

## **BROWN HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes Tuesday Feb 14th at the Brown Hill Hall backroom

Opened at 7pm

Chairperson, Brendan

*In Attendance Brendan S, Ron D, Brian G, Phil K, Bernie B, John O'B, Hazen C, Liz M*

*Apologies: Sarah G Smith, Sherene M*

**Previous Minutes:** from Sept 2022 Read and acceptance moved Liz second John

All in favor

Note Nov 2022 and Jan 2023 meeting were not held due to Covid.

### **Correspondence In:**

Invoices for Sturm Software Engineering

Fastmail

Domain Registry

Friends of Canadian Corridor Newsletter

? Ben Harrup re Reserve update

Grants info from Catherine King

Invite to say Hi to Catherine King on Sat Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Whats on at Ballarat East Community House

BCC Community Impact Grant Program info

Bank Statements x 2 in mailbox

### **Correspondence out**

Xmas Dinner invite ( the Covid curse get together)

Apologies to people who came as guests to Nov Meeting

Request to change Meeting to Feb to committee members

Update of info on Community Business Register for Brown Hill Take Away

Correspondence acceptance moved Brendan seconded Ron All in favor

**Treasurers Report:** Ron Chq A/C approx \$25k with payments to Consumer Affairs, Xmas Meal, Sausages, Bread and Sauce for Parkrun BBQ

News Letter Working A/C \$1038 Term Investment \$109,453.38

Invoice for Fastmail 2 yr subscription Paid by Brendan, Ron to reimburse

Report Acceptance moved Ron seconded Brian

Business arising from Correspondence and Treasurers Report:

Term Investment will be up for reinvest soon. After discussion we will seek a higher interest return but will stick to Combank where all accounts are set up to minimize work for Treasurer and Sec .

### ***Other Business:***

**Sarah –Newsletter update** via Brendan . Sarah is resigning from role of Editor after this Feb Newsletter Firstly big thanks to Sarah for 7 years of hard work.

What to do ? Options

1. Is anyone on committee interested or know anyone who may be vaguely interested. Negative response
2. ? Drop the Newsletter altogether. Not if we can avoid it.
3. Advertise to fill Sarah's position in Feb Newsletter Will do but not hopeful as she has probably already asked everyone she can think of. Still run vacancy story and see
4. Include a 4 page Brown Hill section in the funded Ballarat East Newsletter and extend its coverage to include Brown Hill. Big loss of autonomy and lack of direct Brown Hill link. Not popular with those present.

Hazen ---Reduce the publication to a News sheet, only 1 page, double sided, produced on an irregular basis only when there is important information affecting the **whole** community that needs to be circulated. The same volunteer delivery team could be used; Guidelines for what is to be included would need to be strict. Someone to coordinate the logistics of such a print run and liaise with delivery team coordinators would be useful. With the loss of a Newsletter

the public needs to be steered towards the use of the Hub Website, Brown Hill Community Online and Brown Hill Notice Board Facebook pages. Regular community organisation contributors to the newsletter could be encouraged to place updates on the Hub.

Brendan will work with Hazen and Sarah on format of announcing Newsletter changes and positions in the last of Sarah's publication to go out in mid to late March

**School board update** . Brendan moved that Sarah Greenwood Smith remain as BHPA rep on the Caladonian School Board. Seconded Hazen All in favor

Brendan -- A Grant application to build a shelter over the picnic table at ParkRun Startpoint has been discussed with Parkrun organizers. It will need design, costing quotes and building permits so a long process. Brendan will continue to work with Parkrun people and keep moving forward.

In the meantime they need shelter for those very wet days for peoples clothing, phones and electronic stuff as well as paperwork needed. It could also be used by BHPA for events.

Brendan moved that BHPA purchase a collapsible gazebo that will be kept in the hall and pulled out for those few wet Saturday mornings. Seconded by Bernie. All in favor Phil will look into some pricing and let Brendan know.

Also it is Parkrun Wallaby Tracks 100<sup>th</sup> event on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Brendan moved we run another sausage sizzle to add to the celebration. Seconded Brian All in favor

Brendan -- Also spoke to Cr Peter Eddy this afternoon.

Brown Hill Reserve MasterPlan is being presented at Council Meeting tomorrow night by Mark Patterson Who looks after everything to do with Recreation and Reserves in Ballarat. The Councilors will discuss and work thru the plan and should have a final document to be ticked off by the following meeting in 3 weeks time. From there BHPA and community will be consulted .

Peter will contact Brendan to let him know how the meeting went by Friday and Brendan will email committee a summary on news received.

### **Round the Table:**

Liz-- Opened discussion on new Springs Rd 50 lot development.

Action- Objections can be placed on the City of Ballarat Planning website

Advise others that individual objections are necessary to carry the weight of numbers

John-- How do people know where defibrillators are ?

? signage outside venues where units are kept. (Brendan will ask council re this)

? are all units registered with Emergency Services ?

John moved that BHPA purchasea Private Mail Box in the new Post Office of Brown Hill.

Seconded Bernie All in favor Brendan will reserve a box and when our Bakery Hill box is up for renewal later in March/ April we can get sorted at Brown Hill PO.

Phil-- Auskick starts on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will again be popular

AFL Financial support not as broad this year.

BHCC is seeking grant assistance but may need some extra financial help to pay for mobile hire lighting and for some paid coordinators that help from the other football clubs.

Phil will get back after obtaining quotes and hearing about grant applications.

Bernie-- Good to see some wildlife back in Brown Hill with an Echidna and a "big Roo" over the last couple of weeks.

Liz-- Uniting Church has a Pancake Evening on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> , Fair /Carboot sale on March 25<sup>th</sup> and hopefully a Men's Breakfast on March 18th

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Next meeting : Tuesday April 11th —7pm At the Brown Hill Hall