



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held: 7.40 pm Monday 8 April 2013 directly following 2013 AGM
At: BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE
Demountable Building, 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

ATTENDEES: Beryl Blake, Tom Blake (President), Terri Brown, Geoff Bruce, Sara Bruxner, Carol Cristitin, Paul English, David Farnworth, Fran Gilbert (Treasurer), Ian Gilbert, Fay Hansell, Maurice Hansell, Diane Kuhl, Michael Kenyon, Alan Leech, Janet Moore, Lyn Moore, Janet Ritchie, John Ritchie, Mark Ritchie, Marie Robb, Doreen Sproul (Vice President), Paula Sproul, Ger Vloothuis (Secretary), Steve Walters, Cr. Virginia West & Andre

APOLOGIES: Alan Barker, Pamela Quemby, Doug & Joy Drescher

MEETING OPENED

President Tom Blake chaired and opened the Meeting.

Tom explained that BAPA is the first committee he has ever joined and when he joined BAPA a couple of years ago, BAPA was quite low on membership numbers.

Tom thanked:

Maurie H for his excellent previous Presidency; Doreen S on the successful operation of the Op Shop; Terri B & Paul E for doing such a great job creating the community garden; Diane K for doing the minutes and all members present for supporting the community. Tom asked for all to please help him along in his new role, as he is inexperienced. Tom requested a Presidency hand over from Maurie after the meeting. Tom explained that he would mainly be concentrating on the Community Centre activities. Tom welcomed Fran, Doreen & Ger as office bearers.

Ger introduced himself and explained he had lived at Beechmont many years ago and has been back for a couple of years, now he is semi retired. Ger has great IT ideas and suggested the Café Cottage becomes a Wi Fi hub plus developing more computer classes. Ger with the agreement of the meeting appointed Diane as the minute secretary, when available.

Fran introduced herself and explained that she has lived at Beechmont for 6 years (owned land for 13 years) and this too is her first committee ever joined.

Doreen introduced herself; she is a 20-year resident of Beechmont and an active and passionate volunteer of the community.

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING held on 11 Feb 2013

Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held on 11 Feb 2013 are true and accurate

Moved by: Mark Ritchie

Seconded by: Ger Vloothuis

All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tom reported he has sent an email to Michael Wallace at Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) regarding the sewage system pipe configuration of the Community Site and confirmed that the Community Garden (CG) will not be digging in these areas and will only be utilizing raised garden beds.

Doreen explained that Geoff B recently delivered excess Op Shop items of children's clothing and foot wear to the Salvation Army at Nerang for donation to the Bundaberg flood appeal. Discussion was held regarding Op Shop donated items being dumped at the Community Centre site. Doreen confirmed that when the Op Shop commenced it was advertised that items could only be donated by appointment or during Op Shop trading hours. This has once again been advertised in the April 2013 issue of The Hinterlander (back page). Recently many items have been dumped, some of these items being unsuitable for the Op Shop, and have been transported to the Canungra Waste Depot by Geoff volunteering his time and use of his van.

Marie R inquired about applying to the SRRC for a council grant, Virginia confirmed that the latest round of grant applications close on 10 May 2013; Tom confirmed that BAPA would be applying.

Janet R expressed concern regarding the unpainted dilapidated state of the Cottage, articulating along with the murmurs of agreement from the meeting attendees, that it is a disgrace and an embarrassment to the community that SRRC does not give the ratepayers of Beechmont any additional assistance. Janet requested BAPA send a letter to SRRC stating that BAPA urgently requires funds to maintain the Community Centre site.

Cr Virginia explained that funds for repainting the cottage were put forward at last year's budget but unfortunately missed out, she strongly agrees that painting does need to be done as soon as possible and she hopes that funds will be available in this year's budget. Cr Virginia suggested that the letter requesting assistance is addressed to Hugh Dunne the Facility Manager of SRRC, with a copy to her also.

Tom reminded the meeting that BAPA has applied for a \$20,000 grant from State Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund (Jupiter's Grant). BAPA stipulated in the grant application that the grant would be used for repairs & maintenance, painting and plumbing. Last week Maurie spoke to the Department and was informed that a decision is imminent.

Tom suggested that BAPA applies for the grant from SRRC for grounds maintenance and hopes the Jupiter's Grant is successful.

David Farnworth asked Cr. Virginia how does BAPA work with SRRC to make the decision to allocate funds to repaint the cottage? Cr. Virginia confirmed she has put it forward and with the suggested BAPA letter to the Facilities Manager she will once again push for funds in this years SRRC budget.

Motion 2

BAPA write a letter to SRRC regarding the long overdue repainting of the Cottage

Moved: David Farnworth

Seconded: Janet Ritchie

Result: All in agreement

Ger V will draft letter plus photos for management committee approval; BAPA letter will be sent to Hugh Dunne, Facility Manager SRRC and copy to Cr. Virginia West, and be tabled at the next meeting.

Discussion was held in regard to the “here & now” maintenance requirement of mould removal from interior walls and ceilings. Virginia suggested Maurie and Tom verbally request mould remedy assistance from SRRC (Hugh Dunne &/or Michael Wallace).

