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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 10 May 2012 in the Taroom Community Hall.

Present: Jill Hickie (President, Chair), Dal Andrews, Damien Develin, Tony Hughson, Alison Phillips, Sally Port, Roger Kellaway (Secretary).

Apologies: Mel Fletcher.

Delegation re Nightingale Avenue Development:

Three members of the ad hoc resident's group (Libby Davies, John Brooker, Julie McConey) attended the meeting to discuss the proposed subdivision of a large block in the gully below Nightingale Avenue. The current status of the project was not known. The 'for sale' sign had been removed as had the numerous 'no units' signs along Nightingale Avenue. However, the former was due to vandalism of the sign and the latter had been demanded by the Council under threats of prosecution. Some years ago, the TCA had objected to a proposal to subdivide the gully into a number of blocks. A developer then acquired the land and erected two houses and wants to put in more. According to a private planner's report, the block would be large enough for 30 units though 12 would be a more likely number.

No development application has been submitted to Council which means that a watching brief is all that can be done at this time. The block has significant environmental values as a corridor for native fauna and has obvious issues with access, slope and drainage that would make development difficult.

The delegation then withdrew.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 29 March 2012 were approved. Moved Dal Andrews/Damien Develin.

Correspondence: in

1. From Sue Tooth providing file of data on the Nightingale Avenue block.
2. From Kingborough Council re the new policy on rates and charges. Seeks comments by July 6th. A quick scrutiny of the document showed nothing out of the ordinary.
3. From various persons re the Vodaphone tower.
4. From the 'Earn your Stars' microgrant re conditions of grant.

Business Arising/General Business:

1. *Sustainability in Taroom*. About 50 people attended the highly successful "Gardening with Costa" day in the Taroom Hall and Neighbourhood Garden. David Stephens (local compost guru) and Chris Harries (Dyrnyne Sustainability Group) also spoke at the meeting. Sally Port has been in contact with Paul Healey who has proposed 16 June as a possible date for a presentation on keeping backward fowls. This would allow him to be paid before the end of the financial year as per the revised conditions of the microgrant. Mr Healey charges \$600 for a presentation of this type which is within budget. There are, however, queries over whether the current insurance cover for the Neighbourhood Garden would be

adequate for this type of event, and about the timely arrival of an invoice from Costa.

The meeting discussed options for advertising the Healey event via posters, school newsletters, and various community email lists.

2. *Phone Towers.* The proposal for a tower at the end of Stewart Crescent has been withdrawn. However, Vodaphone is still looking for a site while Optus is currently looking at the top of Oakleigh Avenue. It is suggested that a working group of Tarooma residents plus Council consider possible minimal impact sites to suggest to the phone companies prior to the next proposal. It is also suggested that the community contacts all senators from Tasmania to gain their support for Senator Brown's bill that will demand community input into tower location.
3. *Meeting TCA with Matt Groom.* Roger Kellaway and Dal Andrews meet with Matt Groom (MLA Denison) to discuss Tarooma issues in an informal manner. Topics covered included possible Council amalgamations, the philosophy of the new planning scheme, better management of Crown Land, and the need for better coordination between the Education Department and Metro over school buses.
4. *Tarooma Village.* Dal Andrews has now seen the existing masterplan. It was interesting to see where they had got to in planning before the scheme came unstuck.
5. *Newsletter.* Andrea Woodward will be required at the next meeting to discuss preparation of the next newsletter. We will need to think about printing owing to the probable absence of Tony Hughson.
6. *ANZAC Day.* A large crowd of 300+ attended the Dawn Service at the Tarooma Cenotaph.
7. *Tarooma Business Directory.* At the suggestion of Tony Hughson, it was agreed to proceed with the production of the 'Business in Tarooma' booklet. The committee will need to look for a person to manage the project and for a designer.
8. *Kingborough Community Council Forum.* Roger Kellaway to attend the forthcoming AGM of the Kingborough Community Council Forum.
9. *Tarooma Beach.* Dal Andrew noted that the discolouration of the beach at the creek outlet after rainstorms required investigation. Damian Develin to follow up.
10. *Sewage treatment Plant.* Damian Develin reported that the replacement of the Tarooma sewage treatment plant has been scheduled for FY2012/13. TASSGAS has agreed to co-locate in the new pipeline. It was noted that the TCA will need to monitor the landscaping of the site and to ensure that the pump station has backup capacity to cover a power failure that could otherwise cause an overflow.
11. *Landslip.* There is concern at the school about the sewer pipeline running through a landslip zone. The pipe will be made of reinforced plastic that should be flexible enough to handle any expected movement in the slip area.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer informed the meeting that we currently have \$2,327 in the bank. This sum includes the EYS grant of \$1,032. TCA funds are \$1,295.

The meeting approved the payment of the following accounts: Picnic Basket \$200, Hall Committee \$30, refund tea/coffee \$30, ANZAC Wreath \$40, Chris Harries \$120, David Stephens \$50. No account has been received as yet from Costa.

*Next Meeting: Committee Meeting on Thursday, 7 June 2012
in the Tarooma Hall*