

Culburra Beach Progress Association Inc.

Minutes for monthly meeting 6th September 2017

Banksia Community Hall, Fred Evens Lane, Culburra Beach 2540

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Apologies as per book

Welcome to Mayor Amanda Findlay, Mr Russ Pigg (General Manager – SCC), Councillor Patricia White and Councillor Mitchell Pakes.

Minutes from last meeting: Mvd: Roy Cobcroft Sec: Ray Sutton

Business arising from the previous minutes:

- James Butcher raised a concern regarding Shoalhaven Water parking on the footpath in Park Row. He said that this is impeding pedestrians and people on mobility scooters. He said that this had happened on a few occasions. He was informed that this matter would be looked into.

Correspondence In

- **Shoalhaven City Council** – re: Donations, Sponsorships
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Maintenance Ocean Street Car Park Entrance
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Halloran Trust Planning Proposal
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – Public Exhibition re Draft Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy
- **Culburra Beach Orient Point Men’s Shed** – Shed congratulations Rick Neilsen
- **Culburra Beach Orient Point Men’s Shed** – Shed Congratulations Rick Kopytko
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – re Public Amenities
- **Shoalhaven City Council** – re landscaping at Tilbury Cove
- **Karen Knowles** – re the Acknowledgement to Country

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Anne Hollis-Coates said that she was disappointed that the Acknowledgment to Country was not being said at the beginning of our meetings. There was a very lively discussion regarding this matter. Anne moved a motion that in **three months’ time** there was another vote of the saying of the Acknowledgment to Country. She said she would be happy to invite an indigenous person to come to the meeting. **The motion was seconded by Gary Bell.** Mayor Findlay informed the meeting that a Welcome to Country could only be done by an indigenous person whereas an Acknowledgment to Country could be done by a nonindigenous person.
- Jack Kerr passed on an email which was an invitation to participate in Shoalhaven City Councils Community Development Service Review.
- Councillor Mitchell Pakes proposed that before we continued on any further with the meeting we ask the Mayor and General Manager to speak on works and other matter being carried out by Council.

Before we continued with the meeting Bob introduced Karen Knowles to the meeting to talk about the scheme with the Boomerang Bags. This is a scheme to replace the one-use plastic bags. These are cloth bags which can be used and then returned to a central point. The

screen-printed logo remains the property of the Main Group on the Gold Coast. She said that the local motel plans to place one of these bags in each of their rooms. Karen suggested before Mr Pigg started with his report Bob Shimmen said that he and the Progress Association would like to thank the Council on the good work they had done with the clean-up of the playground area at Tilbury Cove. Bob also said that there had been a walking zone sign erected at the Skate Park. But a request for a Beware Children sign. It was also proposed to have a 40km sign posted. Mitchell said that the concrete barriers do not comply with safety. It is proposed that there be a crossing down further in line where the water fountain is. It is proposed for new upgraded barriers at existing cycle way crossing.

The Mayor said that herself and Russ Pigg had had a very constructive meeting with Bob Shimmen and Ray Sutton when they came out to Culburra Beach. At this meeting, it was discussed that the gate at Tilbury Cove be changed to a flip gate. Ocean Street is a work in progress. The pathways will be trimmed back.

Russ Pigg said that there had been a lot of changes at council recently. There had been a few staff changes with people leaving and the new staff were trying to integrate into their new roles as quickly as possible. Tim Fetcher has retired and Phil Costello has taken his place. Ben Stewart left two weeks ago to take up a position at Shellharbour Council. Russ Pigg said that the asphalt is being done at Tilbury Cove to help people on mobility scooters. In regard to Crookhaven small boat ramp it was decided that sand bagging would not work. He said he knew that the ramp could not be used properly because of the build-up of sand. Mitchell Pakes said that within the next 18 months to two years a submission can be made to Better Boating regarding some funding for this problem. The Ocean Street resealing is allocated for the first quarter of 2018. There are 27 roads down for resealing in Culburra Beach. Jerrinja at working well with Council. Their road will be attended to as well. Alan Liebert asked about disabled access at Ocean Street. He was informed that staff are still working on a report re Ocean Street. John Segal mentioned the special matting that could be put down so that people in wheelchairs could access the beach areas. Russ Pigg continued by saying that Greenwell Point Road roadworks would commence in early January as would Rehab work on Culburra Road. Colin Templeton mentioned that the line markings in the car park at the shopping centre need to be repainted and the disabled ones need to be done as well. He was told that this was on the list. Colin also asked if there had been any more discussion regarding making it a one-way traffic area and also if there had been any decision on closing the centre opening. He said that it would be the perfect place for a Public Toilet. Russ Pigg said that he knew of the concerns and would look into the problem. Ken O'Day raised the issue of the 100km zone. He said that the 50km zone needs to start before the industrial estate on the approach to Culburra Beach as there have been a few near misses there with traffic coming out of the Industrial Estate. Russ Pigg that letter needed to be sent to Shelley Hancock re this problem and also to the RMS. Colin Templeton asked if there was any news on the West Culburra Development. He was informed that there were still Water Quality studies being done. It required a two-year study. Patricia White said that there would be discussions at the meeting on Tuesday night. You would be able to get the minutes of this meeting off Council's website. Bob Shimmen mentioned that a letter had been sent to Shelley Hancock regarding a sealed footpath and railing on the wharf side at Crookhaven Heads boat ramp. He said this is a priority as it is dangerous for pedestrians as the cars come around the roundabout.

Bob Shimmen also informed the meeting that if you have a report on asbestos at your residence the report only lasts five years.

Reports:

- **Treasurer**- The bank balance as at the 31st August was \$24,894.87. The money raised at the markets in August was \$799.00 and the money raised at the September markets was \$830.00. We also paid our \$1100.50 for the Doggy Do bags.
- **Market Co-ordinator** – There were some new stall holders at the last markets. There was a total of 20 stalls at the September markets. There will be another new stall holder at the next markets.
- **Bugle** – There need to be more printed.
- **Chamber of Commerce** – There was no report.
- **Men's Shed** – We have had our Open Day which was a great success. We now have fifteen financial members. After the September meeting, there will be a meeting to form a committee for the Men's Shed.
- **Skate Park** - John Segal gave a report on the Skate Park. He said that Stage 2 would be commenced shortly. He said that there had been some switches. The Children's Playground has been moved. He said they are negotiating with Council for some funding. He said that the Park should be completed by December. He said they were getting a quote on the fitness equipment.

General Business

1. Bob Shimmen talked about the toilets. He said in his opinion Council should take notice and consider helping to construct a toilet on a utilised area. eg Skate Park. Ray Sutton mentioned about a bus tour about 3 years ago where they were told that the toilets behind the shops were condemned. Now they have been refurbished. We were told it would cost too much to refurbish these.
2. James Butcher said that there was a proposal to close the toilet at the Orient Point Playground. He said that this toilet was utilised in Summer but was closed in Winter.
3. Bob Shimmen said that a letter of thanks should be sent to Shoalhaven City council in recognition of the terrific job they have done at Tilbury Cove.

Correspondence out:

- Letter to Council thanking them for the terrific job they did at Tilbury Cove
- Letter to Council re the use of the Sea Scout Hall

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm