

AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2012

MINUTES

1. WELCOME / PRESENT

Barbara Fletcher welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Libby Mears, Simon Northeast, Rose Hodge, Dr Geoffrey Wescott, AIDA Committee members and local residents. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Brian McKiterick (Mayor), Libby Coker (Councillor), Angela Berry, Mark Drefus, Ros and Tim Gibson, Charlotte Allen and Peter McPhee and Frieda Waschmann

3. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the AGM on 14/1/2011 were distributed at the meeting.

“Motion to accept the minutes of the AGM on 14/1/2011”

Proposed by Mary-Jane Gething

Seconded by Barbara Leavesley

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President’s Report for 2010 which was presented at the AGM on 14/1/2011 was distributed at the meeting.

Barbara Fletcher presented the President’s Report for 2011 (see attached)

No questions were asked

5. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2011 Financial Report was distributed at the meeting.

Ian Godfrey presented the Financial Report.

“Motion to accept the Financial Report”

Proposed by Ian Godfrey

Seconded by Rachel Faggeter

Questions:

Guy Tuddenham asked if money has been put aside for the questionnaire.

Ian Godfrey advised that this had not been a cost for 2011, but may be in 2012.

Lachlan Richardson noted that a major item of expenditure was for the lapel pins which AIDA has not had before.

Ian Godfrey advised that it is a new expenditure item and the pins were a symbol of loyalty for being a member of AIDA.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2012

The following nominations have been received for positions on the Committee:

President: Barbara Fletcher

Vice President: Frieda Wachsmann

Secretary: Anne Porter
Treasurer: Ian Godfrey
Committee Members: Roger Clifton
Annette Comte
Mary-Jane Gething
Gary Johnson
Barbara Leavesley
Peter McPhee
Angela Berry
Leonard Kelly

7. PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLORS

LIBBY MEARS (LM)

Wanted to talk about the focus for this year and her vision. LM acknowledged the meetings with AIDA which helped to ensure an understanding of on-going issues. LM acknowledged the work of AIDA and its views that can be seen as representing a broad range of views in the community.

LM reported that there has been a \$250,000 investment in the new SCS premises to help the community. LM, Libby Coker (LC) and Simon Northeast (SN) are busy representing the Aireys Inlet community. They supported the upgrade of the Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club and the SCS has invested \$250,000 in the redevelopment of the Club for year round use by the community.

SIMON NORTHEAST (SN)

SN advised that the main issues facing the SCS this year were:

- Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club redevelopment
- Precinct 2 Special Charge Scheme
- Long bay parking in the Lighthouse Precinct
- Future of the Painkalac Valley
- Parking at the Top and Bottom Shops

QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCILLORS

Lachlan Richardson

Questioned why the SCS has decided to eliminate long vehicle parking and reduce car parking at Steppe Beach. Thought the position regarding parking was dangerous at Steppe Beach. Asked if the Council would be prepared to reconsider its plans for car parking at Steppe Beach.

LM advised that the Council was not prepared to reconsider the plans for car parking and that it is necessary to differentiate between the needs of the local community and tourists.

SN advised that we could expect more tourists with the opening of the Tourist Centre at Loch Ard Gorge. However, there is a need to look after the area and the Council is concerned about having a car park on the edge of a cliff. The SCS will not change its mind on this issue.

LM noted that there are concerns about keeping the footprint and that it is not possible to build infrastructure to meet all of the needs of the community and tourists.

Gary Johnson

Asked if the Council had received any direct application for a proposal for the use of the John Allen land.

LM advised that a couple of local community members were negotiating with John Allen with the potential option of using the land for a sporting facility.

SN received a letter dated 19/12/11 in relation to a proposal to use the land. There is a Council briefing next Wednesday following which it will be possible to update people on the proposal.

Barry Schofield (BS)

Drew attention to the loading areas times from 8 to 10 am at the top shops. Advised that this amount of time does not allow sufficient time for trucks to make use of unloading goods and that cars often use this space. BS considered that there should be a place for the trucks to park and deliver goods.

LM advised that she would talk to Council about the matter.

