

Strathewen Community Renewal Association Inc.

Committee Meeting No. 8

Tuesday 18 August 2009

Community Centre, Bowden Spur Road Strathewen

MINUTES

ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE – 7:40 pm

Present:

Committee Members: Karl Apted, Mary Avola, David Brown, Malcolm Hackett, Peter Jenkinson, Peter McLennan, Steve Pascoe, Georgina Robertson Stecher, Bronwyn South, Denis Spooner

Ex-officio Members: Ben Pollard (Nillumbik Shire Council)

Apologies: Matthew Gravette

Visitors: None

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Georgina Robertson Stecher Seconded: Peter McLennan

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In:

None - other than offers of support (see below).

Correspondence Out:

None.

ITEM 4 OFFERS OF SUPPORT AND LEADS

New offers:

Definite offers

- **Centre Com** – Malcolm and Bronwyn met with Centre Com. They will provide us with a colour printer and unlimited ink, a multi-port card reader and assistance with the construction of our website. The company would like to establish an ongoing relationship with the community. Suggestions we have put to them include:
 - A home-based technology information evening.
 - An electronic white board, data projector and laptop.
 - Deals on laptops for community members.

New offers

- Youth worker from Nillumbik Community Health Service.

- Nillumbik Shire Council / Nillumbik Community Health Service have funding opportunities to work with children of different ages.
- The Tasmanian town, Ferntree, that went through bushfires in 1967, would like to be our sister town. David will get in touch with them.

We are getting offers of material aid. Offers will be placed on the website after we have verified their authenticity and know exactly what is included in the offer.

It was agreed that all unsolicited offers of professional help should be referred to the appropriate agency.

Follow up

- Malcolm asked Christine Nixon about temporary housing – she will get her staff to talk to us about the issue. Need to get a rebuilding survey out to people – include a material needs analysis.

ITEM 5 GOVERNANCE

5.1 Conflict of interest and confidentiality declarations

There are no conflict of interest or confidentiality declarations required by the meeting's business.

ITEM 6 CALENDAR

AUGUST	Tuesday 11	SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre
	Wednesday 12	Rob Gordon - Whittlesea
	Thursday 13	Nillumbik NRM Recovery Workgroup – St Andrews 10:00
		Soup night 6PM
	Friday 14	Footy night 6PM
	Sunday 16	Rebuilding forum "Power" - Arthurs Creek Hall 2-4 PM
	Monday 17	Building Sub-committee
	Tuesday 18	Jon Faine 8:30 - 12
		Centre Com visit (PM)
		SCRA Committee Meeting – Community Centre
	Thursday 20	Tennis Club AGM 7:30PM
		Soup night 6PM
	Friday 21	Footy night 6PM
	Sunday 23	Rebuilding forum "Materials" including earth wall construction – Arthurs Creek Hall 2 – 4 PM
	Tuesday 25	SCRA Committee Meeting
	Wednesday 26	Grace Knight evening at Bridges from 6PM
	Thursday 27	Soup night 6PM
	Friday 28	Footy night 6PM
	Saturday 29	'Will the bush come back?' environment walk Mittons Bridge Road 10 - 12
September		
	Wednesday 9	Dr Rob Gordon
	Thursday 17	Proposed Technology information night in conjunction with soup
October:	Saturday 10	Jockleberry Farm astronomy evening
	Sunday 25	Practically Green seminar

ITEM 7 Finances

Profit & Loss Statement		
1/07/2009 through 18/08/2009		
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Income		
Grants		
Grants Nillumbik Shire	\$10,000.00	
Donations		\$18,628.45
Miscellaneous Income		\$150.00
Total Income		<u>\$28,778.45</u>
Cost of Sales		
Gross Profit		<u>\$28,778.45</u>
Expenses		
Community Centre Supplies		\$60.41
Event catering		\$1,020.98
Dues & Subscriptions		\$68.18
Insurance		\$1,275.08
Legal Fees		\$116.90
Postage		\$254.91
Stationery		\$42.33
SMS service		\$97.25
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,936.04</u>
Operating Profit		<u>\$25,842.41</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Profit / (Loss)		<u>\$25,842.41</u>

Balance Sheet		
As of 18/08/2009		
20/08/2009		
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Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Cheque Account	\$26,665.35	
Total Cash On Hand		<u>\$26,665.35</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>\$26,665.35</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$26,665.35</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$1,015.00	
GST Paid	-\$192.06	
Total GST Liabilities		<u>\$822.94</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$822.94</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$822.94</u>
Net Assets		<u>\$25,842.41</u>
Equity		
Current Year Earnings		<u>\$25,842.41</u>
Total Equity		<u>\$25,842.41</u>

ITEM 8 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Communications and engagement

Newsletter – 8.5 pages. Will be ready for distribution tomorrow (Wednesday).

