

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum General Meeting, held at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton St, St Georges Basin, 8.00 pm, Monday August 18, 2008

Welcome from new President: Rebecca Rudd resumed the Chair, extended thanks to the Basin Villages Forum, for service to the Shoalhaven & local community, and to herself in her role as Councillor, for the past 4.5 years.

Minutes of previous general meeting. Read to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Heritage Estates - submissions can still be made on this issue - deadline has not closed yet.

Federal Government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. This meeting on 14th August had been attended by Maureen Webb, who had made submissions on public transport, medical services, lack of infrastructure. As this is a House of Representatives program - Maureen's presentation will be recorded in Hansard.

Correspondence out

- Comment on Huskisson DCP 54.
- Email to Robert Sutherland requesting his attendance at Forum meeting.
- Email to Russ Pigg supporting the suggestion that Council convenes 1 meeting of all CCBs with Council early in the year with other meetings of Northern, Central and Southern Shoalhaven.
- Request to include the footpath leading from Basin View Retirement Village to shops in a priority listing for footpaths in the future.
- Shoalhaven Area Consultative Body suggesting we could be linked to Federal Govt agencies via email access and letting them know of internet web site.

Correspondence In

- Council Business Papers, Minutes and D/As for July/Aug
- Receipt of submission to DCP 57 Dual Occupancy Guidelines
- Notification that Forum can apply for operational funding subsidy of \$400 for hall hire.

- Letter from home owner over Forum comment re swimming pool application.
- Council re approval of swimming pool application
- Shelley Hancock re nominating a person(s) for 2008 Volunteer of The Year Award
- Council re nominating a worthy recipient for an Australia Day Award
- Council re Stationary Food Vans/Vehicles on existing service station sites Policy amendment
- Council re updating Community Information Directory after AGM notifying of any changes
- Council notifying Forum of closure of Mathie St, Basin View after representation from Forum on behalf of local residents.
- Council advising no results as yet with Huskisson DCP54 as all decision making has to be deferred until after council elections.
- Council re State of the Environment Survey.
- From NPWS – Copy of Draft Corramy State Conservation Area Management Plan for comment – due 27th October

Correspondence In and Out moved by David, 2nd Christine, to be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Credit Balance of \$314.69 in cheque account at 29th July 2008. Moved by Christine, 2nd by David, to be accepted. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Footpath from Masonic Retirement village to Basin View shops. Forum has sent letter to Council.

Section 94 Contributions Plan - Amendment No 96 - St Georges Basin Village Centre and Anson St extension: Kevin Dunne tabled a letter he'd received from Shoalhaven City Council, and requested clarification of its content. Cllr Rudd explained this issue further. Submissions regarding the Draft Plan can be lodged up to 24th September.

Public Transport:

Comment from Kevin Dunne regarding lack of this in the bay & basin area. Pam Wells summarised the public transport trial held in 2005 & 2006, largely co-ordinated by herself & Alvin Tracey, and its discontinuation because of lack of community use.

Traffic Issues:

Kevin & other affected residents had met with Cllr Paul Green regarding Voss/Yallara/Maxwell traffic issues. Mr Dunne had also received letter of support from Cllr Ward.

Cllr Green has requested copies of emails & letters from the Basin Villages Forum to Council, so that he can personally follow these up.

- Motion: Letter to be sent to Mr Robert Sutherland, requesting him to attend Forum meeting to answer questions on the specific above traffic issues, and provide results of traffic counts. Moved Rebecca Rudd, 2nd Ron Hansen.

NB: When Mr Sutherland speaks at the Forum meeting on the traffic issues, there are also questions regarding **public transport**, that he needs to be advised that he will need to bring information along with him, to provide answers.

“Wildlife Crossing” signs in the basin villages. There is a need in the Basin villages for many more “wildlife crossing” signs to be installed, as a warning to drivers. .e.g. kangaroo symbol.

- Motion put by Rowena Armgardt, 2nd by David Reynolds, that the Basin Villages Forum write to Shoalhaven City Council on this matter.

Alcohol-free Zones:

Motion put by Narelle Brown, 2nd Maureen Webb that the Forum write to Mr Pigg, Council General Manager, requesting clarification of the extent & enforceability of the alcohol-free zones in the Bay & Basin area.

Paul Bland Reserve Seat:

Maureen advised that Council has informed her that there will be one more seat installed at the Paul Bland reserve. Three have been installed. The Forum was originally advised that 5 would be installed. This advice has been amended that there will be one more only (totalling 4), situated near Anson Street, installed in the next financial year.

Heritage Estates:

A site of high ecological sensitivity. The Federal Govt has advised Shoalhaven City Council that

any development WILL impact upon threatened species, and therefore Council was required to do further environmental studies. Council’s report on the further studies conducted, is now available for public comment.

Erowal Bay, & Council meeting.

It is proposed that specified areas in Erowal Bay will be added to the Floodplain Management Plan. Consultants are currently in the process of assessing Erowal Bay, and will report to Council when their assessment is completed.

Funding for additional Police Station:

Narelle Brown tabled a letter she’d received from the office of Shelley Hancock, dated 15th August, advising of a public meeting to be held on 2nd September, at 6.00 pm at the St Georges Basin Country Club, regarding the need for the establishment of a new, fully manned, 24 hour/7 day a week police station in the Central Shoalhaven.

Urban expansion in the St Georges Basin area

Motion to record the status of this in Minutes: Notification that Council will be investigating the possibility of rezoning land at St Georges Basin from Rural to Residential to accommodate development. This land is marked in the Jervis Bay Settlement Strategy as "Future Urban Expansion" and is situated behind Anson St houses (now bushland) up to the By Pass road.

Tree Planting Day:

Motion put by Rebecca Rudd, that the Forum send letters to St Georges Basin School, and to Council, acknowledging & thanking them for their recent involvement in the Tree Planting Day event at the Links Reserve. Over the next few months, the Basin Villages Forum needs to identify other sites in the Basin area, to be nominated for the next Tree Planting Day event. Motion 2nd by Helga Augner.

Website:

Rebecca acknowledged and thanked David Reynolds & Christine Rigg for having set up the Basin Villages Forum’s website.

- Letter to be sent to Shoalhaven Internet Services, 11/53 Kinghorne Street, Nowra thanking them for their support in the form of free web hosting for the Forum’s website.

Thanks also recorded to “Laura’s Garden Cafe” for donation of raffle vegie box.

Meeting Closed 9.05