

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2006

MINUTES

1. *Attendees and Apologies*

Attendees: Jan Booth, Judy Cross, Liz Estbergs, Christine Kennedy, Anita King, Peter Marshall (Minutes), Melissa and Sandy Pollard, Chris and John Sandow, Alex Wells, Ed Whalan.

Apologies: Leanne Brown, Brenda Carter, Christine Kennedy, Kim Salton,

2. *Minutes of previous meeting*

Some minor amendments made. Anita moved the minutes be accepted and Chris seconded. Minutes were accepted.

3. *Business arising*

- Anita reported that another disco is planned for 25th August. Jan noted that the cost of hall hire would be greater than previously, as the hall would need to be heated.

4. *Correspondence*

Received

- Bill from Queanbeyan Age
- Bill from Bungendore Mirror
- Bill from BOC gas
- Bank statement
- Markets and Fairs Magazine
- Letter from Gary Nairn about Small Equipment Grants
- Reply from Council about blocks next to pre-school

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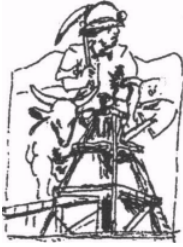
- None

There was discussion about whether the Association should apply for a Small Equipment Grant. It was agreed that a portable Public Address system would be useful, and Sandy agreed to investigate costs.

5. *President's report*

Palerang Community Consultative Committee

Alex reported on the Palerang Community Consultative Committee meeting he attended on 17th May. He reported that there were constant themes across the Shire, with communities having difficulty coming to terms with the Council, and funding being an issue everywhere. He believed there was little cross-subsidy from one area to another. He reported having highlighted a number of issues at the meeting –



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- the swimming pool as being an important local facility and Council needed to work on the opening hours, days and season length, as well as plan for the pool to be heated;
- he congratulated Council on their work on the tip and transfer station, but emphasised that there should be no fees;
- road maintenance was clearly impacted upon by Council's financial position, but the dirt section of the Braidwood-Captains Flat Road between the village and the tip was a major concern, with several serious accidents this year;
- he thanked Council for the Youth Week Grant, and encouraged Council to see grant funding for projects such as lighting and repairing the tennis courts, and improving the lighting on the oval;
- he noted the general dissatisfaction with rates, but also the high cost of water, sewerage and waste fees, with some apparent cost-shifting from vacant blocks and low-volume users to large families;

None of these issues were addressed in the Draft Management Plan, and some were completely contradicted.

Mines

Alex also reported attending a meeting with Soil Conservation Service, a NSW government agency who actually carry out the rehabilitation work. They were offering a \$1000 prize for the design and installation of a mural on the brick wall blocking the mine entrance. After some discussion it was agreed that this amount, which was to cover materials and labour, might not attract sufficient interest, and the Association would match the funding. Ed agreed to consult his contacts on the best process, materials costs etc. The Association would draft an Expression of Interest to go out in local (Palerang) newspapers. It was also noted that the Pathway to Gold walkway would need to be extended to the right of the staircase to allow safe viewing of the entrance.

6. ***Treasurer's report*** – Jan provided a written report.

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

- a) Landcare – no report
- b) RFS – no report.
- c) SES – a written report was provided (attached as Annex A).

Peter reported having noticed in Council's Traffic Committee minutes that the Committee had refused the Association's request for additional flood warning signs on the Captains Flat Road.

8. ***Subcommittees' reports***

- a) Markets – Chris reported that stallholder attendance was good but customer numbers had down on May. She sought approval for continued advertising in the Queanbeyan Age and other media.
- b) Ball – written report provided and attached as Annex B. There was discussion of where the funds should be used, and it was agreed that the pre-school was a



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priority but that funds should be targeted at a specific project. There were enquiries about dance lessons, and Jan agreed to contact Mark to ask when they would begin.

9. *Representatives' reports*

- a) Mines Rehabilitation Committee – already discussed. Alex added that Sean had been active, and was involved in building the wall and also had suggested the art competition.
- b) Palerang Heritage Committee – Liz reported having written a draft heritage policy which had been discussed at length at the Committee meeting. She also reported that there was to be a competition for writing a chapter of Palerang history each year.
- c) Palerang Tourism Committee – Jan reported that the Committee had not met since the last Association meeting. It had been suggested that Palerang closely follow ACT Tourism's strategies.

