

Minutes of Basin Villages Forum Meeting; Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin. Commenced 7.30 pm

**Welcome:** Present: 20

Clr J Levett,

Candidates:

- Christine McInerney-Percy
- Paul Ell
- Fiona Cockraine
- Jo Warren
- Evan Christen.
- Moo Dath
- John Kotlash

**Apologies:** Narrell Brown

Minutes of July general meeting read out by Chair. (Aug, Sept & Oct cancelled)  
Moved Chris Grounds. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine McInerney-Percy

Matters Arising from Minutes: Nil

Financial report:

• Cheque ac	\$363.42
• Term Dep	<u>\$3,371.82</u>
Total	\$3,735.24

Moved David, 2<sup>nd</sup> Norm.

Correspondence list read out by Chair:

Matters arising:

**Tomerong Quarry:** is still a legal activity in that zoning; is an approved DA if someone wants to reactivate it. Waste material management is still unresolved.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Evan spoke on **Community Voices**.

**'Revitalise Sanctuary Point'**. About \$180K has been secured. Latest proposed designs have been approved; work could commence by the end of 2021.

**Village Green:** reclassification to '*Community*' has been passed. Sewer line will still go through the reserve, but it will go through the established garden &

path. Restoration by the developer is required. In 2022 the reclassification will be confirmed in LEP.

**Village Grove:** Runoff from its worksite is now entering St Georges Basin. This was reported to SCC & Scott Haylett inspected the site.

**Zombie DAs:**

"Moved by Maureen Webb & 2nd David, that Basin Villages Forum write to NSW State Govt Ministers Kean, David Shoebridge, Rob Stokes or other relevant parties, to lobby for clear-felling of all future developments to be banned, including those known as 'ZOMBIE' developments that do not at this time require updated environmental assessments. Passed unanimously.

**Old Wool Road/Bike Path:** proposed construction along/restoration of Old Wool Road walking trail, parallel to Wool Road/bypass. These works will transform the old degraded track into safe formed bike path with 20m buffer.

First \$15,000 in Shoalhaven City Council's budget has been allocated to assess the project. This will be followed by an application for a grant from Shoalhaven City Council for larger funding amount. This completed Heritage Track will connect Huskisson, Sanctuary Point & Basin View.

**Anson Street:** This issue is at the same stage as 6 months ago. Latest DA version not approved; DA has to be lodged with Council again. The Independent Planning Panel, may be involved as well.

**Community Champions:** Christine McInerney-Percy reported on the ABCD Training Course run by SCC. "Build 'champions' within your

community.” Covid had delayed the project, but it was now completed. Carolyn Ardler from Firefly was also involved. A survey was sent out asking for people’s priorities for the community.

Christine read out to the meeting, a list of the 9 most requested needs from the survey results.

**Netball courts:** At The Wool Lane Complex, St Georges Basin. These are in high need of repair. Asphalt is in poor condition. Before each practise, leaf blowers have to be used to clear smashed glass. Goal posts are frequently vandalised. The local team regularly trains there on 3 small courts. BVF Sec requested Christine McInerney-Percy to send draft letter & photos, so that Forum can send letter to Council on this issue.

#### REPORTS FROM CHRIS GROUNDS

##### **EROWAL BAY SHOP DA**

“The village community frustration with this DA approved by the Land & Environment Court has been canvassed previously in reports. It is noted that two development issues arise for attention. One is the very limited chance for effective community participation in the whole process that started with DA exhibition. The other concerns the disposition of developer contributions. No funds at all from the schedule accrued to the development site or village.”

##### **BHERWERRE WETLAND**

Kay Murray is now the Project Manager and supervisor of the site works. Progress on the site to date has been limited.

##### **CRUISE SHIPS IN J BAY**

Serious shared concerns with proposals to bring cruise ships into Jervis Bay, and thus the Jervis Bay Marine Park, led to the creation of a coalition of CCBs called

the JB Cruiseship Community Coalition, including BVF, which is researching the issue and preparing a report to be submitted in the consultation for the Draft Management Plan.

##### **Central Shoalhaven Coastland Management Committee**

This committee deals with the area from Callala Bay to Berrara and Draft Management Plans are being developed. Minutes of the few meetings that have occurred are on the Shoalhaven City Council Agenda & Minutes website. The issue of climate change, sea level rise and storm regimes being recognized in planning was raised at the last meeting.

Council now has a **Sustainability Officer** who would be good to meet and hear from in 2022.

#### REPORTS FROM PHIL BLACKMAN:

**Village Grove:** originally zoned Village /mixed use. Will now be 100% residential. Council now permits multiple dwellings in B4 zone. Currently Council has stated they have technical issues with the plan.

##### **Bay & Basin Community-Led strategic plan:**

This project had a representative from every CCB in the bay & basin area. Over 800 survey answers returned.

- Forum to send a letter regarding this Plan, to all candidates.

A member raised the issue of major clearing of the ‘Druce’ block, opposite the fire station on the Wool Road.

An **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation** assessment is urgently needed for this block. The forum member who raised this issue, was advised to write to Sussan Ley, Federal Environment Minister

Meeting Closed: 9.40