this group was positive. ONGOING

Resignation of Members

DS indicated that he had received a phone call from Elsie Stinson indicating that Eddie was unwell and in hospital and that she had been unwell also. Elsie indicated that they both wished to resign from the association due to health reasons. DS accepted their verbal resignation over the phone and indicated that he would take this to the next committee meeting to ratify this (as the rules require a written resignation). This was discussed by all present and a resolution was passed to permit the verbal resignation of Eddie and Elsie Stinson from the association.

DS did indicate that Elsie had no ill feeling towards the association.

Meeting with Peter Besseling

CB indicated that he met with local MP Peter Besseling in Port Macquarie two weeks ago. Both CB and Wendy Bawn met with Peter to discuss FAWNA issues as well as the issue of no toilets in the village. Mr Besseling indicated that both he and Mr Rob Oakeshott (Federal Member for Lyne) would be willing to support a fundraising function in the village to raise money for the toilets. CB indicated that we could have a market day, with funds from stall rental going to the toilet fund. We could encourage the children of the village to write letters to GTCC indicating that we need a set of toilets to ensure that the village survives. CB indicated the we need all the parents and residents to support this letter writing activity also.

We could call the fundraising market event the 'John' for Johns River Day. CB to work with the Hall Trustees on this campaign.

Thank you to Glenn and David

CB acknowledged the great amount of work and energy that both Glenn and David had put into the JRCPA from Day 1 and through their tremendous leadership and

direction we, as an association, were able to complete many things in such a short time frame. They will be missed by the committee.

Items still open and waiting finalisation.

Speed Limits for the village

ONGOING

Skate Park

ONGOING.

Income for the Association

Ongoing.

Afternoon Children Activities.

Krystal Grayson – President of the School P & C is in discussion with the P and C and School to commence the Wednesday afternoon sessions (after school) for the children. ONGOING.

Next Meeting – to be decided by the new committee.

ALL- No further items.

Meeting closed – 11.30am – 22nd August 2009

Minutes confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting held.



D Shepard
Vice-President, JRCPA