



MOUNT HELENA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS PROGRESS ASSOC (INC)
MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st March 2011
held at CWA Rooms, Keane St, Mount Helena

Rusty Gellar and Jeremy opened our evening with a brief but comprehensive presentation about the proposed Perth Hills Planning Bill, its history and the Save Perth Hills Organisation's support for it. Several copies of the current flyer were distributed and they urged us to contact all members of Parliament to reiterate our agreement with the proposal. Rusty urged everyone to contact friends and family who live in other electorates around the state, to request that they contact their state Members of Parliament asking them to support the Bill. It is due to be introduced so we need to do this soon. Due to our time constraints, the presentation was very limited. The meeting was in favour of requesting a Public Meeting at which the full presentation would be open to all community members. **Moved** Bob Henfrey **seconded** Valerie Jenner.

Meeting commenced 8.00pm

Present: Members – Gwyn Dean, Valerie Jenner, Hazel Williams, Mike Mackintosh, Malcolm Miller, Bob Henfrey, Myles Harmer, Alison Bunker, Megan Evans and Liz Gilead. Visitor - Faye Rorke.

Apologies: Bob Page, Margaret Henfrey, Nick & Eileen Elton, Councillors, Jenny Mackintosh, Rob Kirk, Sharon Davies and Mark Hauswirth.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of 17th January 2011 distributed via email confirmed on the motion of Mike Mackintosh seconded by Bob Henfrey. **CARRIED**

Business Arising

1. Progress of BMX Bike jumps – Gwyn invited Faye Rorke to inform members of the ongoing strong support for the project. She tabled a possible plan drawn up by ESHS Head Boy Lachy Stewart; additional letters of support from her, Rebecca Anderson, Chaplain and Terry Smith, Head of Health and Physical Education plus several offers of practical help from parents of riders, and a petition signed by dozens of users. Liz suggested care be taken to ensure the venue is family friendly which will encourage better behaviour due to the presence of other people and suggested we take the opportunity of upgrading skate Park as well. Megan tabled another petition with pages of signatures from riders. **Motion:** The association continues with plans for a BMX Bike Jump venue within the village of Mount Helena. **Moved** Megan Evans **seconded** Liz Gilead **Carried unanimously**

2. Mundaring Weir Village – Myles Harmer updated meeting and advised of the Substation design workshop being held at Harry Riseborough Pavilion, Tuesday 22nd march, 6-8pm at which he would again ask for a response to our critique of the Water Corp & Western Power decisions. (Since the meeting we have learnt that Western Power is looking again at their chosen site which is a hopeful sign.) Members were once again unanimous in their support for the Firewood Road site. Information is available at <http://savemundaringweirvillage.wordpress.com/>

3. Letterbox drop flyer – of 1200 flyers distributed we received 58 responses. When analysed the outcome was 21 favoured a permanent roof or sails and 37 favoured increasing the tree cover. The full synopsis is attached. Mike advised that the majority of folk they have spoken to in Pioneer Park (on their daily excursion to hand water the young trees) have, without any biased questioning, favoured the planting of more trees rather than the building of a roof. Liz advised that the children at Mt Helena Primary see 'The Elders' watering the trees daily. Bob objected on the grounds that 58 out of 1200 were not sufficient to make a decision. Malcolm commented that the result is representative of the wider community and the poll method is used by governments to gauge public opinion. Valerie commented on the apathy of the vast majority of the public and that only those who felt strongly on the matter would

bother to respond. Members acknowledge that this issue has currently been concluded in favour of trees. There is no doubt that the issue of a permanent roof over the playground will be revisited in the future.

4. Town Planning Scheme No 4 – a meeting has been arranged for **3.00 pm APRIL 1st** for our members to look at the recently released Town Planning Scheme No 4 and ask relevant questions. Alternatively, members can make their own appointment. The documents are available at <http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/ResidentServices/Planning/draftlps4/Pages/default.aspx> Megan advised she received a 'Letter to Owner' inviting them to a meeting 6.00 to 8.00pm on Monday 4th April about possible future subdivisions in the area of Bernard, Humerston and Lion Streets.

5. Clean Up Australia Day Sun 6th March – Hazel advised that 30 bags of rubbish were collected. Bottles and cans were the predominant items being picked up which had motivated her to write to the papers supporting a bottle refund policy. Alison advised that the GET UP political group is campaigning for a national policy of refund. **??? do I put in a link to Get Up's website?**

6. WA State Trail Bike Strategy - Gwyn reported that over 90 people attended the community forum on 1st March and most were very committed to doing whatever is required to ensure this important legislation is enacted. An article in Hills Gazette of 19th March states that an advisory committee has been appointed to investigate the legislation. Members gave unanimous support to a letter of support being sent. Individuals are also urged to send letters of support to the Premier and MP's.

7. Exercise equipment for PP – ongoing research

Correspondence

Inward

Bob Smith – Elsie Austin Reserve/Mt Helena Oval facilities

Letters of support for BMX jumps – Jared Kealley (Eastgate Youth Pastor); Mt Helena Primary P & C; Cr John Daw; Faye Rorke (EHSYS Officer); Kylie Webster (Brookwood Realty); John Dunning (Prin EHSYS) Danny Lynch Mt Helena Tavern, Jenny and Mike Mackintosh Friends of Lion Mill Creek, Jenny Mackintosh, Jane Brook Catchment Group, Cr Patrick Bertola, Eastern Hills SHS.

