

BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, 15 MAY 2017 at 7 pm
BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

ATTENDEES: Beryl Blake, Tom Blake, Terri Brown, Penny Bydlinski, Wal Cattermole, Annette Clark, Peter Clark, Diane Edwards, Glyn Edwards, Jonathan Fisher, Fran Gilbert, Ian Gilbert, Monica Graham, Paul Graham, Fay Hansell, Maurice Hansell, Rex Keen, Diane Kuhl, Bronwyn McKinlay, Janet Moore, Nicole Pickering, Jane Ritchie, Tom Sharp, Doreen Sproul, Wendi Trulson, Cr. Virginia West and Ger Vloothuis

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

WELCOME: Tom opened the meeting shortly after 7 pm. He welcomed those who had attended and explained that the meeting had been called because the meeting on the 10th April had been disputed.

Motion 1 "To declare the AGM component of the GM/AGM meeting held on 10th April 2017 as null and void. To be replaced by this AGM of 15 May 2017. The vote was duly taken and the motion carried.

It was clarified that the General Meeting component on the 10th April had not been annulled and those whose membership had been ratified at that meeting could vote. There was some discussion on the exact meaning of the 'year' in the Constitution but Tom thought it important to move on with the Agenda.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS A.G.M. HELD 11 April 2016

Motion 2 "That the minutes of the Annual General meeting of 11 April 2016 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting"
Moved: Tom Blake
Seconded: Maurice Hansell
Result: All in favour

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Tom presented his President's report to the meeting as follows:

"When Beryl and I came here about 9 years ago the community centre was run-down and virtually deserted. The tennis court was completely run down and unusable. The mountain was full of litter and people didn't come any where near the community centre. BAPA membership was right down and it was hard to get a quorum. The old hall had been completely run down over the last thirty years, Graceleigh Park was completely run down over the last thirty years. There was nowhere in Lower Beechmont for children to play. In the past few years I was heavily involved in BRASA's programme supporting BRASA and other people's projects, which have been a huge success and that includes Lower Beechmont park project, Graceleigh Park which looks really good now as well as the club house there.

BRASA spent something like \$600,000 in capital improvements over the last four or five years with virtually no Council support. The Gold Coast City Council has contributed \$30,000. One of the tennis courts is looking great as well. Hoping to support other people's projects. At BAPA our goals have been to give everyone the chance to give an input, to make the site more sustainable, hence the café. More volunteers are encouraging locals to use the centre and also sub-committees. Less reliance on volunteers by earning more money in order to pay people to come in and do work and by firming sub-committees. In that time membership has dramatically increased, different projects supporting more volunteers. At weekends the community centre looks fantastic. Minutes have been published on the web site allowing complete transparency for the people on Beechmont, the web site being taken over by BAPA and Ger. Income has more than trebled and with all that money coming in improving the centre. In total we have probably improved the centre by something like \$100,000 with most of the money coming from State grants. This is what we have been working towards for a while now. Every step of the way major decisions have been made by BAPA members at General meetings. There have been no major decisions at Executive meetings or made outside of meetings, there has been no major decisions made by myself – I am just one vote. It has been backed up by hundreds of hour of volunteer time.

The café is bringing lots of locals back. This is the way to bring the community together. General meetings on the mountain scare a lot of people away and they are considered to be very negative. Once the café was open, this has improved and meetings have been more positive and people have been right behind us. Even the detractors can see it is going really well. Next year we want to focus on the MCU lodgement, the café licence, grants and doubling the income from the café. It is very obvious that we have to obtain finances through grants. A couple of other things, the social club uses the Headmasters Cottage, there are three or four markets a year and I want to concentrate on trails, which is my pet project.

In the first five or six years of my time as ordinary member, treasurer and president it has been as quiet as a mouse with the Scenic Rim. There, have been no capital improvements – there have been a couple of improvements where you actually improve on the value of an asset; it doesn't include repairs and restoring the asset back to how it was. We have gone the formal, professional route – council forum committee – Town Planning forum - community presentations and still no response. With recent events on trails, despite the Mayor sitting right next to me, then he closes down Denham Reserve without even consulting us. As per the last ten years, we cannot expect much in the way of assistance, we can only hope that we don't get any roadblocks in the future. The urban hub which was unanimously supported in the forum down here has not even been mentioned in the Southeast Queensland Planning Scheme. It echoes through to the Seminar, which I attended about four years ago, that went nowhere. There wasn't even a summary sent to the participants.

