

**CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2005**

Minutes

1. Attenders and Apologies

Present: Peter Marshall (Minutes), Christine Kennedy, Christine Sandow (Chair), Sue Cameron, Elizabeth Estbergs, Kim Salton, Kevin Salton, Jan Booth.
Apologies: Alex Wells, Matt Gardiner, Anne Blackley, John Sandow, Ed Whalan.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The following amendments were noted:

Item 7a) – The LandCare President is leaving *the District*.

Item 7b) – the Secretary was asked to attached or include written reports when provided.

Christine pointed out that the gum trees offered by Andrew Clive were oily gums, and that these posed a fire risk. Jan agreed that LandCare needed to take this observation on board.

Jan moved to accept the Minutes, and Elizabeth seconded. Minutes were accepted.

3. Business arising

Item 12c – About 25 people had attended the broadband meeting, in which the Telstra representatives promised a lot, including a mailout which had not yet occurred [This took place early in June]. They reported that a business plan was already under development, but it was unlikely ADSL access would be available for at least six months.

4. Correspondence

- Bank statement

5. President's report

No report.

6. Treasurer's report

None. Anne tendered her resignation through a letter tabled at the meeting. A volunteer was sought to act as Treasurer until the Annual General Meeting in October, and Jan volunteered. Jan also tabled invoices for Hall hire and cleaning relating to the markets. Peter agreed to obtain the chequebook and Anne's signature on some cheques to cover outstanding invoices such as these.

7. Community organisations' reports

- a. Landcare

It was reported that a lot more work had been conducted on the Sunday preceding the meeting. More piles were waiting to be burnt, and more logs were available for removal.

- b. RFS - A written report was provided and is attached.
- c. SES – Kim reported that the SES had participated in a very successful ANZAC Day parade. There had been no complaints by drivers who were delayed by the road closures. The SES had also assisted LandCare again with the willow removal. There had also been a 12-hour deployment to Ulladulla to assist with storm damage. Otherwise it had again been a quiet month. Kim noted that Council had removed dangerous trees from the Captains Flat Road, had replaced the crash barriers and were negotiating the tree removals

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and surgery within the village. It was agreed that the Community Association would write to Council thanking them for this work, and this letter would be copied to Matt Gardiner.

8. *Subcommittees' reports*

a. Markets

Chris reported a very successful May market. It had been advertised in the Queanbeyan Age. To celebrate Mothers' Day the next day, there was a door prize (free entry for Mothers) and also a raffle with 1st and 2nd prize. Two prizes were won by stallholders and one by a local customer. Background music (CDs) was provided for the first time, and was well-received. Stallholders gave good feedback again.

b. Ball

It was noted that Debby Downes is booked for the Bungendore Ball and will cost \$1700+GST. Stuart Warner's agent is offering a band for \$1000+GST which would cater well to an all-ages crowd. The possibility of a band and a DJ for the breaks was also discussed, as this would also have the effect of providing for a broad range of musical tastes.

c. Tip –

No report. It was noted that Andrew King was going above and beyond his role as keyholder, and was cleaning up at the tip. It was agreed that the Association would write to Andrew to thank him for his efforts. Similarly the Association would write to Christine and Gunther at the Outside Café, who regularly perform an informal litter patrol.

9. *Representatives' reports*

a. Mines rehabilitation committee

No report.

10. *Section 355 Committees' reports*

a. Hall

Jan reported that Council sent a worker to carry out some repairs. Some electrical work remains to be done. A gas bill for \$444.50 had been received, and the gas heaters were now working again. Peter asked that a proper Allen-key or keys be obtained for the front doors, as the door handle currently used was not a good fit, was causing damage and becoming more difficult to use.

b. Swimming Pool - No report.

c. War memorial –

A photo was found showing the memorial in the 1950s, and it was agreed that the shrubbery should be returned to that state. There was some discussion of an ANZAC Day dawn service which had been organised by the hotel but which had not been well-publicised because of a series of unfortunate occurrences. Michelle came and spoke to the Meeting about the service, and noted that it has grown substantially since it was first held a few years ago. It was agreed that the Association would look at taking on a publicity role for this next year, with Sean and Michelle's permission.

11. *Reports on other projects and activities*

a. Pathway To Gold

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Jan reported that a stand for the plaque has not yet been obtained.

b. Cemetery

Liz reported that she had submitted a draft Management Plan to the Council, in which the needs of people and plants are balanced. Poles supplied for the “street signs” had been to incorrect specifications, and the poles and signs had both been returned to De Neefe Signs so that the signs could be fitted to the poles by them, so as to avoid a recurrence of this problem.

c. Rail Trail – Jan and Peter both believed that there may have been a meeting of the Committee this evening in Bungendore, but neither had been able to attend.

d. Directory of Services

Liz and Chris reported that the directory had been advertised in the Telegraph, and were awaiting submissions. It was noted that HACC are looking for volunteer drivers. Nola and Nerrida are the current drivers. Peter asked if the Directory, and the orange fridge magnet, could include the Mental Health triage number 1800 677114 – the recent suicide and attempts in the area highlighted the lack of awareness of this service whose main role is responding to people who are suicidal.

e. Website

Peter reported that .org.au domains were now available at reduced prices – www.captainsflat.org.au could be purchased for \$29.95 for two years. The meeting agreed that this domain name should be purchased. He also reported that he had offered Nola and Dave a webpage for their wombat rescue service, and that other offers (hotel, Vivi, pre-school) had not yet been taken up.

f. Water charges

No developments.

g. Tourism Group

It was reported that the Braidwood Tourism group was not amenable to cooperation with representatives of the other areas, and there were now two organisations. Council is expected to make a firm decision in the 2005-6 financial year about which organisation to support. There was some debate over “information” points in Bungendore, with there now being three. It was noted that grants will be difficult to access without Council support. Liz tabled some brochures she had prepared. She agreed to investigate ACT Region tourism grants to fund the brochures.

h. Back To The Flat

Liz presented an outline plan to try to recreate the 1980 festival, to as greatest an extent as possible. Because of the different public liability insurance situation, particular attention would have to be paid to this issue. But it was expected that most activities would be run by organisations which hold their own insurance. It was agreed that a public meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm to allow broader community input.

12. General business

None.

13. NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 15th June in the Hotel.

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Report for Community Association

Continuing very quiet on the fire front. The Brigade has attended the following incidents:

- MVA – motorcycle vs. roo accident on the Flat road near Koomooloo 8th May
- Tinderry hazard reduction burn in 6th April

Also sent crew to the Region South exercise in Gundagai weekend of April 30th, which went very well. All members had a great learning experience there.

Chris Kennedy & Chris Quinn attended a Community Education conference in Orange 7th & 8th May. There will be a greater emphasis (and more resources directed by the RFS) on educating the public on their responsibilities and on what they can do to protect themselves and their properties. We will keep you posted on developments in this area.

Paul Strudwicke will be conducting windrow burns at "Ballinafad" off Jerangle Road from this Friday 20th. Smoke will be visible from the Flat.

The Brigade had a training exercise with the SES last Sunday doing fire suppression at a mock MVA.