

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING

7.00PM THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST 2007

MINUTES - DRAFT

1. Attendees and Apologies

Peter Marshall (President), Jan Booth, Judy Cross, Christine Kennedy, Melissa Pollard, Sandy Pollard, Chris Sandow, John Sandow, Cath Moore – Greens Councillor, Palerang Council.

Apologies: Maggie Shanahan, Elizabeth Estbergs

2. Minutes of previous meeting

To be finalised, awaiting list of correspondence.

3. Business arising

4. Correspondence

In

- *BOC Statement*
- *Queanbeyan City Council Healthy Communities Calendar*
- *Palerang Council – Meeting 12 July 2007 Minutes/Agenda*
- *Palerang Council – Meeting 26 July 2007 Minutes/Agenda*
- *Queanbeyan City Council Local Government Week Launch Invitation*
- *Palerang Council Extraordinary Notice of Meeting 2 August 2007*
- *Invitation from Queanbeyan to 'Engaging and Working with Men' workshop*

Outward

- *Letter to Palerang Council from President re: rates increases and Draft Management Plan*
- *Letter to NSW Ombudsman from President re: annual rates increases without community consultation*

5. President's report

No report this month.

6. Treasurer's report

Jan tabled the treasurer's report and advised of the need to get a certificate of incorporation for the term deposit at Bendigo bank.

Report Moved: Jan Booth; Seconded: Peter Marshall.

7. Community organisations' reports

a. RFS

Christine Kennedy reported that:

- the proposed hazard reduction burn at Woolcara Lane would be postponed to 15/16 September.
- a Bushfire Risk plan for Captains Flat will be undertaken in the near future and there will be community consultation. The process will be run by Queanbeyan Fire control.
- a Brigade Open Day is scheduled for 15 September.

b. SES

No report.

8. Subcommittees' reports

a. Markets

Chris Sandow provided the following report:

The July market was successful with great stall holders and good patronage. Kim Buckles had displayed his 'Pressum Flat Iron Mine Model Train' which was enthusiastically received by patrons. Thanks to John Mitchell of the Bungendore Mirror for his coverage of the markets and, in particular, the front page photograph which provided great publicity.

August was again successful despite lower numbers of patrons and stall holders. It appears that attractions (eg. Model trains) do bring people to the markets and suggestions for possible future features are welcome.

b. Ball

The meeting was advised that the Ball will be held on 24 November 2007.

c. Mine Entrance Mural

Johns Sandow advised that:

1. the proposals would be going to the community for comment and comment cards to include the question of whether people are prepared to provide donations – cash or in kind.
2. identity of artists will not be disclosed as comments should be based on appearance.
3. at September meeting CFCA will determine, based on feedback, which option will be adopted and how it will be funded.

9. Representatives' reports

a. Mines Rehabilitation Committee

No report.

b. Palerang Heritage Committee

An update from Elizabeth was provided with the agenda.

c. Palerang Tourism Committee

This committee hadn't met members were advised of the following:
Braidwood applied for a grant for Braidwood/Bungendore and Queanbeyan to develop a joint brochure and were awarded \$250,000.00. Palerang Tourism Committee suggested that small towns such as Captains Flat be included in the brochure. Chris suggested that Cheryl Raper who is the Convener of Braidwood Tourism Committee be invited to be the guest speaker at Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Action: President to invite Cheryl Raper to AGM.

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

a. Hall

Nothing to report.

b. War memorial

Nothing to report.

11. Reports on other projects and activities

a. Cemetery

No report.

b. Rail Trail

A application was submitted for a tourism grant but the application was unsuccessful. There will be another application submitted for next round in a few weeks.

c. Website

Peter discussed issues around the updating of the website and possibilities for providing assistance to the current webmaster.

12. General business

a. Section 355 Committees

Cath Moore drew the meetings attention to Item 9.1 on page 3 of the business papers of the Palerang Council held on Thursday 9 August in Braidwood. She advised that it was promised a few years ago that the Section 355 Committees would be reviewed. This revision was undertaken at the 9 August Council meeting.

It was noted that the resolutions could have significant impacts on the community (particularly facilities such as sports facilities, the park and the war memorial) and that Council should formally write to the community to advise of the changes.

It was suggested that a special meeting could be organised at Captains Flat with appropriate Council staff representatives invited to respond to community concerns.

Peter Marshall raised the issue of the management of the community centre and whether the hall, the community centre and the sports field could be managed as one 355 committee as they are geographically co-located, or whether they are too diverse in usage. The meeting also discussed the possibility of selling of some pieces of crown land to fund the upgrade of facilities or cuts in rates.

The meetings asked Cath to express to Council that the CFCA would be pleased to host a regular meeting of council in the Hall.

Action: Cath to organise the special meeting with Council staff at Captains Flat.

b. Meeting with other community groups

It was proposed that:

- A meeting with other local community groups be held at 6:30pm for 7:00pm Wednesday 26 September, a week after normal CFCA meeting. This date, however, was open to negotiation. (Secretary's Note: this meeting is now scheduled for Thursday 27 September.)
- The CFCA invite 3-7 people each from two other Community Associations identified – Hoskinstown and Stony Creek.
- The CFCA take up the Outsider Café's offer to cater for \$10/head and that members would do slices and tea/coffee afterwards.

c. Bake-off

Judy Cross advised that she would talk with Brenda Carter about developing nomination forms and certificates, advertise in Telegraph in September and have the judging at the markets in November.

d. Water and sewerage charges

Peter Marshall advised that he had written to Palerang Council after the June CFCA meeting saying that community was not consulted about rates increases or the Draft Management Plan. He advised that he had received no response from Council. He also wrote to NSW Ombudsman about the rates increases each year without consultation.

Cath Moore presented information on the Palerang Development Servicing Plans for Captains Flat and those present discussed the elements of the plan, particularly the projections for water and sewerage services. It was noted that the Council did not speak to the Captains Flat Community at all in the development of the management plans.

It was also noted that this seems to be an issue each year and that residents had already been through a similar situation in 2006, when the implication from Council was that things would be back to normal after that. The issue of the change in the structure of water charges was also discussed.

The Community Association would like someone from Council to attend a meeting and explain the situation to the Association.

Actions: Cath to email the Palerang Development Servicing Plans for Captains Flat to Peter Marshall.

13. Next Meeting

20 September 2007