

# CAPTAINS FLAT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MEETING

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006

## MINUTES

### 1. *Attendees and Apologies*

**Present:** Peter Marshall (Chair), Jan Booth, Elizabeth Estbergs, Anita King, Melissa Pollard, Chris Sandow, John Sandow, Chrissie Uncles, Vernon Uncles, Maggie Shanahan, Tim McGregor, Judy Cross.

**Present for Item 12d:** Andrew King, Andrew Hall, Jason Platt, Lesley Platt, Ed and Sharon.

**Apologies:** Kim Silton, Christine Kennedy, Sandy Pollard, Alex Wells.

### 2. *Minutes of previous meeting*

The Minutes of the meeting held 15 November were accepted.

Moved: Chris Sandow; Seconded: Vernon Uncles.

### 3. *Business arising*

Peter Marshall advised that he was yet to speak with Shaun Rossiter about the Mine Rehabilitation Committee.

The meeting was advised that the Small Equipment Grant application to buy a public address system had been successful.

John Sandow advised that he had sent a suggestion to the developers of the Palerang Social Plan regarding re-establishment of a theatre in the Hall.

### 4. *Correspondence*

#### **In:**

- Request for 2 books, with postal order for \$50 – Jan to post
- Insurance renewal
- Bank statement
- Letter from Gary Nairn about the Stronger Families and Communities grants
- Invoice and reminder from Queanbeyan Age for November markets advertising
- Nomination forms for Australia Day awards
- Booking form for the park for Carols In The Park
- Invoice from Signage Australia for \$1000 for photos from photo exhibition
- Invoice for photos
- Invoice from Annie and the Armadillos from Ball.

#### **Out:**

- Cheque for three more months of the website
- Cheque for insurance
- Park booking form with cheque for \$60 hire fee and \$220 bond (plus a copy of our insurance schedule)
- Letter to Primary School about SFC grants



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- Letter to Council about road-names
- Invoice from PhotoAccess for work for photo exhibition and prints from the ball
- Invoice for candles for Carols in the Park

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

The President advised that the community might be eligible for a Stronger Families and Communities grant and that this would be discussed in a later item.

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

The December report was tabled and it was noted that it did not include money for photo exhibition or battery powered candles for Carols in the Park.

Action: Jan to check with Ed Whalan before paying the bill for the photograph for the Photo Exhibition.

Moved: Jan ; Seconded: Peter.

7. ***Community organisations' reports***

a. RFS

The meeting was advised that a crews involving personnel from Captains Flat were sent to the Tumut fires on the previous Monday and Tuesday, and that a crew was still there. There had been a fire at the Captains Flat tip and another at Lake George.

Chris Sandow noted that often when there was a total fire ban only the ACT was mentioned by ABC 666 radio station newsroom. An example of this was on 21 November.

**Action:** Chrissie to get Christine to put notice about Captains Flat fire sign in Flat Chat.

b. SES

No report this month.

8. ***Subcommittees' reports***

a. Markets

Chris Sandow advised that there had been a successful December market, with good coverage in the Queanbeyan Age. The first market for 2007 would be held in February and the new market signs would be ready. Peter to liaise with the sign manufacturer.

b. Ball

The meeting was advised that the Ball great success with all tickets sold, a very good job done on the photography by Ed Whalan and a good time had by all. The Ball accounts would be finalised early 2007 at which time the amount of money to be donated to the Pre School would be known.

9. ***Representatives' reports***



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- a. Mines rehabilitation committee  
As noted earlier, Peter to speak with Shaun Rossiter.
- b. Palerang Heritage Committee  
It was hoped that this committee will meet again next year.
- c. Palerang Tourism Committee  
This committee hadn't met.

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

- a. Hall  
The meeting was advised that the dance floor end of the Hall floor had been sanded and painted with Tung Oil, and that the rest was likely to be done in January. Eventually back rooms will also be done.

It was noted that there had been multiple instances of the single doors at back of stage being opened or left opened.

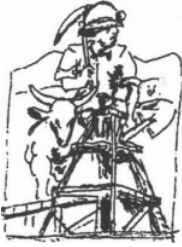
**Action:** John Sandow will check the doors to ensure that they can be securely locked and, if not, will organise locksmith.

- b. War memorial  
The meeting was advised that Palerang Council had been contacted regarding the pruning of trees and shrubs around the War Memorial.

**Action:** Letter needs to be sent from the Community Association to the Secretary of the Captains Flat RSL noting problems with flagpole.

