

# Minutes of Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin at 7.30 pm.

12 present. Apologies: Pam Wells. Maureen Webb. Olia Carwardine.

**Speaker: Dr Dugald Monro**, Adjunct Professional Associate in the Australian & New Zealand School of Govt Research Institute at Canberra University. Spoke on his project to assess citizen participation, consultation and involvement in Local Government. By undertaking a detailed case study the project should assist understanding the appropriateness and effectiveness of different methods of involving citizens in Local Government.

Minutes of Previous meeting read by David Reynolds. Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Blain/Linda Lilyman.

Matters arising: Adele reported on rabbit baiting course she'd attended. Calici baiting is scheduled for springtime.

## Correspondence In

- 1 Reply to letter re Pathways at SGB and Sanctuary Point School - presently prioritised at 149 and 229 respectively. (3rd April)
2. Overview of proceedings of March 23 meeting held between CCBs & Council prepared by Danny Wiggins
3. Report by Policy & Resources Committee (May 9) on SGB Soccer Field. Considering top dressing either \$35,000 or remove turf, top dress & replace turf (\$70,000)
4. Public exhibition of DCP 82 Amendment. Comment invited up to 7th June.
5. Proposal to make service lane behind Sanctuary Point shops ONE-way (West to East). Comments invited by June 21.
6. Community Strategic Plan (Attachment Folder for Ordinary Meeting 21st May)
7. Minutes of Council Meeting 23rd April - (see comments on Minutes)
8. World Environment Day brochure. Items in Policy & Resources Paper - ATTACHMENT FOLDER 9th May
  - (1) Community Strategic Plan
  - (2) Tree vandalism at Collingwood Beach - Council is considering placing banners where trees have been vandalised as present signage has not worked and vandalism continues. These banners will be more positive with School and community input but will also block views of people who may have vandalised trees on foreshore properties. The normal metal sign warning of fines etc will still be in place. This is a trial but could be utilised in all foreshore areas where tree vandalism occurs.
  - (3) Proposal to supply mulch free of charge to 'not for profit' organisations and residents being considered.

## Correspondence Out

Letters to Shoalhaven City Council;

- request for Speaker on road funding, priority & maintenance.
- Submission on SLEP
- Gravel on public footpaths, from private driveways – responsibility?

Moved & accepted, Judy Edward, Lindy Lilyman.

## General Business

**SLEP**: The Forum's submission to Shoalhaven City Council was read out to the meeting.

**Central Shoalhaven Natural Resources & floodplain Management Committee**. Maureen tendered her resignation as Forum's rep, at the last meeting of the CSNR. Basin Villages Forum formally nominated Chris Grounds to replace Maureen, as the BVF rep on this committee.

- Letter required, to Council advising of this.

Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rebecca, and Judy.

**Sanctuary Point Foreshore land** (previously in private ownership) is now owned Shoalhaven City Council.

- Letter required to Council, requesting this foreshore land have formal walking tracks installed, and have its natural values protected. Moved Rebecca, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tony Blain.

Judy Edwards requested Forum assist with publicity for community project in November, part of Recycling Week. Creations will be displayed at Masonic village. Judy will provide more concise information closer to the time.

**Coal seam gas**: Chair summarised the public meeting at Nowra last week.

**Repower Shoalhaven**: David spoke about a group in the process of setting up for the purpose of establishing community supported renewable energy projects. The aim of this group is to establish one or more host sites producing electricity from solar photovoltaic cells. The energy would be provided to the host at a rate which was economically beneficial to the host as well as providing a dividend to community investors.

The initial host being considered is a Shoalhaven City Council building as they fit much of the criteria, ie stable daytime power demand, able to undertake long term commitments and demonstrable community benefit.

Meeting closed. 9.00 pm