

CHB PA Meeting on 28 Jan 2017

Minutes

Attendance:

M Casey, R Clarke, V King, D King, D Hale, N Hudson, C Murphy, S Murphy, S Whyte, C Brown, A Gumprecht, P Johnston, T Osborne, E McGufficke, J Kinsela L Goff, D Goff, P Myers, N Lambert

Apologies:

D Hawcroft, P Townsend, M Townsend, D Dearing, J Sommer, C Norman, J Bowe, L Hale, A McGufficke, D King, E Goodsall, D Goodsall, C Johnson, J Hill, K Hien, M Edmonds

Minutes of last meeting held 28/12/2016

Read by P Myers. Moved P Myers. Seconded P Johnston.

Business arising:

- Complaint by member H Jarvis. Some members live for many months overseas and would like to have the minutes "fleshed out"
- Traffic control - local native plants planted by locals in small vegetation beds at end of hump (thanks Linnie and Angus)
- Constitution - Peter Johnston brought new model rules along. Sue has reviewed already and we will take advantage of no fee period with Fair Trading. 21 days' notice needed to members so will send with agenda for the next meeting.

Reports

Treasurer- N Lambert

\$9638 in 2 accounts. Memberships etc \$415; expense to Fair Trading \$45. Insurance due soon of \$500. Moved Narelle, seconded David.

Meanwhile letter from Odara waste services company re July removal of corrugated iron container: no one has any info so Sue will take to next Rose group meeting. Concern is that Heritage items may have been removed.

Secretary

P Myers has created a membership database, circulated for members to confirm their details. Memberships now due for 2017.

Traffic

1 hump installed but resident complained to OHE, who had not approved work. Architect since engaged by LMCC to write heritage impact statement. Once draft is checked by R Jones it will be sent to compliance at Heritage Office.

Anticipated that reducing the danger and noise from speeding cars, motor bikes and trail bikes will be prioritized. Villages of Catherine Hill Bay with cottages on front boundary lines were built when miners walked to work and vehicles were rare. Daily social life saw great pedestrian road usage. Unless traffic is slowed residents cannot use the roads safely. There are no footpaths joining the two villages so residents must use the road.

LMCC is keen to get this restarted as they would like to finish the project by end of the financial year.

Lake Coal Report provided by Wade Covey

CHB Jetty:

We have finalised the structural engineering report for the Jetty. It has identified that the Jetty has deteriorated further since the previous study and has identified that parts of the Jetty may require rectification works to be undertaken to improve structural sections of the Jetty prior to demolition which LakeCoal is currently assessing. The first part of these works involved the installation of the new safety fence at the entrance. Some other items will be undertaken over the 6 months or so. This report will be used to inform the EIS for the Jetty demolition. LakeCoal is planning on meeting with the Department of Planning in the next couple of months to discuss the approvals process for EIS and subsequent Jetty demolition activities.

Headland Works:

The headland civils project commenced in November last year and significant progress has been made to date on site. Approximately 80% of the former hardstand area has been removed and the areas reshaped to a safe and stable landform. Throughout the project the contractor has night time and weekend security in place for public safety and to prevent unauthorised access. The headland earthworks for this stage are scheduled to be completed in the next few weeks (weather permitting). We are still working through the proposed bin rehabilitation design with our consultants and Rose Group and are hoping to have this resolved in early February as we would like to start placing the waste concrete removed from the headland civils project into the bin. The bin remediation project will hopefully commence in the next few months after the design has been finalised. The design we are looking at now involves filling the bin and keeping the existing stepped profile in place. This would ultimately create an elevated platform after bin filling was completed.

Snake Gully:

We have commenced discussions with OEH (National Parks) regarding our proposed rehabilitation activities in Snake and Possum Gully. This project will commence after the headland civils have been completed and will involve some reshaping and rehabilitation of some existing batters. Another meeting with OEH is scheduled for early February to discuss the rehabilitation for this area.

Hale Street Civil Works:

We have engaged another civil design company to prepare the design drawings for this area as we were unhappy with the previous design's accounting for stormwater. The new design is expected in mid-February. Consultation with affected stakeholders will be undertaken once the new design is forthcoming.

Old Jetty Timbers:

We will be discussing this matter at our next meeting with OEH. Unless they change their opinion, we will need to store the timbers on private property. This is not urgent as they are currently stored in a safe spot at the bottom of the site.

General:

We have recently been in contact with the local community as a result of a community complaint which was received last Sunday. It involved our principle earthworks contractor operating equipment on a Sunday morning (outside of our agreed working hours). LakeCoal responded to the complaint asap with all machinery on site stood down immediately following notification. The contractor has since admitted fault for the matter, has formally apologised, reinforced site rules to its employees and given assurance that it will not happen again. LakeCoal apologises for any inconvenience caused.

