

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION inc.

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 June 2013 in the Taroom Community Cottage.

Present: Jill Hickie (President, Chair), Dal Andrews, Damien Devlin, Tony Hughson, Hazel Walsh, Alison Philips, Roger Kellaway (acting as Secretary for this meeting)

Apologies: Janette Power, Liz Hayward.

Minutes:

Moved Jill Hickie/Damien Devlin that the minutes of the meeting held on 09 May 2013 be approved subject to the removal of the duplicate appearance of Hazel Walsh in the list of attendees. Carried.

Correspondence:

1. Several emails had been received from Justin Merrigan of Southern Water re the imminent construction of the sewage pipeline from Crayfish Point to Lower Sandy Bay. Jill Hickie replied with copy to Kingborough Council. See 'Business Arising' for details.

Business Arising/General Business:

1. *Taroom Sewerage Redevelopment.* Jill Hickie expressed her disappointment about the level of community consultation undertaken by Southern Water. The letter, which should have been sent to all Taroom residents, went only to those with frontage along the pipeline. Others were supposed to read the letter in the public notices columns of the *Mercury*. The proposed community meeting fell through as it was scheduled for the day work was scheduled to begin.

Jill Hickie has met with the contractors. They have done their best to avoid any damage to the bushland values of the parkland between the High School and Karingal court. Some concern was expressed during the meeting that various bodies not known to have good communications might have problems maintaining access to the foreshore before and during the redevelopment. Jill assured the committee that Tony Ferrier of the Kingborough Council was aware of the situation and would monitor developments closely.

It was noted that only Tasgas had expressed any interest in co-location with the sewer pipe but that they felt that the fee was excessive. Southern Water thought it to be only 25% of what it would have cost Tasgas to construct their own line.

It was agreed that the TCA should focus our efforts on issues related to the foreshore, especially access, remediation and improvement.

1. *Letter to Bea Lawrence.* Still to be done.

2. *Mobile Phone Towers.* To be discussed later in the year
3. *Newsletter.* The newsletter needs to be out by late July. Liz Haywood to be contacted re access to the list current contact list for community groups.
4. *Taroona Primary.* The school is trying to get a formal pedestrian crossing at the Channel Highway bus stop. DIER has a policy not to allow crosswalks. Other options such as an overpass or underpass would be very expensive.
5. *Bonnet Hill Resident's Group.* A new group has been formed to represent the residents of Bonnet Hill. Jill Hickie has invited them to put something in the Taroona Newsletter.
6. *Kingborough Community Consultative Forum A.* The former site Kingston High School was discussed at length as its development will shape the future of the CBD over the next 50 to 60 years. Council and State government have still not resolved the ownership of the site.
7. *Kingborough Community Consultative Forum B.* The Interim Planning Scheme has been released. We need to have a look at how it will impact on Taroona. Dal Andrews to follow up.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer informed the meeting that we currently have \$1,330 in the bank. There are no outstanding liabilities at this point in time.

Tony Hughson has discussed our situation with a person well informed about insurance matters. It was recommended that (i) we consider an annual policy rather than a one-off policy for each event and (ii) that we link into an existing policy (the library was one suggestion) rather than obtain a new one.

Other Business:

1. *Walking track development.* It has been suggested that a bridge should be built across the gully separating Flinders Esplanade North from Karingal Court. This would be especially useful for students walking to school as it would provide a much quieter route than along the Channel Highway and a much more user friendly passage especially when the tide is up than the current deviation down to the shoreline.
2. *IMAS at Crayfish Point.* It was strongly suggested that somebody from Southern Water should attend any meeting between IMAS and the TCA to consider the future of the current sewage treatment plant/walking track. Their role would be to keep the discussion practical.

*Next Meeting: Committee Meeting on Thursday, 11 July 2013
in the Taroona Hall/Community Cottage.*

Note that the date has reverted to this Thursday, 4 July