

# CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MEETING

7.00PM THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2007

### MINUTES (DRAFT)

*Minutes of the meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> April but postponed to 26<sup>th</sup> April*

#### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

**Present:** Peter Marshall (Chair), Jan Booth, Judy Cross, Christine Kennedy, Anita King, Melissa Pollard (Minutes), Sandy Pollard. Chris Sandow, John Sandow, Maggie Shanahan, Chrissie Uncles, Vernon Uncles.

**Apologies:** Elizabeth Estbergs, Alex Wells, Leanne Brown.

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor amendments.

Moved: Jan Booth; Seconded: Judy Cross

#### **3. Business arising**

- a. Peter advised that he had written to the police advising of the incidents with the caravans and dam controls as discussed at April meeting in item 12g. He noted that a copy had been sent to Fay McCurdy on request, who had to sent the letter on to Steve Whan. Peter had received a call from Commander of Monaro Police Local Command and had met with representative from Bungandore police was awaiting an outcome. It was noted that the reports of the incidents had not been recorded.

Members commented that community had been vulnerable with no police presence since January 2007. A suggestion was made that the station should have an 'eagle phone', a phone on the station that acts like an intercom to the emergency number.

**Action:** Peter to follow up on his original letter and ask for formal response, making the following points:

1. lack of response to actual reported incidents;
2. lack of police resources/presence in the local area; and
3. invite a representative out to meet with the Community Association.

#### **4. Correspondence**

##### **Out:**

- Letter to NSW Police Monaro Area Commander
- Second letter to Monaro Area Commander

##### **In:**

- Markets and Fairs Magazine
- Community Water Grants Announcement

- Letter from Gary Nairn about *Local Answers* grant application
- Letter from Steve Whan about correspondence with police
- Invitation for Breast Screening launch in Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- Bank Statement
- Letter from Palerang requesting the Association's email address
- Email fro Palerang Council inviting the Association to the Community Consultative Committee Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm Braidwood

**Drafted**

- Letter to Commonwealth Bank closing Swimming Pool account

**5. *President's report***

No further President's report other than Business Arising above.

**6. *Treasurer's Report***

Jan Booth tabled the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that a PA had been purchased with some of the money from the successful grant application with the remainder (\$600) still to be spent. Sandy advised that to buy a decent battery and charger would require an amount in the range of \$120-150 additional to the remaining money. Sandy asked Chris Sandow to confirm the date by which the grant money needed to be spent.

The Community Association congratulated Sandy on the successful application for grant and purchase of PA.

Motion: to budget up to another \$200 for the purchase of a battery and charger.

Moved: Peter Marshall; Seconded: Vernon Uncles.

**Action:** 1. Chris Sandow to advise Sandy Pollard of date by which grant money needs to be spent.

2. As part of this discussion it was agreed that Sandy would write to Country Energy to check whether the power point on the power pole near the War Memorial is operational.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Moved: Melissa Pollard; Seconded: Chris Sandow

**7. *Community organisations' reports***

**a. RFS**

Christine Kennedy advised that the RFS had held its Annual General Meeting during the last month.

**b. SES**

No report

## **8. Subcommittees' reports**

### **a. Markets**

Chris Sandow advised that the next markets would be held on Saturday 5 May, with Mark Cranfield giving a ballroom dancing demonstration to encourage attendance at dance lessons. It was noted that this would be the Mother's Day Market and a good turn out was anticipated.

### **b. Ball**

Chris advised that the Ball Committee had met the previous week but that there was no update at this point.

There was discussion about the possibility of having a bush dance in the other half of the year as a second major annual function of this type for the town.

**Action:** Vernon agreed to approach SES and RFS to assist in organising this event.

## **9. Representatives' reports**

### **a. Mines Rehabilitation Committee**

No report.

### **b. Palerang Heritage Committee**

No report.

### **c. Palerang Tourism Committee**

This committee had met and discussed progress being made with regeneration of the rail trail. It was noted that a number of issues need to be addressed before regeneration can proceed.

## **10. Section 355 Committees' reports**

### **a. Hall**

It was agreed that the Hall needs acoustic dampening, possibly with heavy curtains. It was noted that, as the Community Association did not own the Hall, this would need to be raised with the Hall Committee.

Judy mentioned that discussion of the possibility of having a ramp installed was discussed at the recent Seniors' Lunch. It was noted that this would be an issue for Council but that it is unlikely to be done unless there are major renovations.

It was also noted that further sanding and varnishing of the Hall floor would be done after the next markets.

**Action:** Jan Booth and Chris Sandow took on notice the issue of acoustic dampening in the Hall.

### **b. War memorial**

It was commented that the War Memorial was neat and tidy for ANZAC Day.

