

BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held: 7.00 pm Monday 8 October 2012

At: BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Information Café Cottage

1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

ATTENDEES: Alan Barker, Kikumi Bennett, Tom Blake (*Treasurer*), Beryl Blake, Terri & Paul Brown, Patricia Burchell, Wal Cattermole, Maurie Hansell (*President*), Fay Hansell, Diane Kuhl (*Secretary*), Sally Mackinnon, Corey Millison, Janet Moore, Lyn Moore, Melissa Pinnington, Jorda Pinnington, Jake Pinnington, John Ritchie, Marie Robb, Andre Slaski, Doreen Sproule & Ger Vloothuis.

APOLOGIES: Geoff Bruce, Bill Sproule, Iris Rankin, Joy & Doug Drescher & Virginia West (SRRC)

MEETING OPENED

President Maurie Hansell chaired and opened the Meeting at 7.00 pm

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING held 9 July 2012

Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held 9 July 2012 are true and accurate

Moved by: Maurie Hansell

Seconded by: Doreen Sproule

All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Old Hall items - BAPA managed to acquire a few items that will be useful for the Community Centre and Op Shop.

Doreen, Tom & Terri reported that there are 10 new BAPA members since the last meeting.

BBEN

Tom explained his recent discussions with Sally Mackinnon regarding BBEN becoming a sub committee of BAPA. BBEN will keep their own bank account and continue to operate Zest Fest and the BBEN yearly services directory booklet and online.

Sally explained that over the last 18 months memberships have remained the same however committee members & active volunteers have dropped away, and Sally feels now is the time for local groups to combine so BBEN does not fold. BBEN has a long-term relationship with BAPA as BAPA did auspice BBEN 5 years ago.

The BBEN yearly services directory booklet print runs 2,000 copies and it is distributed twice yearly this is funded by the costs charged to be in the booklet plus a \$500 council grant previously received so it is self funded. Zest Fest has previously received a yearly sponsorship from Council last year being \$3000. BBEN are hoping to fold their incorporated association at their December 2012 AGM and operate under BAPA. BBEN insurance is around \$600 per year to cover the Zest Vest public liability. Sally confirmed that BBEN would send their members an email informing them that this discussion with

BAPA has commenced. It was decided that a separate BBEN & BAPA management committee meeting will be held in the near future, Sally will organize this meeting after feedback from BBEN email announcement.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Michael Wallace (SRRC) contacted Tom Blake by telephone regarding a few matters being: a mud map of the sewage configuration at the Community Centre site is required and Tom has requested this from David Murphy (Beechmont State School Principal). Council informed Tom that they will not top up rainwater tanks and the cricket net demolition must comply with the correct procedures as per their letter of 30 July. Discussion was also held in regard to safety issues regarding materials for garden plus use of Tennis court not previously noted in the community garden plans.

2. Reply letter from SRRC 30 July 2012 regarding Cricket Net dismantling and re-erection for Community Garden project. (*copy attached*)

3. Community Garden reimbursement grant from SRRC of \$1000.

Motion 2

Correspondence accepted

Moved by: Terri Brown

Seconded by: Janet Moore

All in agreement

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom tabled BAPA's Income & Expenditure Statement & Balance sheet (*copies attached*) and reported on financials from March to Sept 2012.

The \$2,150 insurance renewal fee has been paid and the trading account is currently approximately \$11,800.

Motion 3

Treasurers report to be true and accurate

Moved by: Tom Blake

Seconded by: Andre Slaski

All in agreement

REPORTS

Op Shop is going strong & well stocked, Doreen is keeping expenses to a minimum, the community has been very generous with many donations, second hand books are the best sellers.

Market day - September was slow to start, very good atmosphere with lot of visitors from off the mountain, advertising banners are helping to bring visitors, stallholders were down, Tom suggested car boot sales at November market. BAPA needs to discuss the December market with David Murphy at next market as Beechmont State School is holding their Christmas Fair, Carols, & market on Saturday 15 December, the day before the monthly Beechmont Market. BAPA should discuss this matter further with David Murphy and at the next market.

