

CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2005

MINUTES

1. Attenders and Apologies

Attenders – John Sandow, Chris Sandow (Chair), Sue Cameron, , Peter Marshall (Minutes), Kevin Salton, Judy Cross, Jan Booth, Brooke Lenon; and later Erin Lenon, Sean Rossiter.

Apologies – Alex Wells, Christine Kennedy, Elizabeth Estbergs.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Some minor changes were noted. Chris moved the minutes be accepted, Brooke seconded and carried.

3. Business arising

Noted that a letter had not yet been sent to the Hall Committee.

4. Correspondence

In:

- Letter from General Manager, Palerang Council about Swimming Pool Advisory Committee – Peter would follow up
- E-mail from General Manager about BMX Track
- Bank Statement – Community Association and Swimming Pool Committee
- Markets and Fairs Magazine
- e-mail received from Council about proposed Rates Reference Group – Jan agreed to speak to Warwick Cathra of Bywong about expectations of the Group. Peter agreed to nominate himself for the group if no-one else wished to. He noted that the major costs in the village were not rates but the three sets of charges – water, sewerage and waste.

Out:

- Six books to Braidwood Historical Society (on account)

5. President's report

None.

6. Treasurer's report

Jan noted the following activity – cheques to:

- Guy McGoogan for cleaning (\$50),
- Hall Committee for Hall Hire and gas (\$206.20) and
- the Queanbeyan Age for advertising (\$46).

At the end of September the account balance was \$11,403. There was an outstanding cheque for \$100 and an outstanding deposit for \$658 from Markets income.

7. Community organisations' reports

- a. Landcare – a comprehensive report was included in *Flat Chat*.
- b. RFS – a report was included in *Flat Chat*. It was noted that the Brigade has been awarded a grant for a defibrillator, though the purchase of this was being done in bulk by the RFS Association, and this had been held up by some bureaucratic issues. Arrival date was still not known. In discussion it was agreed that the Community Association would ask the local RFS Captain and SES Commander to discuss the issue of access to the RFS defibrillator, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication.



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Issues of maintenance of the fire shed were being discussed with Council.

c. SES – No report.

8. Subcommittees' reports

a. Markets – Chris reported that the October markets were quite well patronised. RFS and SES had shared a table because of pressures of space, though there had been fewer stalls than previously. It was noted that the most successful market days are those which are attended by lots of locals, as customers and stallholders.

b. Ball – A written report was provided and is transcribed below:

THE CAPTAINS FLAT ANNUAL BALL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

REPORT TO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 19 OCTOBER 2005

1. Profits from this year's Ball will go to the Captains Flat SES as part of their fundraising to purchase a defibrillator
2. Ester Greenalgh will open the Ball (representing the SES)
3. Flyers detailing how to buy a Ball ticket were distributed to every house in town on Saturday 15th October (and to all Post Office Boxes that do not have "no junk mail" status).
4. Ticket sales will begin on Saturday 22nd October and continue on all Saturdays and Sundays until 13th November or until all tickets are sold. We are anticipating a high demand for tickets this year. Tickets will be sold on a strict first come first serve basis to ensure fairness.
5. The Ball Committee has received excellent support from Captains Flat Businesses in the form of sponsorship, loan of equipment and services. We have also secured substantial sponsorship from several businesses outside of Captains Flat.

It was noted that 2 large parties (20 and 12) had already booked. The Committee was considering having a mirror ball installed in the hall – the existing one belongs to Tony and Brenda.

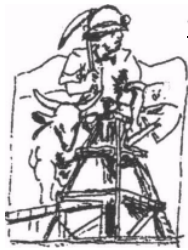
9. Representatives' reports

a. Mines rehabilitation committee

John gave a comprehensive report on recent developments. Scott Brooks is the new representative from Department of Primary Industries. Minutes of the meeting of 215 August in Queanbeyan were now available, and John agreed to make these available to the Association. John raised various issues from the 2001 Douglas report. Key issues were: addressing the contamination on the mine site, and works are planned. The Heritage Office had approved the works:

- i. demolition of parts of the surge bins; cleaning up residue and placing this in the hole where the crusher used to be.
- ii. Capping of five bins on the mine site which are full of toxic materials. These will be filled and capped. John has been told that the visual appearance of the mine site will not change.

Another site meeting was held on 7 October to look at the mechanics of the planned works. The date of the next meeting had not yet been set, but would be just before commencement of the works. The Committee will meet again on 7 March 2006 to plan works for 2006/7.



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John also reported that DPI plan to photograph the existing site and have lithographs made, similar to the Pathway to Gold lithographs, so visitors can see what it used to look like.

There was some discussion about the changed visual appearance of the site, and it was agreed that John would ask DPI to hold a public meeting before any final decision was made and work commenced.

10. Section 355 Committees' reports

- a. Hall – Nothing further to report.
- b. Swimming Pool – Peter updated the Association on the state of the Swimming Pool Committee's bank account, and how for historical reasons these funds belong to the community and not Council. Also, the bank account was costing \$5 per month and earning no income or interest. It was agreed that Peter would consult other members of the defunct Swimming Pool Committee to seek agreement for the transfer of these funds to the Community Association, and suitable conditions to be imposed on this transfer, e.g. use of funds.
- c. War memorial – No report.
- d. Town sign – Not considered.

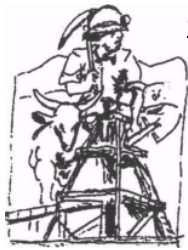
11. Reports on other projects and activities

- a. Pathway To Gold – nothing to report.
- b. Cemetery – no report.
- c. Rail Trail – there had been a presentation to Council in September and they had been very supportive.
- d. Directory of Services – no report.
- e. Website – no report.
- f. Tourism Group – no report.
- g. Back To The Flat – no report.
- h. *Flat Chat* – it was reported that this had been very well-received, and there was demand for it to continue. There was a discussion on frequency, format, content and distribution. It was agreed that it would initially be produced bi-monthly, with the second issue just before Christmas. It would primarily include Association business. Issue 1 had unfortunately not contained a SES report.

The meeting asked that the Association's thanks to Brooke for her work on *Flat Chat* be formally recorded. Brooke agreed to continue to produce the newsletter.

12. General business

- a. AGM Wednesday 19th October 2005 – The venue was confirmed as the Hall, the start time 7pm and the speaker had not yet been confirmed. Nominated for Treasurer.



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- b. Palerang Heritage Committee – Council was seeking community members from each of the three villages and nominations were required by 28 October. It was agreed that Elizabeth Estbergs would be asked to be the Association's nominee, and Chris agreed to approach Liz about this.
- c. Pre-school– nothing to report. The Association would await contact from the Pre-school.
- d. BMX Track – Alex and Peter had received an e-mail message from the General Manager of Palerang Council noting the existence of an “illegal” BMX track on Council land in Foxlow Street, and his concern that it contained some dangerous obstacles. While he was seeking community input, it was noted that Council workers had visited the site earlier today and levelled it, or at least reduced the height of some of the jumps. It was agreed that the Association would write to Council noting the apparent breakdown in communication, and asking Council how they intended to prevent the users from rebuilding the track, or what alternative site/arrangements could be offered.
- e. Community Health Centre – not considered.

13. NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 16th November 2005.