

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Committee Meeting
Thursday 11th February 2021

Present: Jill Hickie (Pres.), Oberon Carter (Sec.), Anne Parrott (Treas. & Public Off.), Damian Devlin, Fiona Rice, Alison Phillips, Liz Haywood (Newsletter Editor), Dal Andrews, Roger Kellaway

Plus: Lyn Long (Taroom Community Hall) attended for first part of meeting (item 1).

Apologies: Janette Power (Vice President), Marilyn Pauley, Maureen Robinson

Agenda

1. Taroom Hall development plans (Jill)

On 17 December Jill attended a meeting at Kingborough Council with Lyn Long where the amended Taroom Hall plans were presented to us by Paul Donnelly.

The plans responded to all the changes we requested at a meeting earlier in the year. Dal provided a plan summarising our vision for the hall at that earlier meeting.

They are now seeking our comments on these plans.

Dal has taken a specific interest in this issue with professional design expertise – so it would be really valuable to get your comments Dal (suggest we discuss before the committee meeting.)

I have now attached them for review (apologies for the size) and have a printed copy which I will also bring to meeting.

I have also invited Lyn Long (Hall committee president) to the meeting to contribute to our discussion on this issue.

- Dal presented the design he made in Aug 2020. Address main issues of noise, toilets, storage, facing the garden etc.
- Implementation Stage 1 - \$100K – windows on west side
- Prioritise deck and public toilets?
- Lyn noted that it was proposed to remove the toilet from the cottage. Public access from southern side of hall. However, there has been zero consultation with the one regular user of the cottage (Hobart Natural Learners Coop, who have hired the cottage every Thursday for 10 years).
- Ceiling will be lowered, and fans installed
- New cladding – will address acoustics and insulation

- There was a meeting in 2020 with groups who use the hall.
- It is commonly used as a birthday venue by outsiders – the most utilised hall in Kingborough – it pays for itself.
- Paul Donnelly has been the main Kingborough Council contact.
- TCA need to collectively respond.
- Hall committee are meeting on Tuesday 16th Feb – Jill will attend (5-6pm) – Dal may attend.
- **ACTION: Jill to attend Hall committee meeting on 16/2. Oberon would like to attend also, representing Hobart Natural Learners Coop.**
- Lyn does not want the sliding doors (difficult with children, and require extra cleaning)
- Consultation with residents will occur after a draft is finalised.
- RSL have strong vested interest as the hall was built originally for them.
- Some TCA members prefer Dal's concept plan than the follow-up consultant's plan.
- Want deck to better address the park. Want the hallway b/w hall and RSL room to be removed (as it is a waste of space).
- TCA can seek additional grants from outside Council to get it up to the level we want.
- TCA is applying to have aboriginal flag up in the Hall (next to the Queen's image).
- AGM – potential to run in Hall – if enough notice given to Lyn.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 2nd December 2020

Minutes presented – accepted by Oberon and seconded by Jill

Status of actions arising from previous meeting:

1. Louisa Hinsby Reserve: Anne/Liz to update next meeting. – meeting item
2. Australia Day award. Janet and Simon Stevens were being nominated – Jill to follow up. – not followed up
3. Sale of Council Properties. Sale of Taroona land (110 Channel Hwy). OC to contact Paul Donnelly at Council. – not completed
4. Registration as not-for-profit organisation. Anne proposed to follow up – relates to our constitution – need to set up working group to meet, council has endorsed that.
5. Kingborough Community Consultative Forum. Roger may attend AGM. – Roger attended
6. Newsletter advertising. Add to next meeting's agenda. – do tonight
7. TCA logo. Add to next meeting's agenda. – roll over to next meeting
8. Divesting. Add to next meeting's agenda. – roll over to next meeting
9. John Kerr (previous committee member) - passed away recently - Jill recommended putting something in next newsletter about him. – not done?
10. Jill still to contact Ruth Butler about Ruth's idea for grant auspicing? – not done

ACTIONS ARISING:

Jill:

- **Follow up on Australia Day award**
- **Constitution review – organise sub-group with Anne/Oberon**

- John Kerr obituary – prepare for March newsletter
- Contact Ruth Butler re grant auspicings

Oberon:

- Contact Paul Donnelly at Kingborough re sale of 110 Channel Hwy

3. A draft project plan for Louisa Hinsby Park which will take some committee time to discuss. (Jill)

Will be funded under the Public Open Space Fund.

