

Culburra Beach Progress Association Inc.

Minutes for monthly meeting 3rd October 2018

Banksia Community Hall, Fred Evans Lane, Culburra Beach 2540

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Welcome to new members and special guests: Councilor Johanna Gash

That minutes of 4th September be received: **Mvd: Bob Shimmen Sec: Steve Glennon Carried**

Apologies: The apologies are as noted in the book. Alan added an apology from Ken O'Day.

Moved: Bob Shimmen Sec: Robyn Shimmen Carried

Business arising from the previous minutes: Nil

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2. Alan said that the letter that we had received from Brad Davis was offensive. Bob Shimmen said that there had been seven meetings regarding this issue. Alan said that the money for the toilet had been allocated on the 20th February 2018.
3. It was Moved that a letter be sent to the General Manager at Council regarding the letter received from Brad Davis and attach Brad Davies letter to it. **Mvd: Bob Shimmen Sec Robyn Shimmen Carried**

Correspondence In:

- **Curleys Bay Recreational Community Park Project** – Written report from Alex McNeilly (see under reports)
 - **Shoalhaven City Council** – Councilor Mitchell Pakes – Re: Dog off Leash areas
 - **Shoalhaven City Council** – Re: Dog off leash guide.
 - **The Hon Shelley Hancock** – Re: Reply to her letter to Council from Council re: The bridge replacement
 - **Shoalhaven City Council** – Re; Confirmation that construction had started on the toilet at the Skate Park
 - **Shoalhaven City Council** – Re; Information regarding funding grants for war memorials and remembrance projects
- That correspondence be received: **Mvd: Roy Cobcroft Sec: Bob Shimmen: Carried**

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4. We received a letter back regarding our letter to council regarding the fox baiting program. Alan said that there would be no baiting around Lake Woolumboola and that the fox baiting would discontinue at the end of November.

It was moved that all business arising be accepted. **Mvd: Bob Shimmen Sec. Robyn Shimmen Carried**

Reports:

- **Treasurer- There** was no market report as the markets hadn't been held yet. The Bank Balance as at the 30th September 2018 was \$18,949.22. The new Barbecue for the Markets has been purchased.
- **Market Co-ordinator** – There were three or four new stalls at the last markets.
- **Bugle** – There was a print run done on the 3rd October 2018. There is anywhere between 500 to 800 copies printed each issue.
- **Chamber of Commerce** – Alan said that there was discussion regarding the NBN. There was also a discussion regarding the bridge on Culburra Road. It was reported that there could be three more businesses closing in Culburra Beach. Brian Muller has retired from First National Real Estate.
- **Men's Shed – The** AGM for the Men's Shed was held on the 3rd October 2018. The new committee is as follows: Ray Sutton President, Roy Cobcroft Vice President, Secretary Gary Bell, Treasurer Pat Welch and Committee as follows Alan Pendleton, Wyn Armstrong and Barney McKinnon. **Mvd: Roy Cobcroft Sec: Gary Bell Carried**
- **Skate Park – Report from Alex McNeilly**
- Following discussions with SCC and SW it was determined that our local trades were unable to help us with the toilet build due to delays with SCC confirming the sewerage line design for connection points.
- We advised SCC that we were now unable to complete the build in time for the peak tourism season and that Ken Willis (SCC Assets Team) is best placed to build the new toilet amenity.
- Proceeding this Alan Pendleton attended the Assets meeting at Council and presented to Council the concerns of the community regarding the delay in the building of the toilet amenity. He said that the Culburra Beach Progress Association supported the Curleys Bay Skate Park Project in their efforts to get this built.
- Following the SCC meeting and within seven days a meeting was held at Curley Bay with Ken Willis who informed our committee verbally that the toilet build has been prioritised and would be completed before Christmas.
- Our committee would like to thank Alan and all stakeholders involved as works have commenced for Stage 4 (Toilet building by Christmas and adjoining pathways completed as soon as possible by SCC).
- A Port-a-Loo has been available at the Park while the Toilet is being constructed.
- A new water tap at the BBQ area is also included in these works.
- There have been two requests from residents opposite the new road crossing requesting that the trees that were removed be replaced to block views to the park.

