



# CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2005

## *MINUTES*

### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

Attendees – Alex Wells, Chris Sandow (Chair), Kim Salton, Peter Marshall (Minutes), Judy Cross, Jan Booth, Brooke Lenon, Joel Rossiter, Anita King.

Apologies – John Sandow, Christine Kennedy.

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Some minor changes were noted. Jan moved the minutes be accepted, Judy seconded and carried.

### **3. Business arising**

7b) Kim informed the meeting that the Captains Flat SES has recently signed a Memorandum Of Understanding with NSW Ambulance Service, which makes the SES unit a Community First Responder (CFR). When an ambulance is called, the call centre notifies the local SES unit which attends. This requires the unit to have a set of equipment which includes, amongst other things, a defibrillator. Kim expects this new function to be fully operational by the end of January 2006. It entails lots of training for SES members, with 64 hours required to become an Honorary Ambulance Officer, and at least 10 SES members will be undertaking the training. Kim has discussed this with Guy Ashworth, Captains of the Captains Flat Rural Fire Brigade, and he is aware of the requirements of the CFR.

Kim noted that SES members can only apply to become Honorary Ambulance Officers under the MOU. The CFR will always be coordinated by the local SES unit.

Current fundraising is likely to be used to purchase other equipment required for CFR status.

### **4. Correspondence**

In:

- Bank statement
- Insurance renewal
- Letter from Police Superintendent
- E-from Palerang General Manager mail about BMX track

Out:

- None.

### **5. President's report**

Alex noted that tip has been covered with topsoil.

He also had information about the BMX track which would be covered later in the meeting.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

Jan tabled a report. Alex moved it be accepted and Chris Sandow seconded. Carried.

Treasurer – there was a discussion about the need for a Treasurer, and it was agreed that Brooke Lenon would take up this role, with observation and assistance where appropriate, from Joel Rossiter who is keen to get involved in the Association. Alex formally nominated Brooke, Peter seconded and the motion as carried.

It was suggested that some of the Association's funds be transferred to a term deposit so as to earn significant interest, and Bendigo Bank was suggested because of their strong community focus. Brooke agreed to investigate interest rates available at three suitable financial institutions.



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There was a discussion about the need for new signatories on the account. It was agreed that there should be four: Alex Wells, Brooke Lenon, Chris Sandow and Peter Marshall. Peter agreed to obtain the necessary form and start the process.

### 7. *Community organisations' reports*

- a. Landcare – Jan reported that the AGM was held the preceding week and as Charles had stepped down, there was now no Chairperson.
- b. RFS – There was no formal report. Peter reported that a number of members had attended a weekend exercise the preceding weekend, and had returned to find the tip on fire yet again.
- c. SES – Kim reported that the SES have been very busy. A willow tree was removed from George Street after being damaged in a storm. There had also been minor flooding. SES had attended a fatal heart attack the previous Sunday.

Kim requested a letter from the Association to Palerang Council about the need for more signs for the Briars-Sharrow Road river low-level crossing, as there is no sign on the Captains Flat Road either north or south of Briars-Sharrow. Peter agreed to draft a letter and send to Kim for approval.

It was also suggested, and agreed, that the letter be copied to Stoney Creek Community Association.

### 8. *Subcommittees' reports*

- a. Markets – Chris reported that the November markets had 22 stall and many customers. The pre-school had taken over the barbeque and had also run the café, and both had been successful. A flyer will be distributed for the December markets. It was agreed to pay the pre-school \$20 for distributing these.

Ball – no formal report. Jan reported that 102 tickets had been sold (and rising) with a maximum of 140 possible. The band and decorating were all organised.

### 9. *Representatives' reports*

- a. Mines rehabilitation committee

Chris reported in John's absence. John had passed the community's concerns on to Department of Primary Industries, and DPI intended to consult with the community. To this end, they had appointed a consultant Heritage Solutions, who planned to hold a public meeting in the week beginning 12 December 2005.

John has stepped down as the local representative and will be replaced by Sean Rossiter. Alex agreed to write to John, thanking him for his contribution.

- b. Palerang Rates Reference Group – Peter noted that this group had yet to meet, but its first meeting would be on Wednesday 23 November.
- c. Palerang Heritage Committee – it was reported that Liz had nominated for this committee.

### 10. *Section 355 Committees' reports*

- a. Hall – Nothing further to report.

- b. Swimming Pool –

Alex agreed to draft a letter to Council about the swimming pool committee.

There was also some discussion of swimming lessons, and the apparent history behind why SwimSafe summer swimming programme no longer runs in Captains Flat.



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Peter reported that the members of the former S355 Swimming Pool Committee had not yet been able to meet to discuss the funds.

- c. War memorial – Jan reported that Palerang Mayor, Jim MacLachlan had come to Captains Flat on Remembrance Day but there had been no ceremony here. He agreed to look into the maintenance of the hedge.
- d. Town sign – Chris reported that after extensive consultation consensus was for a sign outside the North East corner of the swimming pool, and she would be writing to council asking for their approval and assistance.

### 11. Reports on other projects and activities

- a. Pathway To Gold – it was agreed that this item would be removed from future agenda.
- b. Cemetery – no report.
- c. Rail Trail – Jan and Peter reported there had been no activity.
- d. Directory of Services – no report.
- e. Website – no formal report.
- f. Tourism Group – Jan reported that there had been no meeting. Braidwood Tourism were reported to be bringing a busload of tourists to Captains Flat next week, but there had been no local consultation.
- g. Back To The Flat – no report.
- h. *Flat Chat* – The previous meeting's discussion was reviewed. It was agreed to produce *Flat Chat* bi-monthly, with the second issue by Christmas, possibly in the first week of December. Distribution would be via the pre-school newspaper run.

### 12. General business

- a. Pre-school – a meeting had been held, but no-one present was able to report on it.
- b. BMX Track – it was reported that Council had done some work on the track the preceding week. It was noted that the Association needs to inform Council that the track must stay, and that in the long term the young users would like a concrete park. It was also noted that visitors to the village are not aware of the track's existence. Anita King agreed to consult some parents about their children's needs and wants for the track.
- c. Community Health Centre – there was much community concern about the use to which funds would be put if the current site were sold. Most people appear to believe that the current site is ideal, albeit with improved parking. It was agreed to form a Working Group on the health centre, to comprise Jan, Kim, Alex, Brooke and Peter.
- d. "Orange cards" – Kim reported that updated fridge magnets would soon be ready for distribution.



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- e. Carols By Candlelight – it was noted that this year no-one was organising this. It was agreed that it would be offered to the Pre-school as a fund-raising venture, with the assistance of individual members of the Community Association, RFS and SES. Anita would approach Howard Mackinder and Nicole Lott. Peter would approach Jeremy about the sound system. Date: Saturday 17 December commencing with a BBQ at 6pm.

### ***13. NEXT MEETING***

Brought forward to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005, 7.30pm in the Community Hall.