Shire - Invitation to Grant Information & Community Events session – Feb 9th attended by Gwyn

- Volunteers Bookkeeping Basics
- Volunteers First Aid Basics
- Local Planning TPS 4 CD and information
- Reply GEH Traffic management
- Invitation to Solar City Demonstration & Project Launch

Emails - request for suggestions re equipment required for Eastgate Youth group

- response from Heart foundation re exercise equipment – join a walking group
- response by Shire to drainage work near PP
- response form Discover Your Rivers Campaign
- response by Shire about maintenance of walk trails and skate park
- excerpt from Gidge Progress Assoc minutes re Western Power vegetation clearing
- Cr Bertola - TPS 4; Mt Helena Pool; Shire's Youth Plan
- various as required

Outward

Requests for support for BMX jumps – Mt Helena Primary School; and P & C; EHSYS; and P & C; Eastgate Church; and Youth Pastor; Mt Helena Snr Football Club; Mt Helena Tavern; Anne Lynch Conveyancing; Mt Helena Vet; Brookwood Realty; Mt Helena IGA; Mt Helena Post Office

Requests for responses to Firewood Road Site for WTP etc - Members of Water Treatment Plant Community Reference Group 8th March

Follow up request for responses as above to Water Corp and Western Power representatives – 17th March

Shire – Lee Roberts – thanks for Grant for graphic artwork

- CEO Jonathan – GEH Traffic management – request further median strip planting and another pedestrian crossing
- CEO Jonathan – Wards & Representation Review submission

Emails – Toni Burbage – PP and surrounding area

- Various as required

Business arising

Sec. to disseminate Western Power information

Letter of support to Bob Smith re the upgrade at Mt Helena oval

Suggestions for Jared Kealley (Eastgate Youth Pastor) – fundraising Sausage Sizzle, advertisements on Madisons Notice Board, in local papers and the Quokka

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Current cash position \$2560.88. Treasurer's report accepted. Moved Bob Henfrey seconded Liz Gilead **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion of continuing our membership of Curtin FM resulted in Myles sponsoring it again. **Motion:** That the various benefits available to us warrants the MHRRPA becoming a financial member of the Mundaring Arts Council at an annual cost of approximately \$35.00. The advantages include access to their facilities, advertising through their newsletter and active email list. **Moved** Liz Gilead and **seconded** Megan Evans **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion of a process for accounts to be paid rather than having to wait for the bi-monthly General Meetings for authorization for each one after they are received, resulted in the following **MOTION**

1. Whim Festival Committee meets & decides what is needed and from which supplier it is to be sourced. These decisions need to be passed on to all members of the Executive – currently Bob H, Jenny & Mike Mack, Malcolm, Mark, Valerie & Gwyn. Any concerns can be raised at this point.
2. Procurement follows and a commitment to pay on the supplier's terms – some are 7 days.
3. A cheque is raised and signed by two of our authorised signatories and the account is paid.
4. Ratification of payments which have been made will be carried out at the next general meeting.

Moved Valerie Jenner and **seconded** Malcolm Miller **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Festival Report – Gwyn circulated this year's Whim Festival brochure which was created collaboratively by Gwyn and KapowIt. Members were impressed by the finish achieved and the relatively low cost. Next meeting 7.30pm on Monday 28th March at Mounties.

REMEMBER: - SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS IN MIDLAND SUNDAY 1ST MAY.

Contact Gwyn on 9572 1447 if you can help or turn up to support the event by buying one.

Report from Executive members' meeting with Councillors – Gwyn and Val had a constructive meeting with Crs Bertola, Fox & Daw on 9th March and reported:

1. TPS4 will need careful consideration. (refer item 4 of Business arising from Minutes)
2. Ongoing problems of hooning (particularly at skate Park & PP) need to be reported EVERY TIME they occur to build up a picture so that police and shire can prove the need for extra resources.
3. Some of the Delegated Authorities from councillors to shire officers are being pulled back
4. Trial of Direct to Council initiative still in early stages. The councilors feel that decisions being made faster may help applicants, but not every councilor examines all the ramifications of an issue.
5. Crs urge a much wider community involvement and use of the facilities at the oval. (Possibly shift our meetings there when/if room suitable after upgrade completed.)
6. All parties are very keen to continue our informal meetings on a regular basis due to Crs inability to attend our formal general meetings due to shire commitments.

General Business

1. Lack of contact information on the notice board at Madisons IGA – Malcolm to investigate feasible options of adding our website and/or postal address to side or top of the board. (Update – Malcolm has ordered printing and logo to be placed on board.)

