

**CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2005**

MINUTES

1. Attenders and Apologies

Attenders – Chris Sandow, Alex Wells (Chair), Peter Marshall (Minutes), Kim Salton, Kevin Salton, Brooke Lenon, Matt Gardiner, Dan McElhoun (observer), Sean Rossiter

Apologies – John Sandow, Christine Kennedy, Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, Judy Cross

2. Minutes of previous meeting

A number of typographical errors were pointed out.

3. Business arising

Peter noted that Braidwood Historical Society had not yet been provided with a further stock of books, as requested back in July. He would deal with this.

4. Correspondence

Received since July Meeting

- Letter from Council General Manager agreeing to a Swimming Pool advisory committee
- Invitation from Capital Region Area Consultative Committee to attend their “Business and Community Resources Day” and function, on 22 September – Peter attended the function
- Invoice from Queanbeyan Age for Mothers Day Market advertisement
- BOC Gas account reminder
- Bank Statements (August and July)
- Invoice from Valuehosting Australia for \$129.95 website hosting
- Invitation to Palerang Community Consultative Committee on 8th September – Peter attended
- Various Council minutes and agendas – these are placed on display in the post office
- New chequebook

Sent since July Meeting

- Payment of Valuehosting account – Cheque number 241

5. President’s report

Alex reported on the Council’s deliberations and decision on B-doubles, which would allow them on the dirt roads south and East of Captains Flat, except during school bus times. There was a substantial discussion with Matt later in the meeting which is reported here.

Matt explained the Traffic Committee’s rationale for its decision, including:

- reduced truck movements compared with standard logging trucks;
- RTA’s advice that the roads (including Captains Flat to Queanbeyan) are suitable, advice primarily coming from the Regional Freight Controller rather than the RTA representative on the Committee;
- B-doubles’ lesser impact on the roads because of their lesser weight per axle;
- Cooma-Monaro had already approved their use of their section of the roads.

Alex noted the disparity between the King’s Highway B-double route and the roads approved by Palerang Council, and discussion also noted the very weak bridges on the Braidwood-Cooma road, and lack of passability of the truck bypasses after heavy rain. Association members were concerned about the safety of B-doubles more than the number of movements, and Councils decision to divert them away from the village was a tacit acceptance of this. Members asked if there would be speed limits as 100kmh was much too fast on the dirt roads, there were many places where cars would need to pull off the road, and signage (e.g. “B-double route”) would be needed given the number of visitors using these roads. It was noted that traffic counts appeared to have increased recently, particularly since Forest Gate trail bike park had opened, and Council should examine the currency of its traffic counts.

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6. Treasurer's report

No report. The bank statement was noted.

7. Community organisations' reports

- a. Landcare – No report.
- b. RFS – No formal report. It was noted that the RFS Open Day would be held on Saturday 8 October, from 11am to 2pm, with a free sausage sizzle.
- c. SES –

Kim reported on the head-on accident at the corner east of the tip. Neither driver lived locally, and the number of visitors using this road was noted. It was suggested that this corner needs to be removed, and Matt suggested the Traffic Committee could consider it. It was recommended that the Committee make use of local knowledge, so that with due deference to the expertise of its members, the expertise gained by driving these roads every day should also be tapped into. At the very least, SES and RFS should be consulted due to their attendance at accidents.

Kim also noted the lack of consultation, information and notice on the occurrence of the Community Vulnerability Assessments (to take place in Captains Flat on Thursday 29 September). While Palerang may not be driving these, its name is mentioned in the advertisements and it has a responsibility to notify residents and stakeholders.

8. Subcommittees' reports

- a. Markets

Chris reported that recent markets continued to be successful, but while stallholders returned regularly there had been a drop-off in the number of customers.

- b. Ball – This was still scheduled to take place on 19 November. Sean reported that most hotel rooms were now booked.

9. Representatives' reports

- a. Mines rehabilitation committee

Chris reported that John had attended a meeting in August, first on-site and then in Queanbeyan. Palerang's representative had not attended. Work planned for this year was demolition of steel parts of the surge tank. Residues with a high content of metals would also be gathered, placed in the concrete bins and capped. It was not known when the Committee would next meet..

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

- a. Hall – No report.

Peter noted the following issues which from the perspective of the Association needed to be addressed, in order of urgency:

- Fire doors – not operating correctly despite recent work and are a safety concern
- Wheelchair access was promised over a year ago
- Inadequate means of opening the front doors – a special tool was required
- Play equipment and derelict fencing to the rear of the building to be removed, as stallholders are increasingly using this as a car park and there are safety and access issues.

It was agreed that the Association would write formally to the Hall Committee, so that this letter could be passed on to Council.

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- b. Swimming Pool – As a result of the receipt of the letter mentioned earlier, Peter and Matt agreed to establish a sub-committee which would report to the Association but also directly to Council through Matt. Previous members of the S355 Committee would be invited to join.
- c. War memorial – No report.
- d. Town sign – Chris tabled some proposals for a town sign, possibly to be located outside the swimming pool. There was discussion of the format, and it was agreed that Chris would pursue this with key members of the Association outside of the meeting.

11. Reports on other projects and activities

- a. Pathway To Gold – no report.
- b. Cemetery – no report.
- c. Rail Trail – no report.
- d. Directory of Services – no report.
- e. Website – no report.
- f. Tourism Group – no report.
- g. Back To The Flat – no report.

12. General business

- a. AGM – The AGM would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 19th October 2005. A representative of Monaro Minutes would be invited to speak to the Association after the formal business.
- b. Pre-school Meeting – the meeting was informed of the Pre-school's current financial difficulties and the plan for a meeting on Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm.
- c. Community Health Centre – Brooke and Chris report on their meeting with Peter Bascomb (General Manager). Council was applying for matched funding from the Regional Partnerships programme, which would double the available funds. Council appeared to wish to demolish and sell the site of the current centre, and build the new one elsewhere, possibly behind the Hall. Discussion at the Association meeting suggested this site was unsuitable, and the existing site was preferable. There was no suggestion that Council intended to apply the funds from the sale to the proposal.
- d. Newsletter – Because of Fay's absence it was agreed that the Association would produce a newsletter in early October because of the need to advertise coming events, and highlight current issues. Brooke agreed to draft such a newsletter and circulate it for approval. Sean agreed to arrange the printing. Format would depend on the amount of content, which would partly be based on minutes and other sources.

13. NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 19th October 2005. Preceded by AGM at 7pm.