

BROWN HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Minutes March 2nd 2021 at Brown Hill Hall at 7pm

Chairperson : Jason

In Attendance; Bernie B , Kelsie , Ben ,Phil K, John O'B , Sarah G, Peter F, Brian G, Brendan S, Liz M

Apologies :Ron D, Rachel Z, Andrew J, Hazen C

Previous Minutes: Read and acceptance moved Liz second Brian
Business arising from previous minutes :

Correspondence In:

Response Cr Amy Johnson—investigate and get back post our letter.

(No response as yet)

Hazen- Petition draft.

Invite to Ballarat Future Meeting plus amended invite post lockdown.

Nestboxes for Wildlife –Miles Geldard . Passed on to Yarrowee Landcare Group)

Copy of Letter to Council re poor pool performance—Carmel Goulding.

Hall Committee Meeting minutes Dec 2020

Amanda Wheeler-Research on Air Quality during fuel reduction burns. (Now on hold as dates of control burns is now uncertain)

Application for BHPA Membership—The Mouniers (Brendan moved for acceptance 2nd by Jason , All in favour. Secretary will invite and add them to our members list and email link)

Post Office enquiry Tim Britt ---(passed on to Andrew)

Phone inquiry from Nick Wright re Post Office (passed on to Andrew)

Correspondance out

Minutes from Feb meeting

Response (+ve) to BHCC and Phil for funding assistance (Phil will forward invoice)

Invite to Herath ? assist with committee/Newsletter

Nestbox Info forward to Yarrowee LandCare Group

Treasurer's Report: Andrea by text

Apologies for not being present from Andrea.

2 x repayments currently being processed.

Term deposit has also now been transferred to control of Andrea (new Treasurer)

BHPA Working A/C \$37K

Newsletter A/C \$4.3K

Term Deposit \$108K

Outgoing Treasurer Ron noted that several companies have been asked to hand back Covid Assistance monies received. Please be cautious and keep funds in reserve.

Moved Sarah second Peter

Business arising from Correspondence and Treasurers Report: None

Other Business:

Brendan—Petitions in 10 local Business for Post Office Campaign and will run until the end of March. Thanks Hazen for putting the form together.

!56 have already signed on the Hub

Summary of Council Meeting Futures Ballarat Conversation.

5 council Reps present with another survey to complete and to answer questions. Nothing really presented. 10-12 local residents turned up, 6 from BHPA

Belinda Coates asked re any response from our "issues" letter. None. She assured us that she will be in Natalie's ear tomorrow asking why not. Natalie is in charge of Dept. for Sporting facilities etc.

Matthew Wilson –Director of Community Wellbeing and an associate Bridgette

? Where is LAP from 4 years ago. Dead in the water. Ballarat Our Future replaces the old planning data and hopes to engage community along the way. BHPA reps expressed their frustration with lack of action from many hours and dollars involved in the LAP. They promise to be "doers" not "talkers". We will see.

Brian : Learned from Belinda that the current 3 councillor to a region of Ballarat system will be changing to a single councillor representing 9 smaller regions in 2024. As a group we will need to keep ahead of this boundary allocation as it will change our approach to dealing with council in the future.

Phil: reminded Belinda of BHCC needs for lighting and irrigation.

Sarah G Newsletter- last edition out and delivered thank you.

? whether the Newsletter should offset its environmental footprint by supporting tree planting with organization called "15 trees" Carbon neutrality would cost about \$1000/year. Think and get back at next meeting.

2 x new volunteer article authors have put their hand up.

Marg McKenna's history data will be handed to Brendan .

All volunteers (deliverers etc)need to be registered with BHPA to keep cover under our insurance for Public Liability. Sarah will produce and distribute.

Next Newsletter is Edition 30 (5 years) ? a celebration .

Caladonian School- Active April in the planning. Push for getting kids on bikes with confidence. Some support is being sought to fund 2 x training sessions for kids on bikes with "RECRANKED" organization. Cost approx. \$800. Lions and BHPA are being approached .

Round the table:

Phil: Auskick starts April 23rd and runs every Friday 5-6 for Term 2.

Lighting upgrade, work in clubroom to weather protect and get hot drinks etc plus new carpet at the nets end to allow kids to have a dryer area to play if wet weather soaks the grass.

John: Please write a thank you to Linda Shannon for Learn to Swim

? can we have a working bee to clean up rubbish and tree litter etc around the playground /creek area. Sandra Kennedy will let us know council permissions needed.

? Can BHPA look at putting Solar heating into the pool next season .

Liz: Uniting Church is donating \$1000 towards the lighting improvement work to be carried out at the Cricket Ground. Many thanks.

Jason: New café in Water Street should be open in mid April subject to completion of structural changes. They may operate from a caravan if not fully opened as all council permissions etc are in place.

Next meeting is to be pushed back to April 20th as school holidays and Easter will reduce attendance. All in favor

Meeting closed 9pm

Next meeting : Tuesday April 20th —7pm at Brown Hill Hall

At the Brown Hill Hall.