

## **TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION inc.**

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 2 February 2012 in the Tarooma Community Hall.

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

**Apologies:** Melanie Fletcher, Sally Port.

### **Delegation re closure of footpath:**

Four persons from the Flinders Esplanade North area (Tim Sprod, Margaret Clougher, Maura Mongan and Anna Majdanska) attended the meeting to discuss the closure of the coastal footpath between Utiakah Drive and Flinders Esplanade. The path was located mainly on Crown Land but the point of main concern had been the steps located on Council land. Council didn't have the money to upgrade the steps and make other improvements elsewhere along the track. Crown and Council then decided to close the entire track.

Residents had prepared a petition that currently had over 400 signatures protesting against the closure of the track. This track had originally been developed when the land had been owned by St Joseph's Orphanage. Subsequent subdivision had seen the track alignment included in the new foreshore reserve. It had been used for years without problems although the steps were acknowledged as substandard.

The Tarooma Community Association agreed to:

- to send a letter to Council (Jill Hickie)
- to arrange a meeting with Paul West, the GM of Kingborough Council (Jill Hickie)
- to publish information about the issue in the forthcoming newsletter.

The delegation then withdrew.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 1 December 2011 were approved. Moved Tony Hughson/Dal Andrews.

**Correspondence: in** - not formally covered.

**Correspondence: Out** - not formally covered.

### **Business Arising/General Business:**

1. *Mobile Phone Towers.* Tarooma has poor mobile phone reception and needs a new tower to cover some black spots and to cater for increasing demand for data transmission. Apparently, the best site was in the Tarooma Reserve as it would cover the black spots located along the foreshore. This location had been rejected by the community. Tower locations higher up the ridge were not viable as they would continue to miss covering pockets along the coastline. Consequently, Vodaphone wished to sound out the community regarding a possible site at the top end of Stewart Road. The tower will be 19

m in height. Any attempt to located Telstra and Optus transmitters at the same site would increase the height of the tower. A meeting involving a cherry picker to model the visual impact of the tower went well, though Vodaphone was told that distance to local residences and to the primary school would inevitably raise public concerns. Vodaphone was invited to use the newsletter to announce their proposal and urged to consult with the community, especially the schools, as widely as possible.

2. *New Member of Committee.* It was mover Tony Huighson/seconded Jill Hickie that Damian Develin be co-opted to the committee for 2012. Agreed.
3. *Minutes/Agenda.* It was agreed that the agenda for committee meetings and the minutes of meetings (once approved) would appear on the Tarooma website.
4. *Bakery.* The Bakery has been leased by new operators (Simon Lyons and Kelly Vovel). They have plans to change the internal decore, improve the outside appearance of the building and will alter the range of baked goods available.
5. *Lounge Bar.* The Tarooma Lounge Bar has been sold. It is currently in the transition stage though the new owners do not intend to make any significant changes.
6. *Library.* The TCA will need to consult the Library re its financial future. In particular, to explore various strategies to increase memberships or to obtain grant funding.
7. *Micro-grant.* The micro-grant balance of \$1,400 has to be spent by April unless the granting body agrees to an extension. The March workshop on the theme of "Eat well-grow well" will need some finance and clearly fits within the framework of the grant. A proposal to use some of the grant to print a listing of community organisations and businesses will require approval by the granting body. Jill Hickie to investigate.
8. *Newsletter.* There will be four newsletters yearly (February, May, August and November). The current newsletter will be printed on 21/22 February and distributed on the weekend of 25/26 February.
9. *Transition Towns.* There will be a talk on transition towns in Kingborough on 8 February at the Kingborough Sports Centre.
10. *Twilight Food Exchange.* A food exchange is held monthly (4<sup>th</sup> Friday) at the Kingbough Community Garden.
11. *Community Grants.* Council provided grants of up to \$5,000 to community organisations. It was suggested that the Hall Committee should apply for a grant to improve the cottage (wired in heating and insulation). Other suggestions were to replace the water piping to the main hall and to re-naturalise the storm water outlet onto Tarooma Beach. While both projects would cost significantly more than \$5,000, it could at least allow for some preliminary work to be undertaken.
12. *Kingborough Community Council Forum.* Roger Kellaway outlined the main issues arising at the December meeting of the KCCF. Issues of interest were:
  - the new alignment of the southern end of the Alum Cliffs Track will be modified to reopen access to the beach.
  - the old high school site continues to raise concerns as the State government want Council to buy the land based on its zoning as commercial/ residential rather than as recreation/ open space. Council will also cover the costs of demolition and the risks of development.

- Council split 6:5 on whether the number of members should be reduced fro 12 to 10. Calling for public submissions.
  - Proposals for restructuring councils in Southern Tasmania discussed at length. Tarooma seen by almost everybody as more aligned to Hobart than Kingborough. There was no support from rural Kingborough for the southern part of the municipality being shifted into Huon. The proposed 30% savings said to be achievable were seen as pie in sky rubbish especially given the Southern Water fiasco. There was also concern about whether councils should operate as a board as proposed rather than a representative body.
  - Complaints about costs of handling green waste for both residents and council.
13. *Adopt-a-Highway*. Queries have been received about the state of the Channel Highway given the supposed existence of a TCA Adopt-a-Highway project. Roger Kellaway briefed the meeting on the manner in which the group had been de-established by Main Roads and Conservation Volunteers Australia. The Secretary is to write to the Minister requesting the removal of the signs identifying the Channel Highway between the Shot Tower and Truganni Park being an Adopt-a-Highway zone.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer informed the meeting that we currently have \$2,543 in the bank. This sum includes the EYS grant of \$1,452. TCA funds are \$1,091.

Thirty-three members have joined since the end of the financial year (31 August 2011). Letters are being sent out to non-financial members.

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Committee Meeting on Thursday, 1 March 2012 in the Tarooma Hall</p>
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