8.2 Fund raising and Grants

\$10,000 left in winter warmers.

David is speaking to VBRRA about grant opportunities. VBRRA will not be involved in bulk purchasing. Suggest contact Liezl from CFA to see what they can do. Bunnings are open to such approaches from bushfire communities.

BlueSteel has made a donation in kind - \$600,000 in sheds to be distributed by VBRRA to communities. We should try to access a shed to place at Community Centre.

A number of companies and charitable organisations are waiting for the Bushfire Recovery Plan to help determine distribution of funds and in-kind donations.

Steve has done some costings on winter warmer infrastructure monies.

- Children's playground with fencing would be around \$15,000. We could probably get donations for equipment. There is funding around for playgroups. Need to put up a proposal before we can finalise costs. Will need to check with Nillumbik Shire Council about insurance implications.
- Dishwasher, hot water service, patio heaters etc.
- Presentation wish list – PA system, projector, screen, electronic whiteboard will remain in our costing while we see how much support Centre Com can provide.

Meeting with FRRR and Bendigo Bank to understand better what they can do.

Changes to the tax law have provided limited advantage to the Association.

8.3 Resident Support

No meeting last week. Members attended Dr Rob Gordon's meeting in Whittlesea. He is already booked to come to Strathewen on September 9th.

\$1,000 for Childrens' Week. Possible family day in October.

Surveys – 50 responses so far.

Proposed snow trip – estimated price for group of 40 is \$7,500.

CentreCare (Catholic Church) are happy to work with us for 2-3 years. Peter M will meet with them tomorrow.

8.4 Operations and Community Maintenance

Community Centre phone numbers enabled. We need to verify whose name the service is registered in.

8.5 Building Facilitation

Power Forum attended by approx 28 people.

Next forum on Sunday is on Building Materials.

Develop a survey. Karl & Malcolm.

Suppliers are asking for details of what they can offer. Reliant on builder to pass on savings that are made.

8.6 Environment

Sub-committee to be expanded. Kylee and Mathew have joined us.

Nillumbik Environment Recovery Group – the Terms of Reference should not include gardening. This will be supported as a separate interest group.

Fencing trailer – will be registered by Strathewen Landcare. Steve be in charge of purchasing the contents.

8.7 Disbursement of Funds

Nothing to report.

8.8 Nillumbik report (Ben Pollard)

DHS has delivered toilets. Not yet plumbed.

DHS are arranging a cleaner.

Blocked sink has been fixed.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Community Vision

The workshops showed some strong common vision:

- Strong value of community, environment, peace and quiet.
- Large number of people wanted safe roads and a safe environment.
- Common issues in relation to hall and school.

Malcolm and Steve will quantify the results and generate some broad vision statements.

The first step is to list which infrastructure we may have some control over.

INFRASTRUCTURE

An overriding principle is that all venues are 'friendly' for all age groups.

Community Hall – for example, functions vs activities

- Art Studio
- Playgroup
- Heritage – space and storage
- Community group space
- Public toilets
- Performance stage and change rooms
- Car park

Memorial

- Chapel
- Labrynth
- Tree

Oval – activity based

- Playground
- BBQ area

- Tennis Courts
- Cricket/sport pavilion
- Bolle/croquet
- Public toilets
- Mens shed - Large community creative space
- Half-court

Broadband

Footpaths/trails

School – its location and design can be assumed to be fixed.

- Buildings all on middle tier. Flat area at old tennis court.
- Multi-purpose facility available for all community after hours
- Could build another multi-purpose space at/near the school

Roads – safe roads

The meeting was closed at **10:55 pm**