Tom inferred that BAPA needs assistance from within the community and if all Beechmont residents volunteered at least 1 day a year and helped out at working bees all the repairs & maintenance (R&M) could be coordinated. Discussion was then held in regard to informing the community of the list of tasks that are required for on going R&M of the community centre, Tom feels that BAPA should encourage regular working bee days. Geoff reminded the meeting, that at previous annual “clean up Australia days” and working bee days it is always the same small handful of volunteers who turn up.

Michael Kenyon suggested BAPA requests knowledge from SRRC of what the future maintenance plan is for the infrastructure. Or quite possibly BAPA needs to propose and list to SRRC what the next 3 to 5 year deterioration prevention / maintenance plans and projections are likely to be and be required.

Maurie reminded the meeting firstly that SRRC does do a lot of R&M reported to them by BAPA (& reported at BAPA meetings) for example late 2012 repairs to door locks, stair treads, leaking toilets & roof gutters etc were completed. And secondly, that the SRRC has obligations to many buildings, of similar age and condition as our community centre, within the Scenic Rim.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Zest Fest sub committee (however, not represented here tonight) asked if BAPA will be holding a stall at the 23 June 2013 Zest Fest. Discussion was held and the CG will be represented, as well as some regular Market stallholders and BAPA members. Doreen suggested BAPA’s stall should be a membership recruitment drive, similar to previously set up at polling booths on State & Council election days; volunteers for this would be required.

TREASURER’S REPORT

As per the Treasurers AGM report
BAPA’s trading account balance is currently \$13,800 which includes the \$3,500 Energex grant to the CG, which is to be moved to the CG trading account once opened.

Motion 3

Treasurers report to be true and accurate

Moved by: David Farnworth

Seconded by: Maurie Hansell

Result: All in agreement

Motion 4

That a separate trading account for the Community Garden is opened at BAPA’s bank, with Alan Barker CG President, Lyn Moore CG Treasurer & Fran Gilbert BAPA treasurer as signatories.

Moved by: Terri Brown

Seconded by: David Farnworth
Result: Majority in agreement

Paul English explained that the CG is planning on applying for additional grants and it was confirmed that sub committees must submit all grant applications to BAPA meetings.

REPORTS

Community Garden – Terri has not spent any money since last meeting and enquired about the CG using the hazardous goods roller door storage shed for storage of CG materials and equipment during set up stages.

Motion 5

That the CG be allowed to utilize the roller door storage shed for storage purposes only until further notice

Moved: Terri Brown

Seconded: Marie Robb

Result: Majority in agreement

Terri also confirmed that the CG has agreed with SRRC that it will maintain the Community site grounds from the tennis court garden down to the rain forest.

Terri expressed that on Market day the CG requires clear passage to their Market stall located in front of the tennis court door.

Terri also informed the meeting of the new Children's play area within the fenced area and the Children's gardening group now happening. Discussion was held in regard to the neighborhood children visiting and playing at the Community Centre site especially during the school holidays. All BAPA members should be mindful of the possible legal / insurance process should an accident happen and a child is injured within the grounds. Terri is encouraging CG children to play safe and learn gardening.

The Information Centre / Café – Now open Saturday and Sunday, BAPA Member Karen White is operating the Café and Sunday papers, however volunteers for information centre are still required.

Op Shop – Doreen with Lyn's confirmation reported that the Op Shop is running well and that items donated are sorted and excess is donated onto the Salvation Army at Nerang for disaster relief appeals. The Op Shop opening hours is now Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to midday.

BBEN – Are to be reminded that all subcommittees must report at each BAPA meeting.

GENERAL MATTERS

Discussion held in regard to recent (school holiday) vandalism and graffiti of site and all agreed the more the site is utilized the less this will happen.

Diane raised that topic of the kittens that were being given away by a stallholder at the March 2013 market, as she felt this was inappropriate considering our close proximity to World Heritage Lamington National Park. Discussion was held in regard to conditions of recent development applications regarding cats and dogs prohibited from certain plentiful wildlife areas. Discussion was held in regard to how BAPA can effectively manage the

monthly market. David Farnworth suggested that the BAPA management committee establish guidelines and expected etiquette for all market stallholders.

Michael Kenyon (President of Beechmont State School P&C) explained the School BBQ's new operating situation at each monthly market. He was saddened at the last P&C meeting to hear that it had been heard that the school was no longer welcome at the markets. Maurie strongly replied this is NOT the case at all. The monthly market would not be the same without the School BBQ and believes the presence of the school on market day improves harmony within the community. Tom explained the School band is booked for the 21 April 2013 market and school choir booked for a market day later in the year.

Cr. Virginia announced that the Canungra Chamber of Commerce has begun investigation into achieving a community BANK in Canungra, and she suggested if Beechmont residents are in favor to please contact the Canungra Chamber of Commerce and show support.

Cr. Virginia congratulated Beechmont residents for surviving so well during the recent severe weather events.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 pm

Next BAPA Meeting will be held on Monday 10 June 2013 at 7pm