

Minutes of General Meeting of Basin Villages Forum, held 7.30 pm, at St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin, 19th April 2010.

Present: 17

Apologies: Clr Fergusson, Pam Wells, Jess Vincent.

Minutes of previous general meeting read by President, Rebecca Rudd.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Rowena reported that as per the LATM plan – speed humps have been installed in Vost, Maxwell, Elaine, Capeland, streets. Rowena thanked the Basin Villages Forum for its help in this issue. Signage at the junction of the bypass & The Wool Lane, is still not as the Forum has requested. Rowena will take photos & email to committee.

Fish cleaning table at John Williams Reserve. Council has responded to Forum's letter, stating they are aware of the maintenance & management problems with this facility and others at other boat ramps.

Blacket Park. Response received from Council.

Shoalhaven City Council budget presentation: 19th May 7.00 Huskisson Community Centre.

Minutes moved – David Reynolds, 2nd Rowena Armgardt. Carried.

Financial Report: Presented by Christine. \$851.04 in cheque account, \$3,190.83 in term deposit. Expenses since last meeting - \$79.50 for post office box rental; \$38.00 for domain name renewal. Income - \$16.00 vegie raffle. Nil debtors/creditors. Detailed report on file. Moved Peter Vincent, 2nd Judy Edwards.

Correspondence In and Out.

List was read out by Maureen Webb, Correspondence Secretary. Full detailed list of this correspondence has been posted on the Forum's website. Moved David, 2nd Peter Vincent.

Matters Arising from Correspondence:

Sanctuary point shops car park in Paradise Beach road: Forum committee is organising a media visit and will advise forum members of date & time.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tip update: DEC has responded to Shoalhaven City Council. Council has several queries on the DA. Applicant was given an extension of time to address the issues, and has submitted a new report. Council now will assess this, and then forward their report to DEC, which will then assess & respond back to Council. Council will make a 79C assessment. Then goes before NSW Joint Planning Panel.

Blacket Park: Letter required from Forum, to Shoalhaven City Council, in essence – “how will Council remediate the problems that have arisen from their recent works?”

Cockrow creek: discolouration – turbidity / pollution of the creek water. David rang Council, and was advised that many people have phoned in about it; Council has taken samples to be sent off for analysis, and physically checked the extent of the creek for obvious signs of the source of the problem. Council will advise the community, and the Forum, when it has results.

Skate Park: Sussex inlet application. Forum to write to Council regarding Council's consideration of funding of regional skate park at Sussex Inlet as a priority over the requests from Basin Villages Forum (for many years) for a skate facility to be constructed in the Bay/Basin area. Raise this issue also at the Huskisson budget meeting. Moved David Reynolds, 2nd Rowena Armgardt.

Malcolm More bike track at Basin View appears to be being assessed for upgrading.

Funding proposal, walk track between Harper Street & the Basin View boat ramp. Rebecca presented information on this. Adele Farrant moved. Judy Edwards 2nd.

Pittosporum removal at Bream Beach. Bream Beach does have a bush care group and has done some pittosporum removal. Any site must have a REF (Review of Environmental Factors). At this point in time S.C.C. has not given anybody in the Shoalhaven approval to remove pitto species, no REFs are in place, and it can only be done on council-managed land. Forum encourages its members who live in the Bream Beach area to liaise with the Bream Beach bush care group.

AVEO – roundabout / crossing access island - part of the traffic management associated with the retirement village. There is confusion regarding the location and the proposed construction. Clarification needed.

St Georges Basin school – parking. The Forum recommended that individual nearby residents should directly ring the school or Shoalhaven City Council regarding parking issues, and safety issues associated with school drop-off & pickup times.

Reserve name: The Forum committee proposes that the reserve at the end of the St Georges Road, behind the service station be named “The Grange Reserve”. There is historical significance to this proposed name. Moved Norm Webb 2nd Peter Vincent. All in support.

Bike path at St Georges Basin - now completed.

General maps: request from ‘floor’ that Forum committee organise production of general area maps, to use to point out areas being discussed, to assist members unfamiliar with the locations.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.