

**CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2005**

MINUTES

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Were accepted.

3. Business arising

No progress had yet been made on the town sign. Christine Sandow agreed to have a look at what is available at Ex-Government Furniture in Fyshwick.

4. Correspondence

Received:

- Several letters about the council's change of name to Palerang.
- PO Box renewal – this seemed too low and needed to be queried
- Newsletter about the Molonglo Ridge Windfarm proposal
- Markets and Fairs renewal letter – this needed to be re-issued in a form which could be paid
- Bank statement

5. President's report

Alex reported that the RTA had responded to the Association's letter to them, by writing to Lisa Ramsay in September 2004. He had now obtained a copy of this letter, but it did not address the issues and he proposed to follow it up with further correspondence, and if we remain dissatisfied to pursue the matter through the State MP and Minister.

6. Treasurer's report

None. It was noted that the Association needs to obtain a breakdown of its funds, allocated to *Pathway to Gold*, *Miner's Memorial* and other *General Funds*.

7. Community organisations' reports

a. Landcare

It was reported that the removal of the willow trees from the creek in the park had been very successful. Some other dangerous trees had also been removed. The exercise would be repeated a number of times in the coming month. Council had donated the use of their truck. The removal exercise had coincided with Clean Up Australia Day, for which Council had provided a grant which had paid to feed the workers.

b. RFS

Christine reported that there had been no incidents in the preceding month. Fire season would end on 31 March. There would be Hazard Reduction burns in Tallaganda State Forest (East of Captains Flat; current) and later in the Tinderry Nature Reserve (south of Captains Flat).

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c. SES

Kim also reported on the willow removal. In addition there were a number of dangerous trees in the town still needing to be removed. Council had phoned the owner of one, and Kim had spoken to Gordon Cunningham at Council. Council have agreed to deal with the tree.

8. *Subcommittees' reports*

a. Markets

March market had been successful again but numbers were down on the previous month. More advertising was being considered. Also flyers had been produced and distributed to tourist information centres in Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Braidwood and Canberra. It was proposed to renew the advertising in Markets and Fairs magazine at an annual cost of \$165. This was accepted.

b. Ball – No report.

c. Tip

There was some discussion over the tip apparently being accessed outside its stated opening hours, but it was not known how this was occurring. There was concern about whether users would be uninsured. Alex agreed to investigate.

9. *Representatives' reports*

a. Mines rehabilitation committee – No report.

10. *Section 355 Committees' reports*

a. Hall

A new committee had been formed comprising Jan Booth, Chris Sandow, Alan Rankin, Guy McGoogan and Matt Gardiner.

b. Swimming Pool - Peter reported there had been no further developments.

c. War memorial

Chris Sandow agreed to meet with Alan Rankin and Elsie McGovern to progress the tidying of the memorial before Anzac Day. Christine Kennedy had provided Elsie with details of a possible source of advice on grants for maintenance of the memorial.

11. *Reports on other projects and activities*

a. Pathway To Gold – no report

b. Cemetery

Elizabeth reported that the rubbish had now been cleaned up. Signs had yet to be erected. The correct site for Thomas Clark's cross has now been identified.

c. Rail Trail – no report.

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- d. Directory of Services – Elizabeth and Chris were to meet tomorrow to progress.
- e. Website – no significant developments to report.
- f. Water charges – a draft letter to Council had been prepared.

12. General business

- a. Clean Up Australia Day

An \$80 grant was received from Council, and had been expended immediately. A receipt and indication of how it was spent, needs to be provided to Council.

- b. Section 355 Committees

It was reported that Council's General Manager is investigating the issue of Section 355 Committees.

- c. Back to the Flat

There was discussion of a proposal to hold a Back to the Flat in October 2006. Elizabeth volunteered to investigate and progress.

- d. Sporting activities

It was noted that there are a number of regular sporting activities in the town:

- touch football;
- Sunday cricket between teams representing the pub and club;
- tennis using a donated net.

It was agreed to write to Council to ask that the tennis court floodlights be fixed.

It was noted that Tennis Australia can supply free rackets and balls, and that NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation have grants available for sporting activities.

- e. Tourism Committee

It was observed that there had been no report from the Tourism Committee for some time.

- f. Radio Station

Peter provided some information about possible options for a local radio station, operating on the Tourist Radio FM 88.0 band, and he agreed to investigate and progress this further.