



MOUNT HELENA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS PROGRESS ASSOC (INC)
MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th January 2011
held at CWA Rooms, Keane St, Mount Helena

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

Present: Members – Gwyn Dean, Valerie Jenner, Hazel Williams, Jenny & Mike Mackintosh, Malcolm Miller, Bob Henfrey, Myles Harmer, Alison Bunker, Megan Evans, Corry Harmer, Mark Hauswirth, Eileen & Nick Elton. Visitors – Cr Stephen Fox, Cr Patrick Bertola, Rob Kirk, & Judith & Pat Page.

Apologies: Bob Page, Margaret Henfrey, Anne Lynch & Danny Lynch.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of 15th November 2010 distributed via email confirmed on the motion of Jenny Mackintosh seconded by Bob Henfrey after spelling & date corrections **CARRIED**

Business Arising

1. Mundaring Weir Village – Myles Harmer updated meeting. **Motion:** The members support the continuing campaign for the Mundaring Water Treatment Plant and Electricity Substation to be located in the Firewood Road site. Actions taken at the discretion of the Executive in consultation with Myles Harmer. **Moved** Megan Evans **seconded** Mark Hauswirth **Carried unanimously.** See <http://savemundaringweirvillage.wordpress.com/>
2. Letterbox drop flyer – minor changes. To be delivered week of 7th – 11th February.
3. William Road – proceeding – private contractor surveying at present
4. Ltr to shire Aug – although cars cannot access Mt Helena oval via Graheme St motorbikes are still a problem Possibly arrange a meeting by Malcolm & shire to discuss alternatives along with discussions for bike jumps.
5. Webpage finished, paid & grant received. **Motion:** Whim Festival information to be on linked webpage per quote of \$99.00 dated 25 October 2010. **Moved** Megan Evans **seconded** Jenny Mackintosh **Carried unanimously.**
6. Electors' Mtg 6th December – report Gwyn - most important item discussed was method of engaging with Shire on TPS4 also Brown Park Youth Centre, various Shire events
7. Town Planning Scheme No 4 briefing session 22nd Nov – report Gwyn. Majority of changes have been made to comply with changes to State Strategic Plan. Plan will be advertised early February. On recommendation of Crs Fox & Bertola members will view the plans at the shire on a suitable Friday. More information will be passed on when to hand.
8. Western Power – Community Contact Session 24th Nov – report Myles – position of substation for Water Treatment Plant probable below Weir. More reason to move both WTP and power station to Firewood Rd site.
9. Valerie has sorted & listed archival material from past officer Neville Kok (see attached list) and will take to the Mundaring & Hills Historical Society for secure archiving.

Correspondence

Inward

Christmas greetings from Alison Xamon MLC & Judi Moylan MP

Shire – Quick Grant approval of \$500 towards website

- State Trail Bike Strategy Community Forum Tue 1st March 6.30 to 8pm Mdg shire offices Paula Heath on 9290 6682 or scss@mundaring.gov.wa.au by 23rd Feb – Strategy available at website

<http://tbma.com.au/stbs>

Bunnings – Sausage Sizzle for Whim Festival Sunday 1st May

Alliance for a Clean Environment – speaker Dr Connert “Zero Waste for Sustainability” – Midland Town Hall 5th Feb 2pm

Sawyers Valley R & R – Shire Electors' meeting

Email – Discover Your Rivers launch press release

- Councillors – various

Outward

Bunnings – request for Sausage Sizzle

Acquittal of Quick Grant to shire

Kapow-it payment

Email – Shane Purdey – PP drain

- Discover Your Rivers campaign – objecting to headwaters not included in their remit

- various as necessary

Business arising

Crs to follow up with shire officers about the drain beside Pioneer Park.

Sec. to disseminate information & RSVP details of information meetings.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Current cash position \$3172.03. Treasurer's report accepted. Moved Valerie Jenner seconded Jenny Mackintosh **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Festival Report – Meeting 7.30pm on Monday 24th January at Mounties.

General Business

1. Carols in the Park – Hazel was among attendees and reported that although the evening started later than the advertised time it was a really good. A good mixture of people, many with picnics, and lots of singing along enjoyed by all.

2. Shire notice about Off-road Vehicles from local papers. Ties in nicely with the State Trail Bike Strategy Community Forum – refer correspondence.

3. Shire notice 'Direct to Council' meetings trial – this means that for the trial period Council will not deliberate matters in the Strategic and Governance, and the Development Approvals Committees. Instead, matters dealt with by those Committees will go direct to full Council at an additional Council meeting each month. At each of these two monthly meetings matters relating to the functions of the two Committees can be deliberated and a resolution passed for or against it. It will provide for quicker decision making, however the Council must ensure it has sufficient information before making a decision. The Shire may achieve efficiencies in time by this.

4. Representation & Ward review – following discussion a unanimous consensus was reached for a submission that there not be an amendment to the boundaries, not be an alteration to the number of elected officers and that Council is to seek state approval for both. The website link for the discussion paper is on Mdg Shire's Homepage at <http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/Lists/Mundaring%20News/DispForm.aspx?ID=171>

5. Discussion on bicycle track incorporating jumps unanimously supported. Tqo areas for consideration – near the Skate Park and opposite Pioneer Park near CWA Hall. (A meeting at 4pm Tues afternoon with Cr Fox reiterated the strong support and included 25 local children who want to be involved in the planning.)

6. Pioneer Park – trees planted – watering being done daily by Mike, Jenny, Gwyn & Ray. Research to be conducted about equipment with a Cardio-vascular fitness area for PP. The status of the drain along Keane St will be followed up by Crs Fox & Bertola.

7. Community Conversations – information evening about services & programs offered - Wed 2nd Feb 6 to 8pm at Shire offices – rsvp by Fri 28th Jan to Paula Heath on 9290 6682 or scss@mundaring.gov.wa.au

8. Hazel has received the parcel of provisions for the Clean Up Australia Day on Sun 6th March. Register early on the day and bring strong gloves.

9. Bob Henfrey reported that the walkways on Dargin, Princess & Dibble streets are once again in a very dangerous condition. Request urgent clean up and continuing maintenance on a regular basis.

6. Next Meeting date - 7.30pm Monday 21st March 2011

Meeting closed – 9.55pm