BAPA needs to find some musicians for the December market, after some discussion it was agreed that possibly Catherine & Paul Slingsby or Mitchell King could perform, Maurie & Tom will ask them respectively.

The Information Centre: Wal, Lyn, Margo, Di & Geoff, Julie & Rob all volunteered to sell the Sunday papers whilst Maurie & Fay were away, however more volunteers are required as Sundays are busy with regular newspaper buyers and the Op-Shop steadily trading. BAPA urgently needs to find more helpers for each Sunday morning.

Website – Ger is looking after the Beechmont website as Emily Pearce is now working full time at Beaudesert so she does not have as much time to keep the website up to date. Two months ago BAPA agreed with Emily to take over updating www.beechmont.org.au with information of “what’s on”, every local community group has a page on the website. Ger invited everyone to send community information, clubs, events etc, that require information posted so please email to info@beechmont.org.au and Ger will post on website. BAPA is responsible for all information on this website as the domain name owner is BAPA. Ger has also set up group email address lists, 220 on general list, 30 on BAPA members list and 45 on BBEN list, there has been one recent new subscriber. There is also a Calendar on the website so lots of opportunities to utilize. Ger explained the availability of Federal Government National Broad Band initiatives regarding creating Internet hubs in local communities.

Community Garden Group

Maurie said it is going well and raised a few questions being:

1. Why is there a shed in the tennis court?
2. The big pile of dirt, how long will it be in its current position?
3. Water usage? Maurie’s opinion is that a bigger tank is required.

Terri explained:

1. The small garden shed was required for additional space for tools & irrigation equipment; they are catching water from it.
2. The dirt pile arrived before the gate was extended to fit a truck through, once all the raised beds are built, the dirt will be moved.
3. They have set up irrigation and Community Garden Group have a secret tap within the locked tennis court and are learning gardening methods of using minimum water. There is a watering roster. Discussion held in regard to tank on stand, which used to be filled by pumping up from Back creek, Council decommissioned this 18 month ago.

Terri explained that the Community Garden is making some money selling seeds, seedlings and compost, plans are to put money away to purchase water if need be. Terri has rented on a yearly basis 10 garden beds, however only 3 have been built so far.

Still need to do some promotion and advertising of the Community Garden and promote that the community drops their garden waste into the site for the Community Garden to compost and utilize.

Terri confirmed that all Community Garden members have signed a Community Garden operational agreement.

Terri tabled future dates of Community Garden workshops, held every second Saturday. The Community Garden is applying for additional grants and planning fund raising via raffles, auctions etc. at the monthly markets.

John Ritchie asked why is the tennis court being used? BAPA gave permission for the Community Garden to use the tennis court and Tom confirmed this with SRRC. John is not in agreement with using the Tennis Court. Tom & Terri confirmed that the tennis court can be returned to how it was previously. John (a retired plumber) discussed the water drainage in the area between the tennis court and the rain forest. Tom explained the methodology of the Community Garden operation.

Discussion was held in regard to the Back Creek water pipe and pump to service old tank on stand, this was decommissioned 18 months ago. Tom suggested working with Beechmont Volunteer Fire Brigade group in the hope that they may pump & truck water to fill tanks. John Ritchie explained the water tanks and plumbing arrangements previously at the site. The meeting then brain stormed some water-gaining methods.

Tom then proposed a once off BAPA monetary assistance package of \$2,250 to finish the extra 7 garden beds and get them up and running bringing back a return of \$30 per bed per year to BAPA. This proposal generated much discussion and the pros and cons were debated around the meeting table at length. Tom reiterated it's a once off and established that the Community Garden Group would attempt to gain additional commercial grants and be financial under their own steam ongoing.