Summary: As BAPA members, we should all be a friendly, positive, active face for BAPA, including other groups on the mountain. I've been told personally by scores of people who have run away because of negativity. I told them not to worry about general meetings, just come to the centre and help in other ways. Anybody can disagree with what we are doing but in doing so they need to offer a constructive alternative and be prepared to run with it and then they have to accept the majority vote. Luckily BAPA has had the support from the majority who wanted to get to where we are now and I want to thank all those people for voting on all those major decisions. It is a marathon, not a sprint. I have been here seven to eight years so I should know that. I have just one vote, I have no illusions, there is no status in being BAPA president. And the cemetery, as somebody told me once, is full of indispensable people. If you are tired of hearing my voice at general meetings as somebody at the last meeting stated, you can step up for one of the vacant roles and report on that role instead of me. If any of these roles are vacant, such as market co-ordinator, the job will get done, simple, it is no big deal, the

world won't come to an end. We'll still have the same market so those people who continually criticise, I just tell them, if you want to become a market co-ordinator, fine no big deal. I have been asked several times why I am still around, I just think of the number of locals and visitors coming to the café and walking round the centre compared to what it was eight or nine years ago. I think of our income dramatically increasing and our community garden looking fantastic - that is really my reward, nothing else, I cannot change the views of those people who won't come to the centre for paid work because of something that happened twelve years ago – this is an actual example of somebody who wouldn't come and do some earth moving work, and I was very friendly with that person, and they refused to come for paid work. I'm not going to be able to change their mind. Maybe they'll start visiting the café and meet up with their friends without having to be involved with meetings and mountain politics.

Maurie has put in for vice-president. Maurie and I worked well together before I became president, there were some heated discussions but we respected each other and knew what the other person wanted to do. We are both very hands on and I would like to support him as a very positive face for the role of vice-president.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Fran Gilbert said there were two copies available in the room if anybody wanted to see them. She then reported that at the 31st January we had an under spend of \$8,000 for the year. \$3,200 of that is balanced in grant money that had not been spent in that time. The bank balances, which are the consolidated bank balances of all the groups show a balance of \$30,804.00 which is very nice and, again, has that \$3200 unexpended grant. She moved for acceptance of her report. Tom then interrupted to ask what was being done with all the assets in the kitchen. The other thing was all the money that had been spent on the deck was very important because probably \$100,000.00 had been spent on capital improvements to the centre which we've agreed is a formal donation to the Council and the Council gets all its funding on the amount of assets. The Mayor was going to get back to me on that but he hasn't. We need to write up anything that is not tied down, for example the coffee machine; some of the counters and some furniture need to be on our assets. This report doesn't represent that. As regards to the fencing for the garden club, that has to be written off and the Council should be informed of that as well. He asked if Fran had any issues with that. Fran commented that he was only saying this now! Tom said he hadn't seen the report. Penny Bydlinski made a point of order, there was a motion on the table and a seconder was needed. She protested that these matters should not be discussed at this point as there was a motion on the table, which had to be voted on. Tom insisted that these were financial matters and needed to be discussed, Penny said it should not be at this point and Tom replied that he was the Chairperson. He just wanted to let everyone know and it didn't matter as it could be done next year if necessary. Penny asked Tom if he should not have spoken to the Treasurer earlier if he wanted it included in the report and when Tom demurred she insisted that the Treasurer should have been consulted pointing out that they were all on the same committee. Tom said there had been no meeting. He said it was no big deal but he thought the Council should be informed, as they needed to know as they got paid more funding according to what assets they had. There was some discussion about what the Council regarded as assets. Virginia said she would look into this but most groups owned things like tables and chairs. Fran said she had not included grant money in the accounts. This led to further discussion on what BAPA actually owned; it did not own the land but if did own the fixtures and fittings. On a comment about what would happen to these things, Tom replied they would be sold. Annette said that the Treasurer's report was being discussed and asked Fran if she had anything to add to her report. Fran did not have.

Motion 3 "Acceptance of Treasurer's report"
Moved: Fran Gilbert

Seconded: Annette Clark
Result: Carried.

Fran then said that an Auditor had to be appointed again this year.