### 11. *Reports on other projects and activities*

- a. Cemetery  
The meeting was advised that the Cemetery wasn't damaged in the recent rubbish tip fires. Elizabeth wrote to Gordon Cunningham in Palerang Council asking about a variety of maintenance issues. She was advised that the mowing had been missed for this year and to organise direct with Allen Rankin next year.
- b. Rail Trail  
No further information on this initiative on this at this stage. Ed Whalan introduced Allan Freeman (Head of ACT Heritage Council) to Jan at last markets. Allan will have an informal talk to find out what's happening. It was noted that Crookwell is on the way to having their rail trail in place. It was hoped that this would work out some of the issues and pave the way for other rail trail initiatives.
- c. Website



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Peter advised that he needed to have a meeting with Brian Joyce, but that the new website was likely to be up soon. He also advised that the current web hosting had been renewed for another 3 months.

### 12. *General business*

#### a. Swimming Pool

Concerns about the low usage rate of the swimming pool and the possibility of closure were discussed. Price of family pass will rise from \$50 to \$125. Last year pool closed early and people with season tickets were not refunded any money.

Examples were given of charges discrepancies such as children being charged multiple times in one day or charged for entry with school groups despite having season passes. Some present felt it important to encourage people to buy season ticket but more importantly, to use it.

Action: letter to Palerang – raising the following issues: increasing cost; problems with lifeguard taking money as this was considered distracting; kids swimming in dams now because of the increase in cost; need for Council to be guarantee that pool will remain open for entire season or season ticket holders to receive pro-rata if it doesn't. Letter also to suggest that the pool use a type of ticket similar to a multi-trip bus ticket where users purchased  $n$  visits and holes were punched in the tickets as visits were used.

#### b. Carols in the Park

Battery operated candles had been purchased. Programs had been produced. CD had been burnt with music in order of the program program. Everything is organised.

#### c. Australia Day 2007

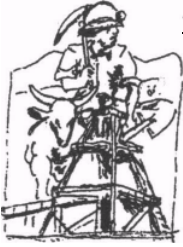
Photo exhibition will be open.

Peter had been corresponding with Debbie Ferguson and advised of a need to form a small committee to judge the Australia Day Awards. Importance of encouraging nominations was discussed.

Subcommittee: Chris Sandow, Maggie Shanahan and Peter Marshall.

#### d. Standpipe access

Council is looking at taking away the bulk water standpipe from behind the Club. It was noted that this was necessary for rural residents in dry times. Council's argument for removing the standpipe is that it is not metered and it would cost \$1000 to put a meter in. This is was of grave concern to those attending the meeting and it was agreed that a letter should go from the President to Council immediately expressing the community's concerns about the removal of this resource. Also discussed as a matter of concern was the amount of water taken out of the pipe in the park.



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**Action:** President to write to council as a matter of urgency, and request they provide a metered standpipe. Letter should be copied to the council, state and federal members.

Separate letter to be sent to council regarding the amount of water that can be taken out of pipe in park.

e. Arrangement of the Agenda for 2007

Rearranging the agenda to help streamline the meeting was discussed. It was agreed that reports for items 7-11 reports should be provided to the secretary the Monday before the meeting for inclusion with the agenda. Dot point form for these reports is fine. This approach would be trialled for 4 months – Feb to May.

Thursday meeting, 7pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs in Feb. downstairs.

f. Stronger Families and Communities – Local Answers – Grants

The availability of this grant from FACSIA and the targeting of drought affected communities was discussed. There were two tiers of grants – one tier was grants up to \$30 k to be spent over 2 years with larger amounts of money also available. Peter had written to the preschool and primary school about it as well as to council. Two suggestions were put forward:

1. apply for money to run Back To The Flat for two years – could include project officer, insurance, etc.
2. use to refurbish tennis and basketball court, heat the pool, extra lighting on the oval, etc – this would need to be part of a larger application and should be linked to community renewal.

Applications due 20 December.

**Decision:** apply for larger grant for “Community Renewal”, proposal to include project officer for Back to the Flat and upgrade to facilities to be included as part of the renewal process. It was noted that the proposal would need to be kept under \$250k.

g. Photo exhibition

The Photographic Exhibition will run again on Australia Day. This was advertised in the current Captains Flat Telegraph.

h. Bush Dance

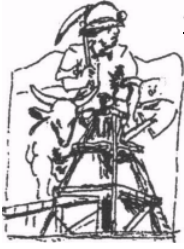
A bush dance was proposed as an additional social event to the Ball in other half of the year.

i. Christmas Lights

Proposed a competition for Christmas Lights in the town for 2007 and a certificate of acknowledgement can be awarded at the Carols in the Park.

j. Seniors activities

Judy Cross reported that the Seniors Christmas Lunch went well and that the seniors would like more activities.



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- 13.**            *Next Meeting*  
7:00pm Thursday 15 February 2007