Motion 4

BAPA monetary assistance to Community Garden Group with a one off amount of \$2,250

Moved by: Tom Blake

Seconded by: Beryl Blake

Majority of meeting in agreement

Motion Carried

Di explained that 5 years ago BAPA had no money at all and had to ask Virginia for Council assistance to pay the insurance to keep the monthly markets happening. Also back then BAPA only had a few members and it has been from plenty of hard work from volunteers such as Doreen, Maurie & Fay that BAPA has managed to accumulate the small amounts of hard earned money from markets and op shop.

General Business

John Ritchie explained that the Community Hall constitution said that if ever it was sold the money should be shared among all Beechmont Community Groups and suggested BAPA makes enquiries regarding this, as the Old Hall is to be sold at auction mid November 2012.

Maurie explained the "thin ice" BAPA is "skating on" operating the Community Centre as it only has a management agreement not a lease. In 2003 Council removed a former Beechmont community group from this site. So, we must be mindful and make sure BAPA keeps Council happy.

Wal discussed SRRC's sport and recreation plan 2010 – 2020. Does BAPA have a copy? Plus plans of the Back Creek buffer zones? – Maurie will search the files and report back at next meeting.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 pm

Next BAPA Meeting will be Monday 10th December at 7pm

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Preamble:

The Council has approved in the General Conditions is for the removal of the cricket netting and posts for the Community Garden Project located at the Broomfield School.

30 July 2012

1. The Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of the cricket netting, posts and any concrete footings.
2. The Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of the cricket netting and posts from the garden boundary.
3. The Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of the cricket netting and posts to a minimum depth of 500mm, hole dimensions a minimum of 100mm x 100mm.
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Mr M Hansell
Beechmont Area Progress Association Inc
Beechmont Community Centre
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Dear Mr Hansell

Cricket Net Dismantling and Re-erection for Community Gardens Project

Thank you for your correspondence received 18 July, 2012, regarding the above matter.

The site has been inspected and Council wishes to advise that in-principle approval has been given for your organisation's proposed scope of works, subject to the enclosed *Constructor's Agreement for Construction and Other Works on Council Property*. Please read, complete and return this agreement at your earliest convenience for endorsement by Council prior to commencement and the works are to be carried out in accordance with your submitted correspondence including the site plan.

Should you require any further information or assistance with this request, please contact Council's Facilities Technical Officer, Mr Graham Andrews, on 5540 5190.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H F Dunne".

H F Dunne
MANAGER PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

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**Income And Expenditure Statement
Beechmont Area Progress Association
For Period
1st March 2012 to 30th September 2012**

Income

Membership	185.00	
Shop	2805.00	
Grants	519.97	
StallHolders	1055.00	
Yoga	270.00	
BonVue Café	253.00	
Broadband For Seniors	0.00	
Art Classes	150.00	
Bobbins	261.00	
Meditation	160.00	
InfoCentre	0.00	
Scouts	0.00	
BBEN	0.00	
Bank Interest	2.65	
Music Group	157.50	
Papers	1228.65	
ChiGong	25.00	
TOTAL Income		7047.77

Expenditure

Cleaning	500.00	
Hardware	0.00	
Phone	335.75	
Insurance	2150.97	
Other	205.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Musicians	350.00	
Signs and Banners	0.00	
Papers	1104.65	
Community Garden	475.00	
Registrations	86.90	
Assets	120.00	
TOTAL Expenditure		5328.27

Surplus/(Deficit)		1719.5
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Balance Sheet
Beechmont Area Progress Association
As at 30th September 2012

ASSETS

Current

Petty Cash	50	
Cash Float Thrift Shop	0	
Trading Account	11857.63	
I3 3 Month Term Account		
I6 6 Month Term Account	0	11857.63

Non-Current Assets

Tables and Chairs	1307	
Clothes Rack	150	
Tables-Bobbins	393.4	
Computer Printer	395	
Computer Chair	68.95	
Cupboard	120	
Coffee Machine	1192	3626.35

TOTAL ASSETS

15483.98

As Represented by:

Funds

At Beginning	13619.48	
Surplus	1839.5	
Total Funds		15458.98