

Minutes of the meeting held outside at Woodvale Hall on Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7:30pm.

The Woodvale Progress Association Inc. gratefully accepts the invitation of the Woodvale Hall Committee for the use of the Woodvale Community Hall for the purposes of conducting regular quarterly, and special community meetings, as required for the benefit of Woodvale.

Present: Kerry Errington (Chair), Brendan Bartlett, Stephen Kirkpatrick, Andrew Prentis, Malcolm Hall, Glenys Hall, Ken Stent, Lynda Newton.

Apologies: Nil

The meeting was opened by Kerry Errington at 7:45 pm.

Apologies were accepted: **Moved:** Malcolm Hall **Second:** Stephen Kirkpatrick **Carried**

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are on Dja Dja Wurrung Country of which the members and Elders and their ancestor are the Traditional Owners of this land and have been custodians for many centuries where they continue to perform age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated, via email and have been published on the Woodvale Community web site.

Business arising from minutes of previous meeting

Lynda has drafted a letter to the new Bendigo Mayor Cr. Jennifer Alden, congratulating her, raising issues regarding grass slashing, Woodvale community plan, evaporation ponds update, and requesting a meeting. Suggests enclosing a book for her.

Mal: suggests CC'ing it to the other Whipstick ward councilors.

Motion: to send the letter out (from Kerry as President) as presented by Lynda. Enclose a book for the Mayor. CC to other Whipstick Ward councilors (but without a book): **Moved:** Lynda Newton. **Seconded:** Glenys Hall. **Carried.**

Malcolm followed up about Community Reference Group (CRG) updates for the Bendigo Groundwater Project. The CRG chairperson will be attending our next online meeting with Jacinta Allan later in March.

Andrew and Ken arranged \$200 payment to Ray Wallace.

Corrections from previous minutes: From Ken that Ray is getting 10% not 20% of book sales. Also a typo 'been' not 'ben'

Moved: Lynda Newton **Second:** Malcolm Hall, that the minutes are accepted (with the above corrections). **Carried**

Correspondence

Inwards:

- Community update from Earth Resources Regulation regarding Woodvale Ponds. Sent to us via email and then posted with a cover letter from Jacinta Allan to all Woodvale residents by Jacinta Allan's office.

Outwards:

- Lynda sent a thankyou card to Bendigo Magazine for their article and assistance with promoting the book.

Moved: Ken Stent **Second:** Stephen Kirkpatrick, that correspondence be accepted **Carried**

Reports

Treasurers report - Andrew Prentis Cheque account. \$4222.37 petty cash \$162.20. Ken and Brendan have doing well selling books. Ken has been passing on cash which Andrew has been putting into the cheque account, two payments \$715.00 and \$1205.00. Fees from Etsy (minus Etsy fees) go directly into our account. Brendan has kept records on what he has been spending on postage and distributed a spreadsheet. Brendan has been reimbursed by the WPA for postage costs to date. Total book sales income: \$2714.71. Not received any transactions from Eaglehawk Eco Shop yet, Ken will follow it up.

Moved Andrew Prentis. **Seconded:** Lynda Newton, that the treasurers report is accepted. Carried.

Hall Committee – Stephen Kirkpatrick. Meeting a couple of weeks ago and discussed way forward with COVID and going through all the responsibilities. Hall very close to being hired out again with everything in place. Next meeting will discuss how ANZAC day service could go ahead.

Recreation Reserve – Kerry Errington. Since the last meeting, the announcement that they were successful for \$495,000 in funding for the phase 1 pavillion building works with the COVID stimulus package. That money is sitting with council. They are looking at going out to tender in around a months time, with scheduled construction to be complete by the end of 2021. Had a lot of interest for users of the grounds but quietened off a bit. Tennis club hosting Hot Shots and have stepped up their promotion, facebook page and website.

Fire Brigade – Malcolm Hall. Possibly busiest January ever. Train crash, a number of call outs, strike teams going out, a number of illegal burn offs. No major fires though. Couple of new members, starting training again. Elections next month.

