

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING

7.00PM THURSDAY 17th May 2007

MINUTES - DRAFT

1. Attendees and Apologies

Present: Peter Marshall, Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, John Sandow, Chris Sandow, Sandy Pollard, Melissa Pollard.

Apologies: Christine Kennedy, Maggie Shanahan, Judy Cross.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted with minor amendments.

Moved: John Sandow; Seconded: Chris Sandow

3. Business arising

- a. In regard to the issues relating to the Cemetery, Elizabeth advised that it is too late to mow this year and that she will check on the rubbish being left there.
- b. Community Garden – new committee yet to meet.
- c. Planning day – deferred to next meeting
- d. Tree pruning – Peter still to write to the Council.
- e. Laneway between Kurrajong and George Streets – Peter has written to the Council but is yet to check whether anything has happened.
- f. Police presence – Peter yet to write second letter, but has spoken with Commander of Monaro Police Local Command.
- g. Invitation to Cath Moore to Community Association meetings – Peter yet to action this.
- h. Peter raised issue of missing photos with Ed Whalan and will follow up again.

4. Correspondence

In:

- bank statement
- two invoices for Hall hire and cleaning
- historical inquiry to Elizabeth regarding mine equipment
- invoice for domain name

- invoice for web hosting

Out:

- letter to council re path between Kurrajong and George Streets
- letter to Country Energy re power point near War Memorial
- letter to Commonwealth Bank to close the swimming pool account

5. *President's report*

President was unable to attend the Community Consultative Committee meeting.

6. *Treasurer's report*

Jan Booth tabled the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Jan Booth; Seconded: Sandy Pollard

7. *Community organisations' reports*

a. RFS

Peter advised that there had been a fire at the rubbish tip on Friday 11 May.

b. SES

No report

8. *Subcommittees' reports*

a. Markets

See attached.

It was agreed that replacement signs should be core flute and should not be mounted on anything of any value to decrease the chances of theft. It was agreed that the budget for this should be up to \$200.

Moved: John Sandow; Seconded: Peter Marshall.

ACTION: John Sandow will canvass printers to get new signs printed for next markets and will also make up wooden frames for the signs.

b. Ball

Chris advised that the proposed date for this year's ball is Saturday 24 November.

c. Mine Entrance

This new committee was formed in accordance with the April minutes. John Sandow tabled a written report from the committee's first meeting. The report outlined two alternative concepts for the mine entrance.

With the agreement of the Association, the subcommittee would like to proceed to proof of concept stage for both options and bring to next meeting.

3 issues were discussed in relation to funding -

1. \$1000 from Soil Conservation. Committee to go to them with proof of concept before end of next financial year. Need to give them advance warning.
2. There are funds still left over from the Miners Memorial fund which could also be used.
3. Elizabeth pointed out that there are grants available for this type of work.

Action: John to email his report to Melissa for inclusion in minutes (attached).
Jan to find out how much money is allocated to the miners Memorial.

9. Representatives' reports

a. Mines Rehabilitation Committee

No report.

Action: Peter to follow up on Mines Heritage Report and check whether the committee would like assistance from the community in implementing the report.

Peter to follow up with Allan Rankin about report of seepage from the settlement pond of the mine.

b. Palerang Heritage Committee

Report attached.

c. Palerang Tourism Committee

Hasn't met.

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

a. Hall

Jan advised that the remainder of floor has not yet been sanded but that this should be happening soon.

b. War memorial

No report.

11. Reports on other projects and activities

a. Cemetery

Discussed in business arising.

b. Rail Trail

Group was to meet in the week following this meeting.

Action: Peter to contact Dennis Punniard to borrow video of New Zealand rail trail.

c. Website

No report. Peter has taken some steps toward setting up alternate domain name.

d. Mine Entrance

Discussed in Business Arising.

12. General business

a. Other Community Associations

Chris Sandow proposed that the Community Association invite members of other local community associations (eg. Stoney Creek and Hoskinstown) to a social event to meet and exchange ideas.

Action: Chris Sandow to pursue this with the community associations and explore options for catering.

b. Brochures at Canberra Tourism

It had been reported to Elizabeth that Canberra Tourist had no Captains Flat flyers.

Action: Elizabeth to follow up.

c. Captains Flat Telegraph

Discussed options for this publication in the future.

13. Next Meeting

7pm Thursday 17 May 2007

Item 8b.

