



MOUNT HELENA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS PROGRESS ASSOC (INC)
MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING OF 19th September 2011,
held at the C.W.A. Rooms, Keane St, Mount Helena

Pres Gwyn welcomed Cemone Hedges & Carrie Ridley from the Seen & Heard Program. The shire's contract is to provide services for youth between 12 and 20 years – although younger children are often included. The principles taught are networking and a healthy lifestyle by bringing experts together with the young. The Student Organising Committee currently involves 95 children being channeled towards their particular areas of interest through weekly meetings to plan all the various activities e.g. Seen & Heard Dances and school holiday activities. They are committed to ensuring activities are held in ALL parts of the shire during each year even though their offices are now in the Swan View Youth Centre. One holiday activity is a bike ride open to all children (don't have to be residents) from 6 years old. Check out the Shire website at www.mundaring.wa.gov.au for all their events. Cemone & Carrie departed.

The general meeting began at 7.55pm and included a break for refreshments.

Present: Members – Gwyn Dean, Valerie Jenner, Hazel Williams, Jenny & Mike Mackintosh, Eileen & Nick Elton, Bob Henfrey, Irene Clarke, Myles Harmer, Alison Bunker, Malcolm Miller, Hannah Dyer and joining member Sally Roberts. Visitor: Rosemary Graham.

Apologies: Crs Patrick, John & Stephen, Tony Simpson MLA, Bob Page, Mary Bennett, Mark Hauswirth, Angela Jeffers, Victoria Turner, Danny & Anne Lynch.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of 18th July 2011, and distributed via email were confirmed on the motion of Jenny Mackintosh and seconded by Nick Elton. CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Progress of BMX Bike jumps – Jenny informed us that the project continues satisfactorily. The meeting with riders & planners on 7th September at ESHS Recreation Centre (photos on file) was attended by 20 children – many were picked up afterwards by their parents – and their ideas, needs & wants were well received by Cemone, Kirk Kitchin from the shire, and Paul Neve (designer of Chidlow's and Darlington's jumps). The Lion Mill Creek location is too small & planners are now looking at the rear of the tavern near the old quarry site. Approx cost \$35,000. We need to lobby our Councillors and if any big project is cancelled we might get some money in the interim budget.

2. Mundaring Weir Village – the Petition to Parliament requesting reassessment is now before the Legislative committee but very unlikely the WTP will not be built where planned. Great disappointment was expressed by all. Lessons have been learnt by us BUT..... a poor outcome not only for us but for the whole community and future generations. A vote of thanks to Myles & Allison for their tireless and dedicated efforts and to Irene who also put in considerable time & effort.

3. Exercise equipment for PP – Valerie still waiting for information from shire

4. Aquatic Centre Committee delegate – refer to correspondence - Allison to approach Michael Le Vaux from Sawyers Valley Ratepayers.

5. Gwyn suggested that the focus of our attention after the Whim should be the provision of appropriate aged care in the Mundaring Shire and public transport issues.

6. It is highly likely that the proposed electoral boundaries will change meaning Mt Helena will be in the Swan electorate not Darling Range.

Correspondence

Inward

Shire – Declared weeds

- volunteers at Trek the Trail
- Seen & Heard Survey
- Nomination form for Australia Day awards 2012

Parkerville Children & Youth Care – Seen & Heard attendance at meeting

Rotary Club Mundaring - \$250 donation

Emails – Save Mundaring Weir Village

- Cr Bertola – Swan View access for our youth – covered by Cemone during talk

Shire – Aged Care and properties along Marquis St

- WA Dog Sled event at Lake Leschenaultia
- Cr Daw & CEO Aquatic Centre Committee delegate
- Bush Care Officer re Watsonia removal
- ARAFMI re Walk of Pride Cottesloe Beach, October 16th

Outward

Bendigo Bank clarifying cheque signatories

Emails – Electoral Comm. re Electoral boundary change

- Shire (Liam) re exercise equipment & shade in PP
- Various replies as required

Business arising – discussions resulted in the following:

Nomination of Myles & Alison for the Volunteers of the Year to be submitted (done)

Continue collating information about Aged Care after Whim Festival

Seen & Heard Survey- to be completed

Letter of thanks to Rotary Club.

On behalf of the WA Dog Sled Assoc., Hannah presented Gwyn & Valerie with awards in recognition of their efforts which resulted in the association being permitted to continue utilising the area near Lake Leschenaultia.

Hazel is forming a Friends Group to tackle the weed problem, particularly Watsonia) in the area between the Railway Heritage Track and Keane St. The Shire has agreed to burn the dead Watsonia which they successfully treated a few years ago along the rear of these properties

The flyer re ARAFMI Walk of Pride at Cottesloe Beach, October 16th to be circulated (done)

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Mike reported funds on hand of \$7664.98

Payments made to Trident for insurance renewal; Worldwide Printing; Kapow IT for art work &

Printing; Hazel towards cost of our (yummy) suppers were ratified on a motion by Malcolm seconded by Hannah **CARRIED**

Whim Festival Report – Next meeting 7.30pm tomorrow evening Tuesday 20th at Mounties. The Sausage Sizzle held at MH IGA on Sunday 7th Aug. raised only \$352. (No raffle) Baking was popular, Ruth from IGA made meringues, Hannah and Mark were heroes. Well done all the stalwarts. Excellent full page article in Swan Magazine (copy attached). **REMEMBER THE WHIM FESTIVAL AT PIONEER PARK ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD**
REMEMBER TO SPREAD THE WORD

Report of Councillors & Executives discussion 17th Aug - Crs support us about Aged Care in Shire (refer correspondence). The rocks around new plantings are expected shortly. After consultation with the Agricultural Dept, Jenny is producing a card to give out to people who have Cape Tulip on their properties. The Shire doesn't have the money or resources to make it a declared weed which is complicated and legalistic procedure. Installation of a water fountain at skate Park & shade in PP being investigated. LPS 4 generated 213 submissions so slow going to work through & respond to all. The Shire has strict guidelines as to how many animals may be kept on what sized properties but they can only be enforced if breaches are reported and it may be necessary to keep up pressure until action is taken. Stephen advised there are prisoners available for suitable community projects.

General Business

Non-financial members to be notified again & dropped from distribution lists if membership is not renewed. Valerie advised it is only necessary to complete membership form if address or contact information changes.

Suggest prisoners to clear honkey nuts from CWA carpark.

Clarify situation about the water standpipe in Chidlow. Members strongly support its availability for fire fighting but not for general use.

Jenny advised there will be another planting day for Lion Mill Creek and for Pioneer Park on Thursday 29th Sep at 9.30am as part of the Celebrating Rivers Campaign.

Next Meeting date - 7.30pm Monday 21st November, 2011 at CWA Rooms, Keane St Mt Helena
Whim Festival Committee meeting 7.30pm 3rd and 17th October at the Tavern

Meeting closed - 9.40pm