10. *Section 355 Committees' reports*

- a) Hall – no report.
- b) War Memorial – no report.

11. *Reports on other projects and activities*

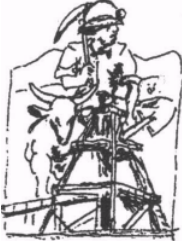
- a) Cemetery – no report
- b) Rail Trail – Jan and Peter reported there had been a meeting but neither of them had been able to attend. The meeting had been told that other rail trails in NSW were now progressing, so there would be example to follow.
- c) Directory of Services – no report
- d) Website – Peter reported this continued to be updated regularly. He also noted that the size limit (15mb) was likely to be an issue in the not too distant future.
- e) Heritage Weekend – Ed spoke about the proposal for a photo exhibition on the Labour Day weekend (30 September) and the expectation that other events might grow around the exhibition. He estimate the cost for 100 8"x10" prints would be approximately \$1000 and his employer had given permission for him to prepare the exhibition in work time.

There was discussion of the need to paint the back rooms and also to provide lighting. Ed and Liz agreed to meet and come back to the next meeting with firmer proposals for dates, times and events, lighting etc.

The meeting agreed to allocate funds of \$1000 to the project, with the expectation that some funds would be recouped through photo sales.

- f) Town Sign – Chris reported that there has been a slight increase in the price to \$170 + GST. She showed the meeting the design which received general approval. It will be 1800mm by 1220mm. Council will install the sign once it is constructed.

12. *General business*



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- a) Palerang Draft Management Plan
- b) Waste Management Strategy
- c) Swimming Pool

These three items were discussed together. The draft letter prepared by Peter, Jan, Alex, Chris and John was tabled and discussed. It was agreed that Council's blatant ignoring of Alex's comments at the Consultative Committee meeting warranted the inclusion of a paragraph saying that this undermined confidence in the Council and the value of the community's communication with Council. Alex will redraft the letter and send it, copying it to all Palerang Councillors.

Peter also reported on the public meeting in Bungendore, at which it became apparent that swimming pools were being closed to as to maintain road funding, and to allow for asset depreciation.

There was extended discussion of the pool, and the prospect of it not opening for the summer. It was agreed to draw up a petition to be placed in the shop, which would be sent or delivered to Council prior to the closing date for submissions (Tuesday 27 June) or presented to Council's special meeting on 29 June in Bungendore.

- d) Road numbering – there was further discussion of the road numbering issue discussed previous meeting, but this was held over to the next meeting for Kim Salton's input.
- e) Trees – Chris asked if the Association could provide funding for more trees for the park, perhaps from the 2004 Ball proceeds. Jan agreed that the sum of \$100 may be possible.

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting 19th July 2006 in the Hotel at 7pm.

Mel agreed to take minutes in Peter's absence.



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ANNEX 1

SES Report June 06

The SES has been quiet over the last months. The Unit has done a lot of training in the last months, this training has been in First aid, storm damage.

The Unit was very happy to receive a Donation from Community Association.

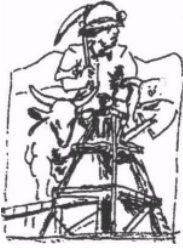
The building upgrade is progressing nicely with council's assistance. We have had a few new members join the unit.

Please remember to drive safely and be aware of very large kangaroos on the village street. It would be nice to see these kangaroos not in town, this is becoming a problem due to people doing more walking and almost walking straight into them. The number of kangaroos within the village have grown at an alarming rate.

There has been a request to the SES for a duck crossing signs to be put in place to protect our growing duck population from motorists.

Kim Salton
Unit Controller
Captains Flat SES

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ANNEX B

CAPTAINS FLAT ANNUAL BALL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

REPORT TO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

21 JUNE 2006

The Ball Committee held its first meeting for 2006 on 28 May. The meeting was attended by Jan Booth, Chris Sandow, Ollwyn Blanchfield, Karen Paxton and Brenda Carter.

The following decisions were made:

The Ball will be held on Saturday 18th November.

Tickets will be \$25 per person (same as last year)

Tickets will go on sale one month prior to the Ball and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

The band will be Annie and the Armadillos.

The committee will be seeking sponsors to off set costs.