LakeCoal has received a request from the CHB Progress Association regarding access to the CHB Jetty for the Heritage Week celebrations on the 22nd April. This request has been passed onto LakeCoal's managing director who is still on annual leave. A decision on this request will be made in the next couple of weeks.

Noise complaint as machinery used on a Sunday - Lake Coal advised it was a contractor and apologised.

Rose Group

Stage 3 of the *Beaches* subdivision is now underway and a significant part of this stage lies within the State Heritage Conservation Area. Basically, the *Beaches* subdivision is on the southern side of the ridgeline and overlooks Moonee Beach whereas the Heritage Conservation Area is on the northern side of the ridgeline and overlooks Catherine Hill Bay Beach.

However, the proposed Hale Street, Village Park and Neighbourhood Shops are within the State Heritage Conservation Area.

Community concerns that the heritage township retain its character and not become an extension of the *Beaches* subdivision.

Issues such as:

- No painted white tree boxes along Hale Street
- No white electricity poles such as have been installed in the new subdivision
- No excessive night lighting along Hale Street and in the Village Park
- No concrete paths meandering through the northern section of the Village Park (with attendant night lighting)
- That the Village Park have a rural treatment rather than an urban treatment in keeping with the character of the heritage township
- That the "detailed design (of the neighbourhood shops). prepared in conjunction with a heritage architect to ensure that it is sympathetic to the character of the existing Catherine Hill Bay village" be presented to the Heritage Office and the heritage division of LMCC.

The main village precinct has exceptional heritage integrity and homogeneity. The high visibility of the area makes it highly sensitive to new development.

Following motion passed unanimously:

"that the future development of Hale Street, the Village Park and the proposed neighbourhood shops does not prejudice the scenic, aesthetic, visual and cultural heritage qualities of the Heritage Conservation Area".

Montefiore Parkway is meant to have at least 4 tree deep plantings so bushland setting of the historic village maintained. Matter is presently with Department of Planning Compliance.

Concern over public access to Moonee Beach (what is presently available is inadequate). Stage 3 of the new subdivision is to facilitate access to Moonee via ridgeline on land owned by the government (not the developer)

David Hale- Moonee has no car park - cars parking anywhere. S Whyte advised will be parking area later available in Stage 3. Also, an agent said dual occupancies allowed in the new development - Sue will check but sounds wrong.

The Association in the next Newsletter will give everyone the link to LMCC website where the Development Control Plan for the *Beaches* subdivision is set out. People will be able to fact check rumours themselves.

Scenic Walkway – P Myors

Submission sent to LMCC to include this in the Belmont Area Plan.

Trying to meet with Coal and Allied to gain support, too. There will hopefully be developer donations for this.

Tennis Club – J Kinsela

\$354 from Australia Day social day. Weeds poisoned by Linnie and Dan. Andre has replaced wooden fence with strong netting. AGM held - Andre President, Clarita VP, Carmel Sec, Jann Treasurer, Linnie Publicity and social media.

Landcare

Sessions start again this Saturday at 10 am till noon at Graveyard Beach to review progress and some weeding. Awaiting map of Middle Camp showing which land is still Coal and Allied and which is now National Park. We then need to gain permission for weeding along creeks. Email Carmel re ideas and if another time is better eg Monday afternoon?

General Business

- Markets – As a DA is required for markets and a number of expensive reports need to be supplied to LMCC. L Goff suggested having a small market day “inside” the hall.

Locals would be encouraged to have a table where they can sell artworks, produce etc

All Agreed – start small keep it local and it will be a social event for the town as well.

Membership forms for the Bowling Club handed out, residents keen to join.

- Antisocial behaviour

Report this please!

1. the Belmont Police Station which is open 24 / 7 and Ph: 49228899

2. if there is an issue with the pub, the Belmont Police Station has a licensing police section and the person in charge is

Peter Mignanelli. Apart from calling it is also best to put things in writing, his email address is mign1pet@police.nsw.gov.au

- Telecommunications

Mobile phone coverage – N Hudson. Southern end of town used to have reliable coverage now not the case. Reduced and very patchy now. Peter J complained re outages and Telstra gave credits. Problem is the copper wiring aging. Dave recommended saying you want to cancel your account to get immediate help from Telstra! Don't say you have a fault or a problem or you will be put through to overseas.

NBN cabling now in CHB! But not yet connected...

PA will write to Telstra

- Container near Surf Club set up when LMCC have construction works. Should be located elsewhere as

this blocks pedestrian pathway from the village, especially for prams etc. need to contact LMCC before more works at surfclub this year.

- Community Events

Murphys asked re trivia nights, etc. - the Club very amenable so organise directly with Club and PA can put in newsletter; BC and CHB Facebook pages can promote.