

## **Culburra Beach Progress Association Inc.**

Minutes for monthly meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Banksia Community Hall, Fred Evens Lane, Culburra Beach 2540

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Apologies as per book

That minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> June be received: Mvd: Ken O'Day Sec: Bob Shimmen: Carried

Ray welcomed Councillor Alan Kitchener to the meeting.

**Business arising from the previous minutes:** Steve Glennon said that the comment in his report was wrong and needed correction. The correction is as follows: The State Government has provided a \$500,00.00 grant to the Caravan, Camping Association to distribute \$500.00 grants for consideration. **Moved: Roy Cobcroft Seconded: Merilyn Cobcroft.** Also, that a letter should be sent to Shoalhaven Tourism from Progress for their consideration of the provision of a RV Rest Area and Dumping Site for the Culburra District. **Carried**

## **Correspondence In**

- **Curleys Bay Recreational Community Park Project** – July Report
- **Culburra Beach Chamber of Commerce** – Agenda for their AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Re: Repairs to the Archgate Bridge
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Accessibility to Warraine Beach and Tilbury Cove
- **Anne Sudmalis MP** – Say NO to traffic lights proposal in Nowra CBD
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Re: Deferral of implementation of the NSW Governments Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code
- **The Hon Michael McCormack MP** – Media Release: Government working together will deliver Nowra Bridge
- **Anne Sudmalis MP** – Volunteer Grants Program
- **The Centre for Volunteering** – 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards
- **Neil Wallace Secretary Chamber of Commerce** – Regarding the proposed closure of business in Culburra Beach

Correspondence be received: **Mvd: Merilyn Cobcroft Sec: Robyn Shimmen: Carried**

## **Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

- Alex asked about the reply from council regarding the work that is to be carried out on the bridge over Culburra Road. He was informed that it is still in the discussion stages.
- Ken O'Day spoke re the Archgate Bridge and said that in his opinion it would be at least twelve months before any work is commenced. **Moved: Daniel Sandstrom Seconded: Roy Cobcroft. Carried**

## **Reports:**

- **Treasurer-** The proceeds from the May Markets was \$1090.00 and July they were \$742.00. The Bank Balance as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June was \$18,112.83. **Moved: Noelene Welch Seconded: Bob Shimmen. Carried**
- **Market Co-ordinator** – It was a good but small market owing to the weather. There have been new forms handed out for an update of information. **Moved: Merilyn Cobcroft Seconded: Roy Cobcroft Carried**

- **Bugle** – The new Bugle has been printed and distributed. 500 were printed **Moved: Ken O’Day Seconded Bob Shimmen: Carried**
- **Chamber of Commerce** – An email from Neil Wallace informed the meeting that he had heard that there was talk of the Hardware store closing. Lester also informed their meeting of the trip made to Canberra re the NBN.
- **Men’s Shed** – We currently have 45 members. We have received a grant for \$10,000.00 to go towards the construction of Solar Panels on the shed. Ray said that the shed will need to contribute about \$1100.00 towards this.
- **Skate Park** – Alex McNeilly informed the meeting that Stage 3 has been completed. We have had a further meeting with Shoalhaven City Council and Shoalhaven Water which have still not finalised the sewerage plans for the toilet amenity. Council have requested that we get a quote from our Engineers on the most suitable sewerage connection line plans and update them ASAP. Following the conversations with SCC it was decided the best option was if the toilet amenity should be built by SCC staff as this would be a quicker option as they have the qualified staff and suppliers in place. Further discussion are underway with SCC as we have requested that the toilet amenity would need to be completed and operational by the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to allow for the peak tourist season.

### **General Business**

- Bob Shimmen spoke regarding the West Culburra Development and the report that was in the local paper regarding this. He said that there should be no decision made regarding this development without public meetings being held. These should be attended by all local residents and members of council and should not be attended by people from outside the area that don’t have residences here or who are not ratepayers in the area. Pat Welch passed around a photo he had of the area that was earmarked for the development.
- Bob Shimmen brought up that certain people had brought up concerns about water quality if the development went ahead. The people that are affected by the water quality are the oyster farmers and they test the water all the time themselves. They are also in favour of the development. He said that there needs to be a letter sent to the Department of Planning and Environment and to the Independent Planning Commission stating that the Progress Association unanimously supports the West Culburra development going ahead and stating that the Progress Association and the Chamber of Commerce represent the people of Culburra Beach. **Moved: Robyn Shimmen. Seconded Anne Hollis Coates. Carried**
- Ken O’Day said that it was not the Parliamentarians that were the problem it is their advisers.
- Steve Glennon tendered his submission for an RV Rest Area and Dump site at Culburra Beach. A section of that submission is below:

“My submission is that the Culburra Beach Progress Association supports in principle an application for a Dump point to be installed at Culburra Beach out of the allocation of funds from the Caravan and Camping Association and that if an application for a Dump Point was successful then at a later stage , if there were no negative issues in its operation the Culburra Beach Progress Association might consider backing a proposal for a short term Rest Area at the top car park at the Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramp. “

A suggestion was made that a letter be sent to the Shoalhaven Tourism Board which is a part of Shoalhaven City Council from Progress with the suggestions made for their consideration. **Moved: Roy Cobcroft. Seconded: Ken O’Day. Carried**

- Lester Radford reported on the visit to Canberra with himself and Neil Wallace and Brian Muller. This meeting was held in Anne Sudmalis office. The pertinent points made were:
- We were told we should be happy with 25/5 service which is going to be made available to 100% of the country. This would mostly be delivered via an FTTN solution. Those past 400 metres from the node can only expect this 25/5 service. If this does not get delivered, then NBN would come back and do re-work to make sure it happens. If under 400 meters, then higher speeds can be got by choosing a better plan, but this realistically can only be 50/20.
- Some parts will be using FTTC technology. These will be the lucky ones as they can ultimately choose all high-speed plans. Even those not currently available like 1GBps.
- We were asked what an acceptable speed might be. Our reply was at least the 50/20 one. We added that in fact we were more interested in the ability to be able to connect to faster plans in the future without it costing the end users.
- NBN did mention that their biggest fear is how the mobile data network will affect take up of the NBN service.
- The rollout is planned to occur between April and September 2019.
- We were told it is an extremely costly exercise to change to FTTC for the whole town and that there would be a 12 to 18 months delay, so they can re-design. We explained that the town would be happier to wait until then to get the better service over 100% of our area.
- The NBN member was quite over powering in approach. He was reminded that we did not come to speak with him but to the Minister’s Office.
- The medical alert issue was raised and Anne Sudmalis volunteers to do a letter box drop to assist with this.
- The write up done by one of our residents who relies on good broadband was given to the Minister’s person in attendance. (Copy attached which we will place on the website).
- Anne Sudmails was very supportive. **Moved by: Bob Shimmen. Seconded: Roy Cobcroft. Carried**
- A suggestion was made by Ken O’Day that consideration be given to the purchase of a Dictaphone to make it easier for the Secretary to transcript the minutes. He said it

is very hard at times for the Secretary to write the minutes when there is more than one person talking. **Moved: Ken O'Day. Seconded: Roy Cobcroft. Carried**

**Correspondence out:**

- Letter to Tourism Board Coralee Bell
- Letter to Independent Planning Committee
- Letter to Department of Planning and Environment

**Meeting Closed at 8.25pm**