

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2007

MINUTES

1. Attendees and Apologies

Present: Peter Marshall (Chair, Minutes), Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, Chris Sandow, John Sandow, Maggie Shanahan, Judy Cross, Sandy Pollard.

Present for Item 12a: Chrissie Uncles, Therese, Anita.

Apologies: Melissa Pollard.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

A number of minor amendments were proposed and accepted. Peter agreed to make these amendments prior to the minutes being posted on the website.

Moved: Chris Sandow; Seconded: Jan Booth.

3. Business arising

Bulk water access – Peter reported that Council had rescinded the change very quickly. It was proposed that the Association make a public and sincere “thank you” to Matt Gardiner and to Palerang Council for their rapid response to community concerns.

Peter reported that he and Peter Bascomb had developed and submitted an application for a grant under FACSIA’s *Local Answers* programme. The proposal was for improvements and refurbishments to the villages sporting and health infrastructure.

Photo exhibition – Liz reported overall attendance figures of about 378 across all the scheduled and unscheduled opening.

Public Address system – Chris reported on progress with the receipt of the grant and purchase of the equipment. She and Sandy would liaise to purchase the equipment.

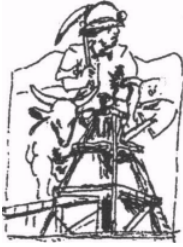
4. Correspondence

In:

- Invoice for Markets signs - \$198 (plus 4 keyed-alike padlocks; Peter donated the chain)
- One mail order request for *Boom To Bust*
- Bank statement
- Invoice for hall hire and cleaning for the Markets

Out:

- *Local Answers* grant application
- Letter to Council about bulk water access
- One mail order book sent



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5. *President's report*

Peter reported on his main activities since the last meeting, specifically the development of the *Local Answers* grant application, and writing to and liaising with Council over the bulk water access.

Also the Australia Day ceremony had been a great success. Peter had made a public “thank you” to Debbie Fergusson from Council, who had done the vast majority of the organisation. Peter acknowledged that the Hall Committee should have been consulted before deciding to change the venue.

It was suggested that next year:

- the Association host/organise a barbecue afterwards, as the event had seemed to fizzle out when Councillors and other visitors left.
- The event be advertised further in advance so as to allow people to organise Citizenship ceremonies to coincide with the local event.

Overall conclusion was that we will do it again next year, and we will try to build on the preparation efforts of 2007 which had been a little too “last minute”.

6. *Treasurer's report*

Jan tabled the January-February report. She noted that \$2777 of the funds is associated with the Ball. There was a discussion about the cost of posting mail order copies of *Boom To Bust* and it was agreed to add \$3 postage in future. Peter would arrange for the website to be updated to reflect this. Jan moved the report be accepted, Peter seconded, and the report was unanimously accepted.

7. *Community organisations' reports*

a. RFS

Christine reported that although it had been quiet locally, the Brigade had contributed to many incidents in other areas, including Victoria.

b. SES

Judy reported that the new buildings were now up, and a formal opening would be held in March. She also reported that First Aid courses had been run.

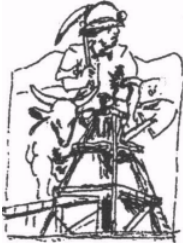
8. *Subcommittees' reports*

a. Markets

Chris reported on the successful February Markets. The café had opened and proceeds would be going to the Hall and the Markets. It was agreed that this donations policy would be reviewed in six months. Chris reported that on balance it had been decided not to hold April markets as they fall on the Easter long weekend, when many people are away.

b. Ball

Jan reported that the accounts had been finalised. \$2000 would be spent on outdoor equipment for the pre-school, leaving \$434 as a float for the next Ball.



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9. Representatives' reports

a. Mines rehabilitation committee

There was a general discussion of the heritage report. It was agreed that John and Peter would coordinate a response to the report. Jon spoke about the need to develop a vision for the village, drawing on this and other documents. It was also noted that the Association would like the report to be published.

b. Palerang Heritage Committee

Liz reported that the Committee had discussed the mines heritage report and the settlements discussion paper. The Committee believed that Heritage Tourism is the future for this area. Liz also reminded Community Association members that Council is developing a heritage register, and their suggestions are sought.

c. Palerang Tourism Committee

The Committee had not met recently.

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

a. Hall

Stuart Maunder's expertise had been tapped into on Australia Day, and he had suggested:

- wall hangings to improve the acoustics.
- Obtaining second hand curtains from cinemas

The remainder of the floor sanding was now planned for Eater. Care needed to be taken when moving tables and other heavy items that might scratch the floor.

b. War memorial - no report.

11. Reports on other projects and activities

a. Cemetery – no report.

b. Rail Trail

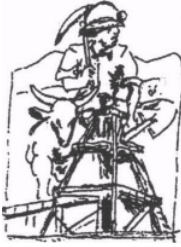
A meeting had been called for the following Wednesday. Proponents had recently met with Tony Kelly, NSW Government Minister. It was proposed that the Rail Trail group be asked to show the video in Captains Flat.

c. Website – It was noted how professional the site now looked, and Brian was to be congratulated.

12. General business

a. Proposal to develop a production of *Grease*

Anita, Chrissie and Therese outlined a proposal to put on *Grease* in the Hall, in the latter part of the year. There was discussion of the rehearsal and production needs, and in principle agreement for the Association to fund the production, subject to Anita and co. developing some firmer costings.



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- b. Clean Up Australia Day – it was noted that as in previous years, this coincided with the fishing competition. Chris will advertise the event at the Markets, and John and Chris would liaise with Council over grants and equipment for the Day.

- c. grants

Peter outlined a number of other grants that the Association could apply for, and offered to further research them.

- d. Mines Heritage Report – dealt with earlier.

- e. Palerang Settlements Paper

There was a general discussion of this paper. It was agreed that the Association would be unable to develop an agreed response, and individual members should respond individually.

- f. Captains Flat Telegraph

There was a general discussion about the need to replace the CFT when Douglas and Fay leave. IT was agreed that the Association would accept their offer to take over the paper and its website, would agreed o pay for a printer cartridge, but was not in a position to purchase their printer/copier (at an estimated \$1500). There was discussion of who could take on this role, and Alex reported that Brooke remains interested, and is in the village most weekends, when an editorial committee could meet.

- g. Swimming pool funds

It was agreed that Peter would write to the Swimming Pool Section 355 Committee signatories seeking their permission to transfer the now defunct Committee's funds into the Association's name, where they would be held "in trust" until an appropriate use/s could be identified.

- h. Capital Region Area Consultative Committee information evenings

Peter reported that these would occur soon, and he would attend one.

- i. Seniors Week

Judy reported on Palerang's proposed events for Seniors Week, and that she would provide Centrelink "showbags" for the lunch in *The Outsider*.

- j. Carols By Candlelight

The need to review Carols By Candlelight at a later date was noted.

13. Next Meeting

7:00pm Thursday 15 March 2007