



Beechmont Area Progress Association

Draft Minutes of the BAPA General Meeting held Monday 11th February 2013 at 7:00pm at the Beechmont Community Centre.

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Opening: President Maurie Hansell welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 7pm

Present: Maurie Hansell (President), Tom Blake (Treasurer), Janet Ritchie, John Ritchie, Walter Cattermole, Mark Ritchie, Fran Gilbert, Athena Sanderson, Karen White, Fay Hansell, Marie Robb, Ger Vloothuis, Alan Leech, Janet Moore, Lyn Moore, Doreen Sproul (Acting Secretary), Wendi Trulson, Cory Millison, Sally MacKinnon, Terri Brown.

Apologies: Di Kuhl, Doug Bradfield, Andree

Treasurer's Report: \$10,300 in the bank at this date. \$3,500 grant from Energex approved for Community Gardens, plus \$1000 from SRRC. Treasurer Tom Blake, being ill, left the meeting at this stage.

Minutes: Minutes of BAPA December meeting read by President Maurie Hansell and approved by Doreen Sproul (1) and Janet Ritchie (2):

Business arising from the minutes:

- **BBEN Printed Directory:** No agreement as yet on the BBEN booklet production for 2013. There are still a lot of 2012 booklets available. Suggested by Ger Vloothuis that the BBEN online directory on www.beechmont.org.au is still operational and any vendor, business or club can enter their details there if they wish. Ger Vloothuis will discuss further with interested parties for a newly printed issue somewhere mid 2013 and most likely come up with some proposal by the next meeting.
- **Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC):** SRRC is working through the repairs needed on the Beechmont Community Centre. Door on cottage repaired. Also the Opshop door lock has been repaired. Discussion ensued on Denham Reserve and Old Showground but no further information available.
- **Maintenance/Repairs:** All aspect covered. SRRC approached re re-instatement of water pipe from the Back Creek. Block house stall holder to pay rent.

Correspondence:

- Letter received from SRRC re changes in garbage collection. Apparently, the community centre will get its own bin to be outside in the Friday collection runs. No info on costs or otherwise at this stage.
- Letter from SRRC re grant application closing 8th Feb 13.
- Letter re community bus schedule to be changed.



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- Letter from Beechmont Public Hall Inc (BPHI) committee tabled at meeting in reply to President Maurie Hansell's letter. No funds from the BPHI wind-up will be distributed to BAPA as BAPA is said by BPHI to not have similar objectives as BPHI. Some input supplied by John Ritchie on the Beechmont Public Hall Inc constitution.

Correspondence accepted by Janet Moore (1) and Walter Cattermole (2)

New BAPA members: President Maurie Hansell welcomed new members present at the meeting: Mark Ritchie, Fran Gilbert, Karen White, Altena Sanderson.

Reports:

Opshop: Doreen reported an avalanche of goods during January 2013. Suggested some goods to be donated to the Salvation Army for the Cyclone Appeal – all agreed.

John Ritchie suggested Opshop extended hours by opening another day or all day. Doreen agreed perhaps to trial.

BBEN: Sally McKinnon reported BBEN has been wound up during December 2012 – minutes of that meeting are pending. (BBEN will from thereon operate as a subcommittee of BAPA). There are around \$4,500 of funds in the kitty, destined to setup the upcoming ZESTFEST as planned for Sunday the 23rd of June 2013. Discussion on the cost of insurance. BAPA insurance needs to be changed to cover BBEN and ZESTFEST activities.

Website: See discussion under 'Business arising from the minutes'.

A current listing of all known clubs and groups operating in Beechmont is available on the BAPA website as <http://bapa.beechmont.org.au/community> A listing of weekly recurring Beechmont club activities is available on the front page of <http://www.beechmont.org.au> A Beechmont events calendar is available on <http://bapa.beechmont.org.au/events> To keep up with the latest happenings "Follow" BAPA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/BeechmontBAPA> and "Like" the Beechmont community gossip page on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/BeechmontNetwork>

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John Ritchie asked how someone will get informed on Beechmont happenings if you don't have Internet and are not really computer literate. Or when the power is out for a few days, the phone doesn't work and the mobile batteries are empty. Something to think about....

Ger Vloothuis suggested we run a 'Digital Economy' introduction course for interested parties at the Community Centre at some time in the future.



Community Garden: Solar sensing light installed due to destruction of gnomes etc. The Community Garden Seminars will start in March.

Walter Cattermole: Wal discussed SRRC Sports and Recreation Plan 2010/2020 comments by Patrick Fitzgerald supplied on 3.6.2010, as yet no reply. Walter Cattermole suggested a BAPA letter to SRRC and produced a draft as per attached. Walter is in touch with SRRC re acquisition of part of Denham Reserve land but SRRC replied "no money".

General Business:

- BAPA has applied for a grant of \$20,000 to paint the Headmasters Cottage as SRRC is not forthcoming with funds.
- Janet Ritchie pointed out that the Garden Group has now had more than \$7,000 in funds. This is not quite correct. Advances to date were around \$3,500. The \$3,500 grant today announced by Energex still has to be received and will go into general funds as the Garden Group already had their \$3,500 advance from BAPA General funds last year. See the last and next Treasurer's reports for details. *(refer to Treasurer's note as attached)*
- Mark Ritchie asked why the newspapers run at a loss. President Maurie Hansell explained that sometimes unsold papers don't get returned for credit.
- Someone asked about the Community Centre status. BAPA has a management agreement with SRRC renewable every twelve month.

Closing: President Maurie Hansell thanked those present and there being no further business closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

Next meeting: AGM at the Community Centre on Monday 8 April 2013 – 7pm

Attachments:

Note by Tom Blake (BAPA Treasurer) re Community Garden Grant



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I wish to correct some points in the minutes regarding grants and \$ for Community Garden.

As per the last Treasurer's report, the garden group has been given \$3725.00 by BAPA. SRRC will give BAPA \$1000 towards this. Also please note that the \$3735 was a donation, not an advance and definitely not an advance in lieu of future grant moneys sought by the Community Garden.

I will be working with Terri Brown regarding the \$3500 grant from Energex in order to find out what else is necessary to complete the set up for the garden. If there is any moneys left over, it is hoped that this will reimburse some of BAPA's donation to the Community Garden.

When the Community Garden group requested moneys from BAPA, I stated that the group will not be requesting any more moneys from BAPA. "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." Page 4 of October meeting minutes

Therefore the community grant from Energex does not necessarily go back into general funds.

I am currently putting in a grant application to the Gold Coast City Council for further moneys relating to the Community Garden. Some of this will be used to re-imburse some of our insurance.

Thanking you

Tom Blake (BAPA Treasurer)