## **11. Reports on other projects and activities**

- a. Cemetery  
Concern was raised about lack of mowing and amount of rubbish dumped in Cemetery.

**Action:** Peter Marshall to ask Elizabeth Estbergs for guidance on writing to Council regarding the condition of the Cemetery.

- b. Rail Trail

See above at 9c.

- c. Website

The Report for last month was tabled for information. Peter proposed to move the hosting of the website to Web Hosts Australia. This service has been offered for free.

It was proposed that this be trialled as a mirror site for 3 months and then reviewed.

## **12. General business**

- a. Bake-off

Judy Cross raised the possibility of having a bake-off similar to that seen on the ABC documentary “Not just tea and scones” was discussed. The event would likely be held in August or September to allow time to raise public interest. Judy Cross advised that she planned to put a signs up at the Markets and a notice in the Telegraph to advertise this.

- b. Palerang Social Plan

Peter advised that the Palerang Social Plan was currently on exhibition in the shop or on the Palerang website until Monday 30 April.

- c. Proposal for a community garden

It was noted that a number of people in the community are interested in starting a community garden. Available land would need to be investigated and community interest established.

**Action:** A Subcommittee to be established consisting of Maggie Shanahan, Sandy Pollard and Melissa Pollard. The Association would also extend an offer to join this subcommittee to Bernie Foy.

- d. Proposal for a planning day

Maggie Shanahan raised the idea of having a planning day that would identify the goals of the Association and how they would be achieved, with agreed outcomes by the end of the meeting. There was discussion about whether the Community Association was meeting community needs with the current range of activities and advocacy, the difficulty in getting buy-in from the community and the need to get more people involved if a greater number of events were to be run. The discussion included the possibility of holding a bush dance in the first half of the year. Those present thought that this was a good idea but

noted that people would need to be prepared to do the work of organising such an event. This was also discussed at 8b as part of the Ball Committee report.

Maggie reiterated that a planning day could be used to discuss and set goals for the Community Association and suggested having a day-long planning session with a facilitator. It was suggested that the day could also be used to look at CFCA constitution. It was agreed that the day should be attended by members of the Association in the first instance, but that any future planning days could be extended to the broader community.

**Action:** Maggie to bring proposal to next meeting.

- e.* Tree-pruning in Kurrajong Street and in Wilkins Park  
Country Energy or their contractors recently conducted tree pruning in Kurrajong Street and Wilkins Park. This was not conducted to a high standard and has left unattractive and potentially unhealthy and unviable trees.

**Action:** President to write to Council to ask why the tree pruning was approached in the way it was, to request that it not be done this way in future and to ask Council to organise for a professional arborist to fix the current job.

- f.* Laneway between Kurrajong and George Streets  
For decades there has existed a path between Kurrajong and George Streets, used by pedestrians, bicycles, horses, and motorcycles from George Street and other eastern parts of the village to gain access to the rest of the village including park, shop, pool, etc. Alternative routes are on-road (e.g. Braidwood Road) where there is no footpath. A property holder in the area has concluded that this laneway is on their private property and is currently in the process of closing it off. From the work carried out to date it seems that pedestrian access may be going to be maintained, but strollers, prams and bicycles are unlikely to be able to fit through the entry points. Horses and motorcycles obviously won't fit either, but this is unlikely to be contentious. By claiming this land, the property owner also lays claim to part of Kerr's Creek currently heavily infested with blackberries.

It was felt that, while the Community Association should write to Council in the first instance, it may be necessary for the Association to approach the owner directly at some time in the future.

**Action:** President to write to Council in the first instance.

- g.* Inviting a Councillor to Community Association meetings  
Cath Moore asked if she could come to meetings to represent issues to council.

Moved by Chris and agreed by those present that Councillor Cath Moore be invited to CFCA meetings.

- h.* Swimming pool bank account  
To be closed off and moved to Community Association bank account.
- i.* Rubbish Tip Update

Anita King advised that she had emailed Peter Bascomb regarding the rubbish tip upgrade, which had been due in November 2006. It was noted that tip passes will soon be out of date.

- j.* Chris Sandow advised that she had been contacted by someone who had not received the photos he ordered following the photo exhibition.

It was agreed that the Community Association would fund the reprinting of the photos and send them by registered post.

**Action:** Photo orders need to be finalised.

- k.* John Sandow advised that he, Ed Whalan and Elizabeth Estbergs had been working on this and had obtained some costings on two different proposals.

**Action:** A Subcommittee comprising Ed Whalan, Elizabeth Estbergs and John Sandow to be formed and provide two cost proposals to the next Community Association meeting.

### ***13. Next Meeting***

7pm Thursday 17 May 2007