Motion 4 “Bruce O’Connor to once again be appointed auditor to BAPA”
Moved: Fran Gilbert
Seconded: Wendy Trulson
Result: All in favour

Community Garden

Janet Moore said that her report was exactly the same as the one tabled at the last AGM on 10th April.

Op Shop

Doreen read out her report as follows:

“This has been an exciting year with the establishment and opening of the café in the Headmasters Cottage, which has resulted in increased opening hours of the op shop. Donations and goods continue to come in and recently some household furniture which I had to refuse due to lack of storage space. Another problem is that goods are still being dumped here, ignoring signs to the contrary. Most people do the right thing, leaving it here or ringing me to make arrangements. Phone numbers are on the door. I have a wide variety of goods for sale and will be able to donate goods to Lifeline and the Salvation Army for the flood appeal. Many thanks to all my helpers this year, including Di and Geoff, Janet and Fran and Andrew who, when I recently had my left hand out of action for a couple of weeks, helped me out. It has been a year of adjustment and I look forward to another year of fund-raising and trading.

Zest Fest

Wendy said that probably the most important thing was to ratify the signatories on their bank account, Fran and Diane Edwards were also signatories, Tom wanted her to be removed from that signatory list, which she had not done. He also wanted her to be removed from the BAPA membership as well but I ... at this point Tom interrupted, saying “Excuse me, this is bullshit – He was asked to watch his language but he continued saying “to accuse me of stopping your membership is complete lies” Wendy told him she could show him the e-mail. He said he had never, ever asked for a person to be excluded from BAPA. All he had said was that if the Zest Fest was not happening, maybe the signatories should go back to BAPA and if it started up again, it would go back to the committee. He had no designs on the money; it could stay where it was. Ger said that he understood it was only for the one year and Wendy confirmed that was what she had said. He thought there should be a motion regarding leaving it where it was for one year and doing nothing further. Tom said there would be no vote.

Wendy said that, as she had explained, due to the lack of volunteers who were willing to come forward and who would actually physically help, not only on the day but with the planning which has to be done six months in advance. She had been doing it for seven years. She thought a little leeway as to whether it went ahead in 2017 or not should be taken into consideration. ?? said they had somebody to help.

Deck / Cottage

Glyn Edwards reported that the café was going from strength to strength; it was really good to see locals coming in, people who hadn’t been up there meeting with others was

really good. To him this was the real purpose of the place. It was good to see people come in, sit on a couch, read a book and have a couple of coffees over two or three hours, feeling safe to be on their own and enjoying it. He thought the purpose of the café was being met. They were still waiting on the MCU to be submitted; it's a very complex document and process and he thanked Tom for the work he had put into it, remarking that it was an incredible piece of work and to it on a volunteer basis should be acknowledged, as it was not easy and not pretty. They had spoken to Environmental Health and they had inspected the kitchen and it was all in order. They will give them an interim licence to be completed when the MCU had been completed.

Tom commented that Glyn had given a lot of time and work to get the café up and running in six weeks. He had done a very professional job and BAPA could not have been more pleased with the result. He congratulated Glyn on this and there was general applause..

Tom then added that the MCU was not just about the café, even if the café did not exist the MCU needed to be done, the market and every use that was made of the site, every event that took place was against town planning, the café had only brought it to the forefront. Maurie said that the Council were looking at updating the zoning requirements for rural community facilities. Because of the delay in the Southeast Queensland Plan that would not be done for about a year and he had wanted to know if they could give him any details on what was required but they would be basically updating these rules from the 1950s when nothing of this nature was ever envisaged back then so he had no idea what it would incorporate.

Doreen referred to Glyn not knowing where people came from. She pointed out that people coming from afar to the area was not new, when Maurie and she had had the information centre, it had been amazing where people had come from, Korea and all over the world. Diane Edwards said they had recently been approached by a local person about a Korean artist who was thinking of working on the mountain and having an exhibition. She agreed people were coming from everywhere. Doreen said that at one stage Koreans had come and looked at the site because they wanted to have a college there. Maurie interjected that they had wanted to buy it!

Glyn pointed out that things were changing. There were the Open Studios in two weeks, in conjunction with that the Ford dealership on the Gold Coast were having a Mustang muster on the site and would have 30 to 40 of the new Mustangs and 70 or 80 people would be coming up to enjoy the facility, there were a couple of car clubs had been, bicycle groups are starting to come in, and there had also been a few motor cycle who had come beforehand to tell them to be prepared for 30 or so of them rocking up on Groups.