Les Wridgeway

Asked why Council has not considered fully the use of the valley as a natural reserve and not to be used for sporting facilities.

LM advised that the Council did consider it as a wet land reserve/walking track area. The valley is an on-going story and the discussion is similar to the Bellbrae Reserve. The future of the valley will be up for discussion again.

Mark Bean

Asked if the blocks that are for sale at the moment are to be included in the proposal for the valley land.

LM advised that 3 ten acre blocks are for sale and an 80 acre block is for sale.

SN advised that representatives from Aireys Inlet met with Mr Allen and with some Council representatives and had discussions with Frank Costa to discuss the possibilities for the valley land. Mr Allen put a proposal in writing which will be discussed by Council at its next meeting on Wednesday night.

Guy Tuddenham (GT)

Advised that he had been a strong objector to the Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club proposal following his long association with the Foreshore Coastal Committee. He said that the Club sits on a sand dune and further drilling has revealed no rock. In order to make the new Club safe, it will be necessary to erect 52 pillars 13 metres below the basement level of the Clubhouse. GT thinks that there is no alternative place for the Club and that the development is being handled as best as possible. He commented that with the current issues of sea level rises and erosion, there are still potential problems for the development.

LM thanked GT for his contributions to the Club.

Jack Lawlor (JL)

Asked if there was any objection to lowering the speed limit to 30 kmh in River Road to avoid the potential for road accidents.

LM thought it was a good suggestion. She will raise this with Council and it may be possible to trial the reduced speed limit.

JL brought up the topic of walkways through the reserve. Advised that it was difficult to get through the reserve via fences, etc and asked if it was possible for it to be opened up to allow people to get through.

LM advised that it is private land and that Council had very little opportunity to do anything.

Margaret McDonald

Advised that there had been similar reduced speed signage at Moggs Creek, but the signage had disappeared. VicRoads advised that it was illegal.

Vicki McKay

Asked if there would be consultation with the community regarding long bay parking on the Great Ocean Road.

LM advised that it was requested that an extra month be given for objections, which was not accepted. The first briefing will be next week to discuss responses from the community. Plans may need to be changed and further thinking to take place on the proposals. Council will need to work with the developers about the design. LM would like to hear thoughts about the process. LM thought that Council needed to continue with conversations and revise the plans according to comments from the community. LM was not sure of the best way to consult with the community, but thought that multiple methods were required to communicate with the community, such as email, via the website and via AIDA.

Don Allen

Asked about a reduced speed limit for roads in Moggs Creek, particularly Moggs Creek West, where the roads are not sealed. Thought that 25 kmh would save the Council money regarding the grading of roads.

LM advised that she would speak with the Council

Maree Coote

Advised that she was not happy about the charge of \$21,000 for Beach Road paths and sealing. She requested an extension on the date for objections as some people would not have received letters from the Council. She advised that the letters from the Council do not explain that unless 50% of objections are required, the works will proceed.

SN advised that the Council is a long way behind in infrastructure and uses the Special Charge Scheme to catch up. Council agreed to the Scheme at its November meeting. It cannot afford to pay for roads, drainage and footpaths. In 2005 Aireys Inlet wanted infrastructure. Submissions are due by 9/2/12. SN will talk to Council about extending the date. He advised that according to the Local Government Act, if 50% of 355 property owners oppose the Special Charge Scheme, it cannot go ahead. He advised that if you do not submit an objection, then it is considered that you support the scheme.

LM advised that she was involved with Fairhaven and Precincts 1 and 2. Thought that some infrastructure was important and some other was not necessary.

Rose Hodge advised residents to send their emails to all Councillors and not just to the Aireys Inlet Councillors.

Barbara Fletcher thanked Libby Mears and Simon Northeast for their on-going appearances at the AIDA AGMs.

8. QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

Guy Tuddenham advised that his neighbours noted that the CFA sign at Anglesea was showing a "Code Red" this week. To be mentioned to Dave Morton.

9. CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President closed the Annual General Meeting at 8.40 pm

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

11. SPEAKER

Presentation by Dr Geoffrey Wescott

12. Light refreshments were served following the presentation