

BROWN HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Minutes April 20th 2021 at Brown Hill Hall at 7pm

Chairperson : Jason T

In Attendance; Bernie B , Kelsie , Ben ,Phil K, John O'B , Sarah G, Peter F, Brian G, Brendan S, Liz M , Andrew J, Hazen C, Andrea P, Sherene M
Apologies :Ron D, Rachel Z , Kelsie and Ben H

Previous Minutes: Read and acceptance moved John second Jason All in favor
Business arising from previous minutes : None

Correspondence In:

Phil Dermody- "How to live at home for longer" Info sessions
Invite to Memorial for Joy Bawden on Fri April 23rd
Inquiry from WIN News Sam Mills re Post Office situation
Hall committee- Covid registration update
Invite to participate in Ballarat Best Ideas online survey.
Request from Phil BCC for letter of support

Correspondance out

Thank you letter to Linda Shannon (Learn to Swim)
March 2021 Minutes
Response to Sam Mills
Letter of support to Phil Knowles /BCC

Business arising from Correspondence.
Forward Phil Dermody info to Senior Citz , Dianne Eden
Liz and John are attending Joy Bawden event
Acceptance moved Liz Seconded Sarah All in favor

Treasurer's Report: Andrea See attached report
Andrea moved -- BHPA get a limited Debit Card to use for online payments
Seconded Brendan All in favour
Phil --? Do we actually need a Post Box . Just paid for so Brendan will count the amount of useful mail that arrives in it over the next 12 months and assess before next year's renewal.

Report Moved Andrea second Hazen All in favor

Other Business:

Post Office Update. Over 500 signatures collected.

Old post office building now taken over for Lady and Kids Clothing, opening end of May
Brendan will put a letter together and send to Federal MP's as well as Community Liason persons for Aust Post. Win TV reporter Sam Mills has offered to weigh in but we will get some response first before getting big media involved. Aim to get a response before next meeting.

Phil –Auskick update. Start Friday April 23rd 5-6pm Currently 72 registered kids.
Volunteers from Cricket Club and Parent group.

Megan Wellman is the coordinator . Cricket Club will have hot and cold drinks, sausage sizzle and perhaps a Pot of Soup on future colder evenings. New weather proof blinds and kitchen and ground improvements will happen this week hopefully.

Also grounds were used by the Victorian Dog Agility group 2 weeks ago. They will hopefully become regular users over the next few months.

Sarah—Newsletter. Off to printer tomorrow night.

Our 30th Newsletter and 5th anniversary so a photo and congrats as lead story.

Delivery Teams still very strong. Advertisers consistent and covers costs.

Our Carbon –Neutral program is set up with “15 trees”. Cost \$990/year equivalent to planting 180 trees . Next edition early June

? What is BHPA focus project this coming financial year.

? Return of Festival- Covid uncertainty so hold off until 2022

Focus on Offlead dogpark. Brendan will seek info from Council and other parks what planning and moneys are available. Work towards Community involvement in project.

? Pool heating and improvements. Brendan will seek approximate costings from Pool Solar Heating companies to give us some scope of funding needed.

Brian will seek information re compliance issues

Get Council’s written commitment to allowing us to have events within Pool Grounds next summer.

Invite Council Representatives to respond to our last letter and set up special meeting .

Aim for Thursday 20th May at hall. Brendan and Hazen will work on agenda to present with invite .

Sarah will phone Peter Eddy and Belinda Coates to check if available.

Hazen : Fireaware Network 2020/21 report has been distributed.

Aim to get at least 2 more small clusters before next summer. Small clusters are easier to manage and small volume of information to be delivered. Hazen is currently gathering CFA updated printed flyers for upcoming fire season.

Brendan—resign from hall committee. Hazen will take up position. Big thanks

Discussion around moving meetings from Tuesday to another week night.

Jason moved we go to the 3rd Monday of each month second Hazen All in favour

Dates will be changed in Newsletter and on the Hub.

Round the table :

Andrew –BHPA should keep up to date on new Daycare Facilities and talk of shops in Water Street. He will try to keep info coming in.

John – How many Defibrillators are in Brown Hill and are they accessible ? Should BHPA set up one at the Caladonian School . Sherene pointed out all defibs should be registered so that Emergency Call Centres know where they are and can direct for assistance. Sherene will forward link to register devices.

Andrea: A big bunfight is brewing in our backyard with Ausnet above ground wiring proposed thru prime farm land around Clarkes Hill /Dean .

Sherene : The Yarrowee Creek is becoming increasingly overgrown with reeds and weeds. ? who can we get involved to manage this problem

Sarah : It is important for BHPA to maintain good working partnerships with Brown Hill Businesses and Schools etc. Perhaps we could invite these partners to meetings occasionally.

Meeting closed 9pm

Next meeting : Monday 17th May At the Brown Hill Hall.