Moving to the next item Tom asked if Ger wanted to say anything about the eligible voters, of which he had a list. Ger also had correspondence but was told that did not come into the AGM procedure.

Wendy had found the e-mail to which she had referred and brought it for Tom to read out:

At the AGM I said regarding Wendy, I heard at the AGM "that secretary must go", referring to Ger. I said this was extremely disrespectful of Ger, while doing his best and making some mistakes like myself, in performing his duties, Wendy has heavily criticised the web site regards to up to date information without offering to help. ACT 3d, Tom insisted that he had not said that, somebody had added on that he didn't even know what ACT 3d was. Wendy replied that it was basically saying that he wanted her out of the membership. He repeated that he had never, ever asked for one person from BAPA to be expelled.

Ger said that at the last market Glyn had told him he had the most sales ever and he had actually nearly run out of coffee beans and cakes. Glyn said that over Easter they had used three works worth of coffee in three and a half days. Although he had planned for it, he did not have enough.

It was noted that the sub-committee reports were not to be voted on. Ger said to blame the secretary; he had been hired four years before. He also said it was lucky that they did not have to rely on the Minutes from him as he would write them his way. Di pointed out that she had told Tom at the last meeting that she wasn't doing them any more.

Ger went on to say that the insurance company had sent him a reminder – he was told that this was not AGM business. However he wanted them to know that the forms had been completed and they would receive an account for around \$2,000.00. He had also, by popular request, written a letter to Mr Andrew Fenn, who was the Chief Executive Officer of Telstra. He knew that a lot of people on Beechmont could not get ADSL and NBN would be coming in two years time. He had asked the chief of Telstra what they were going to do with Beechmont because a lot of people would be unable to get it and when NBN came the Telstra lines had to be switched off by law. However the law did not apply to Beechmont and it would be possible to keep Telstra service, which was why he wanted to know what they were planning for the future for the Beechmont customers. He had done this for the people of Beechmont but he did not expect to get a positive response.

He had also received letters concerning the AGM of 10th April, from Doreen, Janet Ritchie, Paul Graham and Annette Clark. Annette had asked if the previous nominations had been on time and he said they were on time, he had taken them at the market some three weeks before. She had also asked to see the membership records to which he responded that she could have called in as she was only down the road and the office was open every day.

Di asked Ger whether he would not admit that he had made a clerical error on the nomination form. Ger replied that he had not made a mistake, there were two dates in the Constitution, one said when the nomination had to be in and the other said when the Secretary had to publish a list of nominations and the second date was the one he had taken. Di said that it was still a clerical error.

Janet Ritchie asked Ger how it had come about that he had not brought that to the attention of the Committee. He said he had known that Paul's nomination was not in time but he had accepted it anyway and put Paul on the list as he thought one day or so made no difference. Janet asked if he had informed the President, which Ger said he had done. The President had said that he thought the name should be removed from the list. When pressed Ger said that where he came from everybody belonged to several small clubs and such things were not so important. He had therefore left the name on the list although he had no idea who Paul was at that time and it was not up to him to make the decision, it should be up to the membership. Janet said it was up to the whole Committee to make the decision through the President. Tom thought the matter should be dropped as it was all very messy and ugly. Janet agreed that it had been very messy and very uncalled for and she had brought that up at the end of the meeting. Ger said that he must give Janet credit for being the only person to stand up and have something to say. He pointed out that there had been a quorum and it would only have taken one person to stand up and ask for a vote but that hadn't happened. Janet had one more comment before leaving the subject, she explained that the reason nobody said anything was because everybody was so 'gob-smacked' as they could not believe that the Secretary and the President would do a thing as bad as that; it was just disgusting. Now the subject should be closed and the meeting should move on.

Tom then asked Virginia to take the Chair.

Di pointed out that the Committee had not retired and a chairperson had not been appointed at the annulled AGM. Tom replied that Virginia had not been present and Di responded that another person could have been appointed.

The Secretary said that proxies had come in before the meeting. He had proxies from Janis Rossiter, Sarah ?, Allan ?, John and Angela Brooks. They were all entitled to vote. There was further argument about the validity of proxies according to the year as defined in the Constitution.

Maurie nominated Tom Sharp as scrutineer but Virginia said they had spoken prior to the meeting and it might be better if she were the scrutineer. Tom and Jonathan Fisher would count the votes.

It was asked if the candidates could introduce themselves this was agreed.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Virginia took the Chair and opened the election proceedings. She said there were two nominees for President: Tom Blake and Paul Graham. Also two nominees for Vice-President: Maurice Hansell and Doreen Sproul. She then asked Paul Graham to say a few words.

Paul said he wanted to explain why he was there. He wasn't there because he didn't like Tom Blake and wanted to get him out, nothing like that at all. When he nominated he had met Tom once. He had been asked to nominate by a member when he first came back to Beechmont the previous November but he hadn't done so. Since then more and more people had come and asked him to nominate, so it was the members who had come to him and asked him to nominate because they didn't like what was coming from the Chair. He hadn't gone into the history of Tom nor had he talked to him. He hadn't needed to. He had had a meeting with him since in the café. He was there because he had been asked to come. Irrespective of what might have been said, he had been there before. He moved away for seven years but ten years before he was President. Back then they had been going through some quite nasty times and were in fact trying to heal and as a group, they had healed. They had brought the Beechmont Centre back together with BAPA and had become one and had moved forward as one. Some of those people were still there now. He was not there to say he didn't like the garden club or anything else, he saw his position as the President of the organisation as to lead, but it was more of a guide than a lead. He would not be dictating to anybody, he wanted to support the members so that together everybody could move forward. He thought that had obviously not been happening amongst the membership, otherwise he would not have been asked. The reason his first nomination had been late was because he had been asked by another group of people if he would stand and it was shortly before the date for nominations. He had discussed it with Monica and had decided to stand. He had gone to the April meeting and was totally disgusted by what had happened. He apologised for walking out but he was so humiliated by what had gone on. Sadly, he thought both the President and the Secretary knew what they were going to do. He had been talking to Ger only half an hour before the meeting and he still had said nothing to him. He had therefore not feeling his best that night. However, it was necessary to move on and that was he was there. He wanted to bring all the groups together. He did not know them but he was there to serve them. He would support them; he just wanted to be with them and assured them that they would bring people back together. There were people he had already spoken to outside, who would come back into BAPA but in the end it was up to the members as to what they wanted to do.

He was asked him if he had any plans for what he wanted to do or was he just coming because he had been asked. Did he have a passion for BAPA. Paul replied that as he done before. He had been away for seven years and had only come back in November. There were things that he would love to see happening; people were needed, as there were not physically the number of people in Beechmont to be able to make it flourish. People were needed also from outside and that was where Glynn came in. The way the café was running now, and it was running really well and it would get better and, as the MCU came through more would happen. More people were coming up it's on the internet all over the place, it's a fulcrum for getting people into the centre. BAPA was limited for funds and there was not a huge amount it could do but with Council, and they want the place to flourish, they always have done, and maybe things had gone astray, he didn't know. He could only tell the members what could be done as a team together to go forward. The members could only grow and more people should be coming from the community. He didn't know the details but he would find out. He wanted to put it back together again. He wanted to see Wendy have so many volunteers that she will jump at doing the Zest Fest. He had not been to one, but he was told they were really successful. Everybody was a volunteer and as volunteers the members should be a group together where people could talk to each other and if there was a problem they should tell him and it could be talked about.

Virginia then invited Doreen to say a few words and Doreen read out the following:

Recently I was accused of being negative about any project on the community centre site. So I thought it time to give a brief history lesson, I was first involved here with the school in the 1990s as a Religious Education teacher and later at the new school. When this site was acquired by the Council around 2000, Janet Richie and I set up a community library in the now Op Shop area, helped by our husbands, who are both now sadly deceased. Markets also began to be held on the Old School site as it was then called, and we fund raised at these. Various other projects operated here, notably an IT Centre. When we were evicted our 6000+ books went into storage and despite representation to the Council to reinstate our tenure, six months later the books were donated to charity. After that during 2004, 2005 and 2006 I was busy with travel, family and visitors but in 2008 joined BAPA under the able presidency of Paul Graham. They were staging markets again amongst other things. Maurie Hansell and I, with the help of Brian Kennedy and Michelle Stapleton established the local information centre. At this time Beau Care established an over-fifties respite group and were using the Headmasters Cottage weekly, providing meals, games and outings etc. Around this time the girl who was the café convenor on Market Days resigned and I took on this role, providing Devonshire Teas for the next three years as a fundraiser for BAPA. I also established Cinderella's Closet for the Seniors group. When Susan Culley joined BAPA she established a thrift shop in the library building, as it was known. Cinderella's Closet was transferred to the other building. With the help of Council I established an Broadband for Senior's Club where Cinderella's Closet had been in the Cottage under the auspices of Federal Government. At least fifty Seniors were instructed in the use of the computer notably George Rankin, and he still uses one. After Susan Culley resigned from the thrift shop, Lynn Moore and I took it over re-naming it the Op Shop. It has grown in the interim years, thanks to a generous community, adding funds directly to BAPA. I was also privileged during this time to cut the ribbon on the new library bus when it came to town for the first time. I applaud the use of the community centre for Bobbins, Yoga, Save The Children Playgroup and the Garden group, also the re-vamping of the Headmaster's Cottage, which would have been lovely in the days when I served Devonshire Teas.

Asked if he would like to say a few words, Maurie replied he would wait and see how it went.

Virginia pointed out that there were two positions where there was only one nominee. As Secretary, Ger was nominated by Maurie and seconded by Tom. She congratulated Ger telling him the job was his.

The other position was that of Treasurer and Fran had been nominated by Paul Graham and seconded by Doreen Sproul. She congratulated Fran telling her the job was hers.

Virginia announced a secret ballot for the President's position first. She then asked people to vote.

After some discussion it was established who was able to vote and a roll call of those people was called.

Virginia then announced the result of the ballot, which was Paul Graham had 15 votes and Tom Blake had 8 votes and one invalid. She then congratulated Paul as the new President.

Virginia then called for a ballot for the position of Vice-President, but Maurie said he would withdraw his nomination, as he had really wanted to support Tom, he wanted to pull him into line because he and Tom argued a bit but still got on with one another. He had thought that he needed help. However he would still help Paul but he was not going to be around very much as he went away a lot. He was quite happy to have Doreen as Vice-President.

Doreen was thus appointed as Vice-President.

Before handing over the Chair, Virginia said she would like to thank Tom. She wanted to say to everybody, the Executive of the previous year and all the members that they had really had a great year and had achieved such a lot on Beechmont. She knew there was a rocky road for some of the aims, but they were all achievable and she felt they were well on the way to dealing with all of those things. She felt they should give themselves a pat on the back and be very proud of what had been done on the site, because it had come a long way. She thanked everybody for their commitment, their time and reminded them that everybody was a volunteer and everybody was busy and had jobs and could only give a certain amount. She thanked Tom for what he had taken on board and hoped he would still be around. Tom said that after one year as treasurer, two or three years of really heavy work with BRASA, he would be stepping down from all his roles.

Virginia handed over the ballot papers to Ger for safekeeping.

Paul thanked all those who had voted for him. He advised that the next General meeting would be on Monday, 12th June. The next AGM would be on the 9th April, 2018.

Annette asked if she could make a 'tiny' request. She asked if from now on the meeting would stop bashing the Council for various things. She considered that Council helped them and the words against them, both in the paper and anywhere else is unacceptable from such a Committee.

Tom Sharpe had sent the item to the Secretary some time ago but it had not made it on to the Agenda. It was regarding the expulsion of a BRASA member and he thought it important because there was a person on Beechmont who had been slandering another person and it had gone to the Police. The person had made three separate comments and they were all found to be wrong. So if any rumours were heard on Beechmont, about someone accusing another person of very nasty things, would they please be ignored. If it were anybody in BAPA, he would be pushing for his or her expulsion. It was a very serious offence. He was not able to name the person. Notice had been sent to all

clubs to respect people's characters and also social decency asking their members to act accordingly. The BRASA member was expelled and the matter was closed. He hoped the community would respect those things.

Paul had one last thing; he wanted to formally thank Tom for the work he had done, which he was totally *au fait* with but felt sure that they would talk as time proceeded. He had been there the last four years and – at which point Tom interrupted saying that was enough, Paul didn't know him and he didn't know Paul. There were some protests but Paul then again formally thanked Tom and said he would be speaking to as many people as he could in the forthcoming weeks and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

The Meeting closed at 9 pm

Next AGM will be held on Monday, ~~9th of April 2018~~. Changed to 23 April 2018