

**BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

Held: Monday 11th June 2018 – 7.00 pm

At: BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE
Activity Room (demountable), 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

ATTENDEES: Penny Bydlinski (Secretary), Diane Edwards, Glyn Edwards (Vice-President), Jonathan Fisher, Fran Gilbert (Treasurer), Paul Graham (President), Maurice Hansell, Amanda Harrison, Janet Moore, Doreen Sproul, Ger Vloothius, Karen White, David White

APOLOGIES: Alison Johnson, Ian Gilbert, Di Kuhl, Geoff Bruce, Andrew and Paula Sproul, Monica Graham, Leonie Smith, Nicole Pickering, Fay Hansell

MEETING OPENED AT 7.05 pm

Paul opened the meeting and welcomed those present, commenting that although it was a small attendance, there was a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no new member applications.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 14 MAY 2018

Paul commented that these had been available on line and he hoped everybody had read them. A hard copy was also available.

Motion 1

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2018 are true and accurate.
Moved by: Janet Moore
Seconded by: Fran Gilbert
All in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 14 MAY 2018

Paul reported that there was to be a meeting the following Wednesday when the budget would be announced.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Paul said there was not a lot to report since the last meeting. Things were going ahead and he commented on the garden being in a good state.

Karen, speaking to Janet, said that the café would be happy to buy produce and Janet should let her know as and when it became available, artichokes were discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Fran explained that the additional figures in the report were for one month only. There was in the bank a total of \$19,321.30. She spoke about the insurance quote, which was some \$900 more than that of the previous year. She had e-mailed them for further details as there were extra items listed that were not needed by BAPA.

Motion 2

That the Treasurer's report presented at the meeting be accepted as true and accurate

Moved by: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: Di Edwarda

All in agreement.

ART FEST REPORT

Wendi was not present so no report was given.

OP SHOP

Doreen reported that things had quietened down somewhat but the task of de-cluttering was still on-going. She would soon have some new stock available and a book sale was scheduled that would possibly be at the Arts Fest in August. She was hoping for a good day at the next market. The President thanked Doreen for her report.

BEECHMONT GARDEN GROUP

Janet spoke about something that most people were unaware of and that was that the garden group had been 'host' to school groups. Chris Audley from "Second Nature" tours, organized with schools that did a 'Home economics/paddock to plate' programme, for the class/group to visit the gardens, firstly to gain the basics on growing the produce, which they use for their projects.

There had been two schools, the first Benowa Senior High and the second Mansfield Senior High. These groups then go on to Providence Farm to learn about cows and goats.

She referred to the previous report when she had said that patience was a very thin line. Growing produce relied on the nurturing from the members as well as the weather. The members felt that now the area had shrunk back to its original size, it was much more manageable in the existing lay-out. She added that any positive suggestions were welcome.

Paul thanked Janet for her report.

HEADMASTER'S CAFÉ REPORT:

David reported that the previous Sunday had been OK but that on Monday they had sold only one coffee between 10 am and 1 pm. They were thinking of opening on Friday rather than Monday. He said it was difficult to estimate when the café would be busy. The Yoga group has takeaway cups of tea. Karen pointed out that it was predominantly not the locals who patronized the café. There was serious competition from Jenny who drew off trade, as there was confusion about which café was which. The signage was not adequate and proper signage was needed. Maurie asked if David could get a quote. David agrees and said that the sign that Maurie had made only needed re-painting. David had spent \$27 on signs. He remarked that Jenny might be OTT with her signs but he was just freshening up existing signs. Amanda thought there should be a date on them but David said he only put out signs when they were open.

Paul pointed out that the café had been open eighteen months before it was approved and at that time there had been no competition. Jenny had not been approved but the Flying Bean had. David wondered about offering to buy Jenny's cakes and was advised to go ahead.

Maurie spoke of Council's signs that had very cheap vinyl banners. David would investigate before the next meeting. It was noted that Council had not objected to the existing signs.

Boris was to do the French doors at the café as soon as possible.

Speaking of the pergola area, Council has asked for it to be removed. Paul and Glyn had started to clear it and there was talk about enlarging and improving it followed by a discussion on how to make it OK. Perhaps an area for people with dogs coming to the café and have tables there. Maurie thought this should be checked with Council. Janet suggested moving it to the garden area.

David then asked if young musicians could use the demountable – possibly on a Friday night and if their kit could be stored there. There was no objection in principle and a rent would have to be discussed. It would be an alcohol free night. David would look into it.

General Matters

It was agreed to close the café bank account.

Any Other Business

Glyn proposed a further Working Bee on the 23rd /24th June. This should be put on Facebook. Janet asked what area it would be working on. Glyn said they would clear up the beds where Maurie had been working; he would bring up machinery and clear it first. Much of it was vegetation. Perhaps a skip was necessary. It needed to be discussed what to do first. The round garden needed clearing up. Janet spoke of a huge pile of red soil down in the paddock that needed moving. There were old posts etc. that could be burnt. Items for the tip could go on a truck.

Ger wanted a 200-word notice about the Working Bee that he could put on the web. Fran commented that it would be good if this could be done before the Arts Fest. Paul observed that Council was now actually mowing, rather than slashing the grass.

Paul spoke about forward planning. There was a need to know what BAPA actually wanted to do and then to talk with Council. He referred to Jonathan's idea that showed there were other things that could be viable. He asked if people wanted to go further. Maurie said that Council had to be convinced. He referred to the MCU, which had merely been approved but not a plan. He asked about the car park as to whether Council had agreed to help. David asked if Council had allocated any money, the café had been included in the amount of \$60,000. Glyn explained that the car park had also been added. The Committee was waiting to hear whether the café had been approved, the same applied to the main building. Paul said it was not in the budget. Maurie said that Virginia was backing the repairs etc. but nothing was in concrete. More would become evident at the Wednesday meeting.

Jonathan pointed out that it was a very valuable site and BAPA needed to keep in touch with Council. David spoke of the increase of tourists on the mountain and again the need to get a plan to Council. Fran said a development plan was needed. The Glamping proposal needed showers and toilets. Doreen suggested a wind farm but Di asked if it would upset the neighbours. Jonathan said that Council was working on extending walks etc. BAPA was currently not competing. There were new officers in Council and there was a need to get together with them. He pointed out that Council owned the land and could sell it. With regard to Tourism policies, he thought it was necessary to engage with Council before they took action themselves and private enterprise could be involved. He was worried that Council was not responding to BAPA. The Mayor had written to Jonathan about the walking paths. Amanda said that a proper professional meeting with Council needed to be arranged. Jonathan repeated that Scenic Rim was important to Council and he thought that sooner or later, they would think of something and it could be sooner. BAPA needed to try and find out what they were thinking.

Amanda suggested that the café, garden and actual site should be divided up. Janet then asked what the Management Committee had discussed its last meeting. Jonathan stressed the need to work with Council. This was one of the best sites and walking was now the thing of the moment and hubs for such walks would be needed. The plan should be for the next five years. A strategic meeting was needed and a longer-term lease was necessary. There was a new Officer in Council and Scenic Rim was not the richest council. Maurie mentioned the 'heart shaped pool' at Killarney Glen, which had generated such interest in the site.

Other comments were about the views and only two benches. The fact that there were 'buckets' of money for specific purposes and it would be worth meeting with the Economic Dept.

Paul asked about the Facebook and other pages that BAPA operate. He needed to tell Ger what to put up.

There being no other speakers, the date for the next meeting was set as being Monday, 13th August.

Paul closed the meeting at 8.40 pm. Tea, coffee and cake being available at the back of the hall.