2. Bushfire Ready Groups – deferred to next meeting

3. Possibility of Mount Helena Aquatic Centre being available for public use in the mornings – letter of support

4. Members are urged to attend the Law & Order Community Forum being hosted by Frank Alban MLA, and including Rob Johnson Police Minister among the speakers. Being held on Tuesday 29th March, 10-11.30am at the Mundaring Hotel, Jacoby St. RSVP to 9296 7688

5. Membership Forms for 2011-12 year are now available (see attached). \$7.00 single or \$10.00 family subscriptions are due by May meeting.

6. All positions need to be re-nominated for the AGM. Gwyn and Valerie indicated their willingness to accept re-nomination for President and secretary respectively. **MUST HAVE A TREASURER** because Malcolm is unable to stand again.

7. In recognition of the possibility of unexpected disasters Valerie drew members' attention to the availability of services allowing for records to be stored electronically. Documents such as Birth, Qualification or Marriage Certificates, Passports etcetera can be extremely difficult to replace wherever in the world you are. Her personal recommendation is to contact Secure Sentinel on 1800 022 043 website <http://www.securesentinel.com.au> for details.

Next Meeting date - 7.30pm Monday 30th May 2011 at CWA Rooms, Keane St Mt Helena - our Annual General Meeting followed by a General Meeting. **(Schedule altered due to Secretary's absence.)**
Meeting closed - 9.55pm

FOLLOWING ARE THE MANY COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS RESIDENTS WROTE ON THEIR SURVEYS.

THANK YOU TO ALL PERSONS WHOM (SIC) ARE ACTIVE IN MAKING MT HELENA
A GREAT PLACE

MH POOL OPEN TO PUBLIC MORE OFTEN

PED CROSSING FROM PIONEER PARK TO IGA

CONTROLLED BURN EHSHS & PRIMARY SCHOOL LAND BORDERING KINGSWOOD ST

SKATE PARK DISGUSTING BAD BEHAVIOUR TO 4AM

WATER FOUNTAIN AT SKATE PARK -Doris Kiefer 0430 010 587 actioned by Stewart Winfield

FOOTPATHS IN OUTER AREAS

SIGNS ADVISING OF WILDLIFE – MANY BOBTAILS KILLED NEAR ALPS ST RESERVE

SPEED HUMPS IN KEANE ST EAST – DELI PATRONS & LION ST HOONS

SUGGESTIONS DIRECTLY RELATING TO PIONEER PARK & ENVIRONS

STATUE OF BRUCE MADDISON

SPEED HUMPS AROUND PARK TO STOP HOONING

MORE PLANE TREES AROUND BORDER OF PARK &

PROTECTORS AROUND TREES

CLEANING OF PLAYGROUND FROM BIRDS' POOP & OTHER LITTER

TREES FOR CLIMBING AS WELL AS SHADE

BASKETBALL HOOP (RETURN IT?)

REPLACE SAND WITH RUBBER

REPLACE SAND WITH CORK FLOOR

PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNGER KIDS

FITNESS EQUIPMENT – TEENAGERS & ADULT

RASP EDGE OF STONE RETAINING BLOX (??OVAL OR PP?)

ROADSIGNS – CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AHEAD ON ALL APPROACHES

PENALTY FOR LITTERING SIGNS

SCORING OF SURVEYS

1 - NEITHER WANTED BECAUSE PLAYGROUND SHOULD BE AT OTHER END OF PARK
AWAY FROM MAIN ROAD. LANGUAGE AT WEEKENDS (HOONS) AWFUL

1 – EITHER ROOF OR TREES

10 - TEMPORARY ROOF/SAILS UNTIL TREES GROW

2 - SHADE SAILS

18 - ROOF (INC CWA) 3 OF THOSE SPECIFY TIN ROOF

26 - TREES

TOTAL SURVEYS RETURNED = 56 + 2 via email

SYNOPSIS: 21 – PERMANENT ROOF OR SAILS

37 – TREES

Mount Helena Residents & Ratepayers Progress Assoc (Inc)



The MHRRPA constitutional aims are to “safeguard and promote the interests of the residents and ratepayers of the Area and to preserve the character of the Area and the surrounding countryside [and to be] apolitical and non-sectarian”.

In order to further these aims the association makes many representations, submissions and deputations to Federal, State and Local Government on behalf of the community of Mount Helena.

We need you to join us and to tell us what you would like for your community. You don't have to attend meetings (although we would like it if you did) – you don't have to go on the Committee (ditto – we are not getting any younger).

For the year from May 2011 to May 2012 membership is \$7.00 per person, or \$10.00 for a couple and the MHRRPA will keep you fully informed by public notices and via email about the business discussed and the results of those discussions.

If you would like to become a member please complete the expression of interest below and forward the completed form with your membership to The Treasurer, MHRRPA, PO Box 156, Mount Helena, 6082. If you wish to discuss any issues please call the Secretary on 0423 237 473 or email secretary@mthelena.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Clause 4. Membership Qualifications – all members of the Association shall be of equal status:

4.1 any residents or ratepayers aged eighteen (18) years or over in or around the 1988 postal boundaries of Mount Helena shall be eligible for membership.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Postal Address (if different):.....

Ph No:.....Email:.....

YES I would//NO I would not like to receive Minutes of General Meetings via this email.

Signature:.....

Date:.....

If my application is accepted I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association.