

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday, 16 February 2005

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. ATTENDERS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Anne Blackley (Treasurer), Peter Marshall (Secretary), Sue Cameron, Kim Salton,
Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, Christine Kennedy, Matt Gardiner
Apologies: Alex Wells (President), Christine Sandow (Vice President), John Sandow (Vice President),
Chris Quinn

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were accepted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

- Item 3 - A letter about the barricades and the swimming pool had been sent, and this had also requested a Visioning Workshop for Captains Flat.
- Letters to Gail and Fay had been sent.
- Item 12a – Town Sign – It had been decided to investigate purchasing a readymade sign from Ex--Government Furniture in Fyshwick. Peter agreed to investigate at the same time as running an expected errand in Fyshwick. External ply would also be needed and he would price that afterwards.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since December meeting:

- Insurance renewal – This had been passed to the Treasurer and paid. As this had increased by 10% on the previous year, it was suggested that some “shopping around” be done before the next renewal falls due.
- Information on FaCS Small Equipment grants – It was suggested that a photocopier would be useful and could be the subject of a grant application.
- Newsletter and letter from the company proposing the Molonglo windfarm.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In Alex’s absence, Peter and others gave a report on the General Manager’s visit.

5a) Councillor’s report

Matt updated the Association on developments in Council business:

- The Draft Management Plan is currently a big issue for Councillors, and is expected to be available for public comment in April or May
- Water charges – a new model was under development
- Local Environment Plan – the current one dates from 2002 and development of a new one will take up to three years.
- Rates – s single rate structure across the Council area was being developed; it was noted that for many ratepayers, rates comprise only a very small component of their accounts with Council, the majority being charges for water, sewerage and rubbish.
- Waste management – there was some hope that Woodlawn may be a possible repository for Council’s waste, as all the tips were coming to the end of their useful lives.

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6. TREASURERS REPORT

Anne presented final accounts of the Ball. There was approximately \$4400 in income, \$1800 in expenses, leaving a net profit of \$2600. This resulted in the three beneficiary organisations each receiving \$855.11 – the 2005 Ball, the Community Association and the Hall Committee.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

a) LandCare

Jan reported that LandCare now had insurance due to a generous donation by Carwoola Station. The willow tree cutting and removal was scheduled for the weekend of 5 and 6 March, and this would be announced by flyers deliver to all houses and in the CF Telegraph.

b) Rural Fire Service

Christine reported that there had been no fires. Two new members were currently being trained. Three trained firefighters were undertaking their Village Firefighter training. There had been a vehicle accident on the Jerangle Road the previous Friday, but no Captains Flat crew were available and Anembo attended. There had been a further accident the previous night, caused by alcohol and speed.

c) SES

Kim noted that the willow removal dates were tentative, as they depended on the availability of other SES units which were coming to assist. Kim also noted that there had again been problems with flooding of roads. A tree had also come down across the road at the end of the oval, and had had to be removed. And the SES had marked numerous dangerous trees on the Captains Flat Road and Rossi Road. The “totem tree” had also been tagged for council to remove dangerous branches, and some trees had been removed in Kurrajong Street.

8. SUBCOMITTEES REPORTS

a) Markets

There was no formal markets report as Chris Sandow was absent tonight and Peter had not been present for the duration of the Markets.

b) Ball

Anne noted that the Ball Committee intended to run a Ball in 2005.

c) Tip

It was noted that the tip appeared to be being used outside the opening hours, and it was not known how users were getting access.

9. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a) Mines Rehabilitation Committee

No report.

10. SECTION 355 COMMITTEES REPORTS

a) Hall Committee

Jan reported that the hire charges would be being revised. As noted earlier there had been no progress on

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the repainting.

b) Pool Committee

The uncertain status of this had been raised with council but there had been no resolution.

c) War Memorial

Elsie reported that the vegetation needs to be cut back so that the “trees” would become shrubs once again, and the memorial would be visible. Matt suggested that Council’s gardeners should meet with the War Memorial Committee to discuss the Committee’s needs. Elizabeth reported that a grant was available for plaques in memory of those from the local area who had died in the wars. It was agreed that the Committee would apply for this grant.

11. REPORTS ON OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

a) Pathway to Gold

Jan reported that the plaque still needs to be erected. One idea was to find a large stone to mount it on. The Association also needs to perform some maintenance on the Miners Memorial.

b) Cemetery

Liz reported that the Trustees had handed all their papers over to Council, but Council had no record of them. Thomas Clark’s cross (headstone) had been recovered and would be returned to the cemetery. The pamphlet was to be approved by the tourism committee and Council. Council had provided signs for the cemetery but they had not yet been erected. Liz agreed that the last version of the cemetery report could now go on the Association’s website.

The Meeting formally congratulated and thanked Elizabeth for the work she had put into the Cemetery.

c) Rail Trail

Jan arrived straight from the Rail Train meeting and reported that Gary Nairn and Steve Whan were to be approached to garner their support. Representatives were also to meet Peter Bascomb (Council’s General Manager), who had some experience of rail trails in his previous positions. At the Hoskinstown meeting some landholders had been against the project. Steve Garlick is preparing a scoping paper for the feasibility study.

d) Directory of Services

There had been no response to the advertisement in the CF Telegraph. It was noted that Meals on Wheels is available to Captains Flat, and that the Health Centre requires some maintenance work.

e) Website

No report.

f) Water charges

It was noted that the Association needs to write to Council, with the petition as support, insisting that we be involved in the development of any new charging regime. Peter had received (from Matt) Council’s water charges spreadsheet – it was agreed he would forward it to Anne for her perusal.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

None considered.

NEXT MEETING – *Wednesday 16 March 2005, at 7.30pm.*