- Our committee is also planning site works for the fences along the right-hand side to improve safety and access to the storm water creek as per original park design and plans.
- **All reports be accepted Mvd. Roy Cobcroft Sec Bob Shimmen Carried**

General Business

- Regarding the two letters sent to council re the cleaning of the open drain we have not received any correspondence back from council regarding this. And no correspondence back re the walkway from Ocean Street to Penguin Head and back to the CBD.
- Steve Glennon raised a question regarding the Doggy Do Bags Holders. He said that the one at the shops is empty. The meeting was informed that the bags are being broken down into smaller lots. A resident in Mowbray Road is trialling something to make it possible to put full set of bags in the dispensers.
- Lester spoke re the website:
 - 1 Agree the web site is outdated therefore is in need of a modernization to make it useful as a tool to assist with the progress of Culburra beach. I do not think it is worth doing much unless it adds to the progress of the area. To say there are other snazzy web sites nearby is in itself not a genuine reason to make changes.
 - 2 Changes that seem reasonable to do are;
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 - a. Make it more up to date with what is happening in the area. An example is this past weekend should have been the high light of the site in promoting the area. It wasn't because we had no input and I do not have the time to approach who is who in determining what we could have done. Thoughts were;
 - i. What was happening in the area. Promote any events occurring.
 - ii. What is open during the weekend and where they are.
 - iii. Maybe a weather link forecasting the weather expected in the area although this can be a negative.
 - iv. We need to list the folk and organisations we can involve with all of the above.
 - v. Mail out to all in iv above asking for input. Have a small sub-committee who can assist with this in an unbiased manner.
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 - b. Rearrange the site so the important areas promoting the area are immediately showing and do not need an intensive search.
 - c. Link across wherever we need to link. Likewise have links coming back to us.
 - 3 To enable these changes form a sub-committee which has a clear objective to improve on what we have and let it not be a subjective aim by a minority grouping. This committee should be tasked with firstly how we will do the re-development. Who we should liaising with in so far as

meeting the objectives listed in 2, a., iv, above. And gain a bit of assistance with how a modern day Wordpress Website is constructed.

- 4 I believe before any of the above can be considered and acted on we need to be clear what our strategies are as a progress association. What is it that we stand for and what are we striving to achieve. All other efforts in the various areas of the Association should support this. Even and possibly most importantly the web site and it's re-development.
 - 5 It seems obvious from the discussions held at the immediate past meeting that not much respect is paid to how the association funds have grown to where they are today. It is not a good idea simply to say there is money let us spend it. The money is hard earned dosh resulting from the hard work of past and present members. It needs spending wisely.
 - 6 Lastly as a part of getting things moving towards a more coordinated manner we should adopt generic email addresses for association executive roles. They do not have to be email@culburraprogress.org.au as this costs money. They can be as per the following;
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 - a. culbpapresident@gmail.com for the president.
 - b. culbpasecretary@gmail.com for the secretary.
 - c. Etc. etc.

I know I will be criticized for this as they were generic before. The trouble was they were never managed well. In practice they were never checked nor were they used as such. I stepped in and brought this to the attention of the council for one as they were sending in apologies and the apologies were never received. Nor was any information that could have been useful, received.

We will need to inform our associated partners what email addresses they should use. The emails will need setting up prior to this but that is not a hard job. The passwords will need resetting prior to each AGM so the new committee members can access them from day one.

- Bob Shimmen said that he had heard on the radio that the West Culburra Development had been squashed. Yet there had been no notification regarding this. There had been notification that the golf course was not proceeding.
- Lester said that maybe regarding the West Culburra Development that we should be utilising the media. This includes radio and television and the press. 2ST, ABC and Win 4 should be approached regarding this.

Correspondence out:

- Letter to Mr Russ Pigg General Manager re the Toilet amenity at Curleys Bay
- Letter to Shoalhaven City Council re clarification of Dog off Leash areas

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm