

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING

7.30PM WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2006

MINUTES

1. *Attendees and Apologies*

Attendees: Jan Booth, Leanne Brown, Brenda Carter, Judy Cross, Terry Kiernan, Anita King, Peter Marshall (Minutes), Joel Murphy, Kim Salton, Kevin Salton, Chris Sandow.

Apologies: Alex Wells, Christine Kennedy, Chris Quinn, John Sandow, Mel Pollard, Sandy Pollard.

2. *Minutes of previous meeting*

The minutes were accepted.

3. *Business arising*

None.

4. *Correspondence*

Inwards since 15 December 2005:

- a) Letter from Captains Flat SES about donation from Ball income.
- b) E-mail from Capital Region Area Consultative Committee about grants workshop – Peter had attended this workshop.
- c) Markets and Fairs Magazine – passed to Chris Sandow.
- d) Letter from Ex-CF schoolteacher – to be passed to Elizabeth Estbergs
- e) Letter from Palerang Council about town sign proposal – passed to Chris Sandow for follow-up.
- f) Letter from Heritage Solutions about Mine Rehabilitation

Outwards since 15 December 2005:

- a) Letter to Council proposing flood warning signs for Briars-Sharrow Road – signed at meeting.

5. *President's report*

None.

6. *Treasurer's report*

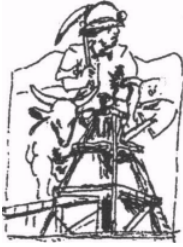
Jan provided a report – there was a balance of \$12,787.39 at the end of January. Jan noted that she was missing one bank statement, and Peter agreed to locate it.

There was a discussion of the proposal to open a Term Deposit account with Bendigo Bank. It was agreed to defer this until the situation with regards to the Treasurer position was clarified.

Leanne agreed to speak to Brooke about her intentions regarding the Treasurer position.

There was some discussion about the need for new signatories to be finalised.

7. *Community organisations' reports*



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- a) LandCare – Jan noted that the regional LandCare Coordinator would be visiting Captains Flat soon, but it was not yet clear when.
- b) RFS – No report.
- c) SES – Kim noted that there seemed to have been about one job per week for the last month, including trees down on the Captains Flat Road, and storm damage on the Hoskinstown-Rossi Road, and a dangerous tree at the Primary School.

Kim also reported that the Community First Responder status was moving forward, and the SES was currently waiting for the NSW Ambulance Service to get back to them. The arrangements must be fully operational by 31 March 2006.

8. *Subcommittees' reports*

- a) Markets – Chris reported that, contrary to expectations, the February market had been very successful, with a steady stream of visitors. The association had taken \$225 in stall fees, and door donations had yet to be counted (were now in a sealed tin).
- b) Ball – Brenda reported that the Committee was “taking a break” and not currently meeting, but was seeking new recruits.

9. *Representatives' reports*

- a) Mines rehabilitation committee – the letter from Heritage Solutions was noted, and it was agreed that Peter would invite them to attend either of the next two Association meetings.
- b) Palerang Rates Reference Group – Peter and Terry briefed the meeting on the deliberations and outcome of the RRG. Peter's recommendation was adopted and it was agreed that he would draft a few paragraphs as a submission to Council. [Subsequently approved and published in the Captains Flat Telegraph.]
- c) Palerang Heritage Committee – Liz was currently attending the meeting.
- d) CoPRA – Coalition of Palerang Residents' Associations – this had been scheduled to meet this evening, and therefore the Association was not represented.

10. *Section 355 Committees' reports*

- a) Hall – no report.
- b) War memorial – a meeting was planned with Daniel Park from Council to plan for ANZAC Day.
- c) Town sign – Chris would follow up on the letter received from Council.

11. *Reports on other projects and activities*

- a) Cemetery – no report.
- b) Rail Trail – no report.
- c) Directory of Services – it was reiterated that this would be paid for by the Association and businesses would be asked for donations.
- d) Website – no report.



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- e) Tourism Group – no report.
- f) Back To The Flat – although it had been previously agreed to remove this from the agenda, there remained some residual interest and it was agreed that the Association should advertise in the newsletter for a volunteer coordinator.
- g) Flat Chat – Peter and Anita reported on the meeting between them Douglas McCurdy and Alex Wells to discuss the future of Flat Chat and the Captains Flat Telegraph. It had been agreed, subject to Association approval, to have a trial period of a more collaborative arrangement between the Association and the CFT, and production of Flat Chat would be suspended in the meantime.

12. *General business*

- a) Pre-school – Peter reported that the plan to invite the Director of QDPSA to this meeting had been aborted as this was the date of their AGM. In the meantime the Pre-school's future had begun to appear more assured, but it was agreed to invite the Director to a future meeting.
- b) BMX Track – Anita reported that, despite initial interest, no-one had attended the meeting on 6th January 2006. However, Anita will prepare a paper based on the opinions she obtained in planning the meeting. It was noted that signs are important. It had also been proposed to name the park after Mrs Day, and/or to have a naming competition for the young people.
- c) Clean Up Australia Day – it was noted that the Hotel was, as in previous years, arranging for the fishing competition competitors to collect rubbish from around the dam and there would be a prize for the largest collection.

The Association agreed to meet at 0900 at the park for a cooked breakfast. Peter would check whether Council were giving grants as in previous years, and if so would ask the Pre-school if they would like to cater for that amount.

- d) Tip rehabilitation meeting – Anita reported on the meeting on 8 February which Alex had chaired. Terry noted that the cost of rehabilitation had increased greatly from the original estimates, without explanation. Other contentious issues were the charges for waste and National parks were reported to be very concerned about the likelihood of fly-tipping. Alex had prepared a draft response to Council and the Association meeting approved this for sending.
- e) Dorna Laidlow – the meeting agreed to purchase flowers, a card and chocolates for Dorna who was currently recovering from an operation. Chris would arrange. It was also agreed that Chris would draft a letter to Australia Post outlining the broad community support and sympathy for Dorna and Greg's situation, as it was believed there had been formal complaints lodged about the opening hours.
- f) Disco – Anita and Leanne detailed the proposals for a disco on 10th March. Brenda offered to approach Jeremy to see if he would DJ for free. The meeting approved expenditure of up to \$355 - \$300 fee for the DJ if Jeremy was not available, and \$55 for hire of the Hall.

It was also noted that last year the RSL had donated money to the local police for a Blue Light disco which had never taken place, and this needed to be tracked down.



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g) Dunny cans – there had been some concern that dunny cans were being removed illegitimately from the old council site. It was reported that this was a long-standing arrangement between the individual and the now-defunct Horse Agistment Committee. Elizabeth agreed to raise this with council to try to regularise the arrangement. There was general support at the meeting for the use to which the cans were being put.

h) Tussock at the pre-school – it was agreed that the Association would write to the Department of lands and Palerang Council to insist that this patch of land adjacent to the pre-school be cleared up permanently, as it was unsatisfactory to burn it and have it regenerate each year. It is a fire- and snake-hazard. It was reported that Council receives a fee from Department of Lands to manage it.

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting 15th March 2006 in the Community Hall.