Market Report - May 2007

The May Market was a very successful day, enjoyed by a larger than normal number of patrons and nineteen stallholders. Four new stalls traded on the day and appeared to do well. The Plaza Theatre Café was well patronized as was the BBQ which was run by the Preschool.

Market-goers were treated to demonstrations by members of the Brindabella Ballroom Studio. This promotion led to a number of Captains Flat residents enrolling in the weekly dance classes held on Wednesday evenings in the Hall.

On a less happy note, three of the four new markets signs that were displayed around the region were stolen before they could be collected. We need to discuss how to make the signage less vulnerable to theft.



Item 9b.

Palerang Council Heritage Advisory Committee report

The Palerang Council Heritage Advisory Committee met. A historian has been appointed to write the history of, what was the Yarrawlunla Shire. A replacement member was appointed by Council, he is an architect who has previously worked for the NCDC.

The Committee is going to Braidwood to assess the applications for the Heritage Office grants.



Mine Entrance Sub-Committee Report
Captains Flat Community Association Meeting
17 May 2007

In accordance with the decision of the CFCA at its April meeting, the sub-committee met on 16 May to discuss proposals for enhancing the Lake George Mine entrance. (The sub-committee comprises Elizabeth Estbergs, Ed Whalan and John Sandow).

It was noted that while no compliant entries were received for the Mine Entrance Mural Competition run by the CFCA in 2006, two proposals had been informally submitted and these would now be considered on their merits.

The sub-committee agreed that each concept could be developed quickly to a stage where the Association could make an informed judgement on which was the preferred option.

In a nutshell, the two proposals are as follows:

1. Re-creating the mine's "last day"

A series of 4 two metre by one metre metal panels would be screen printed in black weatherproof inks to re-create the group of miners who appear in the photograph which is currently displayed on the tourist information panel in front of the mine entrance. The panels would be shaped at the top to follow the contour of the miners' heads and would be mounted together on a framework in front of the mine entrance in the same location as the group of men in the original photograph. The mine entrance itself would be painted to represent the original dark interior of the tunnel and the upper portions of the tunnel would be visible above the men's heads.

The appearance would therefore be of the last group of miners standing in front of the mine entrance as they did in the original photograph. An additional enhancement could be to recreate the message board that also appears in the photograph (to the left of the group of men) but which has long since gone. This could be built using old materials to the identical design of the original.

This concept is based on the principle that while much of the physical substance of the mine entrance remains, what is missing is the people. By reconstructing the group of men, their spirits live on in a way that not only captures a significant moment in the history of the town, but also presents the faces of men still identifiable by their friends and workmates today.

2. Mining activities diorama

In this concept the mine entrance is also painted to represent the receding blackness of the tunnel. Outside the mine entrance, at varying distances from it, a group of miners is recreated in sheet metal figures. A mine ore truck is also recreated from materials retrieved from the mine and mounted on the rails (still existing).

This design concept is flexible in many aspects of its interpretation. For example,

- the figures could be formatted in such a way as they depict a very likely everyday scene, that is, miners carrying various equipment, going into or coming out of the mine. (In fact,

because the figures are 2 dimensional, they could be both going in and coming out of the mine depending on which way you observe them.

- The figures could be representing various mine activities normally carried out under ground. (This would look less “natural” but could be used to represent to the viewer mine activities normally unseen).
- The figures could be realistic, stylised, painted, rusty, etc etc.

Advantages and disadvantages

| Concept 1 | Concept 2 |
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| Cost: Estimated \$4-5000 | Estimated \$5-10,000 |
| Timing: Would be completed reasonably quickly (say 2 months from start) | A more ambitious project – estimated time still to be determined |
| Implementation: Screen printing would be sub contracted at cost of ~\$2,200. Materials and labour for installation would be sourced locally | Gunther Diex would be engaged to manufacture (with assistance) and paint the figures. Ore cart fabrication and installation using local materials and labour? |
| Durability: probably 10 years before screen printing would need to be redone or installation removed and replaced with something else | Could be very durable depending on materials. |
| Aesthetics: Obviously very subjective. This concept is best viewed from in front – existing walkway would be extended to right at top of stairs and existing plaque moved to right. | A more 3 dimensional installation with option to extend walkway to the right (and move the existing sign). Could dispense with chain railing and encourage viewers to walk amongst the miner figures. |

Where to from here?

The sub committee will arrange for both concepts to be presented at the next meeting in a more visual form. It will then be possible for Association members to decide which option presents the best outcome.

Funding

To be discussed.

John Sandow
Vice President CFCA

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