Evaporation Ponds – Brendan Bartlett, Mal and Glenys Hall. Brendan gave an overview of the last meeting online with Jacinta Allan, Earth Resources staff, and representatives from the minister's office. As mentioned in correspondence, the community update was circulated. Still difficulties and hold-ups with no outcome yet from the Supreme Court hearing between GBM and the government, but we are happy that the government has reinstated dust monitoring at their own expense. Glenys: The dust monitor at their property was checked around 3 weeks ago. No one has done the tank water testing. No results yet. We will follow up on all this in our next online meeting with government reps later in March. Meetings going well, all happy with the format. Brief discussion about the news that a creditor of Kralcopic are perusing for the company to be wound up. Hearing regarding that is in a couple of weeks.

Groundwater Reference Group – Brendan Bartlett and Malcolm Hall. No meeting or update, but a Bendigo Groundwater Project representative will be attending our next online meeting with Jacinta Allan so we should have an update and report at the next meeting.

Clay target club - Glenn Woodhatch. Nil report, Glenn absent.

Website – Gary Davis. Nil Report, Gary Absent.

History book - Ken Stent.. Will discuss further in general business. Book sales as per financial report.

Moved: Malcolm Hall **Second:** Andrew Prentis., that reports be accepted . **Carried**

General Business.

Book Launch

Ken: Team still functioning. Ken, Lynda, Ray, Stephen, Brendan. COVID causing some difficulties regarding the launch. Lynda: Spoke recently to people in Library regarding the launch, they are still in the process of putting it together but held up due to COVID. We are still in the program, just a matter of when. Ken: Good promotion through 3556 Magazine, Bendigo Magazine, article in Bendigo Advertiser, Facebook promotion and our website. At the next Bendigo Historical Society meeting Friday 5th March, 2pm at Bendigo Tafe, Jim Evans will be doing a presentation on the Woodvale book and Ray and Ken will attend. Jim was booked for our launch that was canceled.

Brendan discussed about how the book bundle was removed due to expensive postage. It puts the weight into a higher postage category (over 500g) and was costing too much. All up if it was being posted beyond Bendigo area, the cost of the envelope, postage, and Etsy fees come to \$16.77, over half the cost of the bundle at \$30 incl postage. This was ok as a special Christmas offer though, and the listing is still on Etsy just not 'active' now so we can re-activate it later if we want.

Kerry: should we do another payment to Ray?. Discussion was had and all agreed we should pay Ray the remainder that we owe him. \$800 all up we will owe him. Ken has been paid back. All agree this is a good idea.

Motion: That the Woodvale Progress Association pay Ray Wallace the sum of \$800 which is remainder of the agreed 10% writers commission fee. **Moved:** Kerry Errington. **Seconded:** Ken. **Carried.**

Book sales are going well. Discussion as to weather we should increase (add postage) to etsy sales? Roughly the book postage costs are working out to \$6.68 local (Bendigo area) and \$10.18 for elsewhere within Australia. Suggestion from Andrew to add \$7 postage, we are then covered within the local area and still a bit of a loss further away. All agreed to proceed with this. We will revisit at next meeting.

Stephen is handling sales in some Eaglehawk shops and all is going well.

Community plan. Handed out the community plan and a brief discussion. Meeting outside and can't see as now dark. Kerry has some comments and thoughts she will email out to everyone and get feedback via email. Will have further discussion in the next meeting. Discussion will then be had about having the community plans designed, printed and on council website.

Lynda: The communtiy plan is perhaps missing a bit about funding. Grants. Need to look at availability of grants and funding.

Lynda: She will send around some info about grants we could consider. Solar neighbourhoods grant. Lynda will look into and send out an email and if anyone has any thoughts email Lynda back.

Kerry: Thanks Lynda for looking into and finding these opportunities, and look at adding into the community plan. There is a solar grant in process for the recreation reserve new pavilion.

Glenys: Gordons road has been straightened and safety improved. Cut down quite a few trees.

Meeting closed 8:57pm.

Next meeting 27th May 2021. 7:30pm at Woodvale Hall.