

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING

Thursday 21 June 2007

Minutes – Draft

1. Attendees and Apologies

Present: Peter Marshall (President), Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, Anita King, Brian Joyce, John Sandow, Chris Sandow.

Apologies: Melissa Pollard, Sandy Pollard, Judy Cross

A number of agenda items were not addressed at this meeting due to the inclusion of the next two items A and B.

A. The President welcomed Inspector Ian Davey, Queanbeyan Police, who attended the meeting following an invitation to Monaro Local Area Command. An informal discussion was held with the following items addressed;

- 1 Vacancy of the position of Police Officer at Captains Flat. The position is expected to be advertised state wide soon. Response to issues at Captains Flat at present comes from Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Braidwood and/or Michelago.
- 2 Incident of the shooting of three alpacas on Sinclair Road. Inspector Davey addressed the issue of the police handling of this matter and acknowledged there were deficiencies in the response, and that measures had put in place to attempt to prevent these deficiencies recurring.
- 3 Need for an “Eagle Phone” to be placed at the Captains Flat Police Station. It was also pointed out to Inspector Davey that in the past the telephone at the station has not always been switched through to Queanbeyan, as calls are sometimes not answered.
- 4 Feedback. Inspector Davey requested that members of the community keep him informed of any issues relating to policing matters while there is no officer stationed at Captains Flat. He also agreed with the Association’s view that communication needs to be two-way. He agreed to revive the police column in the local newspaper, the Captains Flat Telegraph, and to attempt to increase reporting on Captains Flat in the Bungendore Mirror and Bungendore Bulletin which are both widely circulated in Captains Flat.

The President thanked Inspector Davey for his attendance at the meeting.

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B. Brian Joyce (Webmaster) attended the meeting. Thanked by those present for his continuing quality work and maintenance of the web site.

Brian is no longer living in Captains Flat but is happy to continue the role of webmaster. He requested that members continue to inform him of items which can be added to the calendar.

The new free web site [hosting] being provided by Web Hosting Australia is still being tested and monitored. Brian reported no evidence of problems with this hosting, and will now move all the material to this free host. The site can provide up to 200 megabytes substantially more than the existing limit of 15mb and will allow for more photography and large documents.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted.

Moved, Chris Sandow; Seconded, John Sandow

3. Business Arising

a. Pedestrian access to George St. Reply from Council that the land is privately owned. Peter reported that as one of the bollards has now been removed access is now largely restored for pedestrians, prams and pushchairs, bicycles etc. but this would need to be monitored.

b. Trees - Kurrajong St. Country Energy responded that Council had pruned the trees. Country Energy intend to raise this with Council, as they are concerned about the safety of Council staff conducting this work. President to write to Council on this issue once Country Energy have had sufficient time to make enquiries.

c. Country Energy advised regarding power point on pole at War Memorial that it was not suitable for use and needs to be upgraded – they have invited the Association to seek a quote for this work from an electrician.

Noted that the lights at the Miners Memorial are not working at present.

d. Swimming pool money is now in CFCA bank account.

e. Chris still to report catering cost proposal. Will do so at next meeting.

f. To date no reply from Dennis Puniard re video of Rail Trail showing.

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- g. Elizabeth delivered 200 Pathway to Gold brochures to Canberra Tourism.
- h. Peter has not yet spoken to Sean about the Mines Rehabilitation Committee.

4. *Correspondence*

In:

Out:

By registered post- replacement photo to Gary Guidotti.

5. *President's Report.*

Deferred.

6. *Treasurer's Report.*

Report tabled. Recommendation made that \$5000.00 (which includes the swimming pool sum of \$4,188.36) be invested in a three month term deposit.

Invoice for 8 coreflute market signs (\$319) was presented for payment. Passed.
Proposed Jan Booth. Seconded Peter Marshall.

7. *Community Organisations' reports.*

a. RFS

No report.

b. SES

No report.

8. *Subcommittees' reports.*

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a. Markets (tabled)

Stall holders were pleased with the number of visitors to the June market. There were two new stall holders who traded well during the day.

7 July is the next market where the model train *Pressem Flat Iron Mine Railway* will be displayed. We are hoping for bumper patronage on that day.

Action- Anita and Elizabeth will help placing road signs for the July markets.

b. Ball.

Deferred.

c. Mine Entrance.

John Sandow presented mock ups of the two proposals that were discussed in the report tabled at the last meeting. It was agreed that no decision could be made at this time and that a full discussion of the Community Association should occur before one or both concepts would be put on display for community feedback. Association consideration should be scheduled for the July meeting with a display possibly at the August markets.

John Sandow to provide Elizabeth Estbergs with a supporting document and electronic representations of both concepts to be presented to NSW Soil Conservation Service so that the promised funds could be accrued before 30 June.

Agenda items 9-11

Deferred.

12 *General Business*

a. Test and Tag.

Elizabeth had informed Committee that it would be possible to have a qualified person to visit Captains Flat and carry out safety checks on small electrical equipment. After discussion it was decided to defer this matter until later in the year.

b. Palerang Council Draft Management Plan.

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Noted that changes for water and sewerage charges have been increased for Captains Flat residents without an explanation.

Action: President will write assertively to Council about this.

c. Peter referred members to a letter from Alex Wells published in the CFT. Two issues regarding Braidwood Road were raised in the letter.

- 1) need for the road to be graded
- 2) lack of school bus signs .

d. There was discussion about trees with potential to fall and cause damage on the Captains Flat Road between the village and Sinclair Road.

Action: Anita to inform Kim Salton which trees need to be assessed.

e. Elizabeth informed that she would be conducting two historical walks in the village - 30 June for Australian Society of Archivists; 7 July for a family church group.

13 *Next meeting* 7pm Thursday 19 July, 2007