

**CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2005**

Minutes

1. Attenders and Apologies

Present: Peter Marshall (Minutes), Christine Kennedy, Christine Sandow (Chair), Elizabeth Estbergs, Judy Cross, Jan Booth, Brooke Lenon, Kim Salton, Matt Gardiner.

Apologies: Alex Wells, John Sandow.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The following amendments were noted:

Attenders – Kim and Kevin Salton had not been present. Judy Cross's surname was incorrectly recorded as Goss.

3. Business arising

Draft letters had now been prepared and would be considered later in the meeting.

4. Correspondence

In:

- Thank you letter from Gary Nairn
- Council minutes and agendas (now routinely donated to the shop for public display)
- Letter from Braidwood Historical Society requesting 6 books
- Queanbeyan Age account
- BOC bill (for oxygen cylinder in community centre) and information

Out:

- Letter of condolence to Gary Nairn

5. Councillor's report

In lieu of a President's report, Matt gave a briefing on Council business:

- Waste Management Strategy – this had been adopted and involved replacing the Captains Flat tip with a Transfer Station, the format of which had yet to be decided.
- Traffic Committee – council's traffic committee had been asked to permit B-doubles to carry logs between Captains Flat and Queanbeyan. The committee had recommended instead that they use the back roads south and east of CF (Wild Cattle Flat, CF-Braidwood and Harolds Cross Roads). Association members and SES and RFS reps. expressed concern about safety and wear and tear on these narrow dirt roads.
- SES – Council is providing \$40,000 to upgrade the current building, funds being matched by State Government.
- Rates and charges – in the light of State Government's rates cap, proposed capital expenditure on the Hall, Pool and Community Health Centre may not occur. Jan noted that the Hall Committee had still not been provided with a chequebook. Christine commented that Council was neglecting its responsibility for maintaining and improving the fire shed. Kim noted that Council had yet to make a decision on some willow trees in the village which needed to be removed. Jan commented that weed spraying which had been occurring was wasted at this time of year. Matt agreed to investigate these issues. Chris noted that Rates and Charges were now payable at the post office, through an interim arrangement.
- Rates and charges – Matt noted the substantial increases in CF, with no planned increase in services. He attributed this to valuations increasing. It was noted that sewerage and water charges were increasing without explanation, whereas waste charge increases were at least explained.

6. Treasurer's report

Anne had provided comprehensive handover paperwork.

7. Community organisations' reports

- a. Landcare – No report.

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- b. RFS – A written report was to be provided.
- c. SES – The SES had been busy with heavy rainfalls and snow. It was noted that the phone numbers for the SES are 132500 and 62366190.

8. Subcommittees' reports

- a. Markets – Chris reported a very successful July market with \$168 in takings.
- b. Ball – No report.
- c. Tip – Agreed to remove this future agendas, though the more general issue of rubbish (e.g. fly-tipping) would continue to be monitored.

9. Representatives' reports

- a. Mines rehabilitation committee

Chris reported that John had discovered there was a new coordinator of the Committee – Scott Brookes – and Palerang's representative is Daniel Park. A site meeting is planned for the next few weeks. \$53,000 was spent in 2004-5.

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

- a. Hall
Invoices were supplied for the hall hire (markets) and cleaning.
- a. Swimming Pool – Draft letter to Council was approved.
- b. War memorial – No report.

11. Reports on other projects and activities

- a. Pathway To Gold – No report.
- b. Cemetery – No report.
- c. Rail Trail – A meeting was proposed for 10 August.
- d. Directory of Services – No report.
- e. Website – Peter reported that the website had now been moved to an Australian server. Regular routine updates were continuing.
- f. Water charges – it was agreed that this item would be removed from future agendas.
- g. Tourism Group – There had been no developments.
- h. Back To The Flat
A further meeting would be held on 2 August. In 2005 it was proposed there would be a single day of open houses, guided walks and markets.

12. General business

Capital Assistance Programme grants – it was agreed that the Association needed to get involved in the development of Palerang's Social Plan.

13. NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 17th August in the Hotel.

[THIS MEETING WAS REPLACED BY A PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.]