Plan was prepared by local resident, Sarah Bury

A report has been completed and was referred to.

Survey for residents – Paul Donnelly wants one as part of community engagement.

Paul has drafted the survey, but the committee expressed various concerns with it.

Fiona presented the survey.

ACTION: Fiona to contact Paul Donnelly ASAP re need for/refining of survey (Fiona, Anne and Jill).

ACTION: Fiona will consult with TEN re landscape plan

Survey preamble is insufficient – need better explanation of context/history.

Need to add something in newsletter that refers to the survey, if survey is indeed required.

ACTION: Anne will ask Jill Curry to put on TGKN (with no comments permitted on the post on FB) – with straight link to survey

Paul wants to start survey mid-Feb. And take to Council meeting mid-late March (15th March?). Next newsletter is probably mid-March (weekend of 13th March). It would cut it fine. Agenda and papers for Council meeting would be be circulated in early March, before the newsletter is issued.

ACTION: Fiona to promote in primary school newsletter and Taroona website within a week from now.

4. The constitution – which requires a working group and special meeting (Jill)

- Advised that Margy Jenkin at Tas Land Conservancy could help TCA with it.
- Constitution needs revising (based on Model Rules) – then work from that. These changes will allow TCA to apply for not-for-profit status. Fiona mentioned that TEN are finalising updating of their constitution based on new model rules and she will forward to Anne.

ACTION: Jill to organise a meeting to revise constitution after 4th March (including Anne, Jill, Oberon)

ACTION: Fiona to forward Anne TEN's new constitution for info.

5. Acknowledgement of traditional custodians in newsletter (Fiona)

Fiona sent Trish Hodge of Nita Education (Tasmanian Aboriginal woman) a proposed acknowledgement for our TCA newsletter. Trish endorsed the language, as follows:

We respectfully remember the muwinina, whose homelands we now live upon here in Taroona. We are grateful for their care of the land and for the deep knowledge their descendants carry.

All members present were happy with the proposed acknowledgement wording.

ACTION: Liz to put acknowledgement on front page of newsletter.

ACTION: Fiona to advise Deidre to put acknowledgement on the website

6. Setting out the Newsletter program for the year. (Liz)

- Timing - Usually March, June/Jul, Sep/Oct then Dec (seasonal)
- Moved it to accommodate events – e.g. seaside festival, if running (unlikely)
- Work around school holidays

ACTION: Liz to propose some dates for newsletter releases for 2021.

- Aiming for next by 13th March
- Last year – printed for TCA by two Labor senators – folded and stapled. Likely to continue.
- Liz puts out a request too all Tarooma's groups and selected individuals and approach people on relevant issues.
- Our newsletter is the envy of the world.

7. The rock lobster hatchery at 31 Nubeena Crescent (Jill)

- Jill discussed the item, very briefly. No actions noted.

8. The 'Track Down Tarooma' Tarooma Walks Map (Fiona/Liz)

- Back of the Map now includes a photo spread showcasing Tarooma's biodiversity.
- A2 map folded to pocket size. Modelled on the Parks guides.

ACTION: Liz to circulate the draft tracks map soon for comments (preferably in the next week) with intent to include a final printed map with the next newsletter.

ACTION: Fiona to check all tracks with Su Sprott (Council's Recreation Officer)

- Advice for biodiversity species/photos from: Mick Brown (birds), Naomi Lawrence (plants) Simon Grove (insects), Genevieve Gates (fungi).

9. Petition looking for better road safety along Flinders Esplanade (Jill)

Ella Haddad (ALP member for Clark) is calling for a 40 km school zone on the street as well as better pathways and signage.

Flinders Esplanade is a good back streets alternative to Channel Highway and links to the informal track alongside the football ground to capture even more of the residential area. It would be a good one for the council to develop as a more formal route for riding and scooting.

- Discussed the speed limit for Flinders and for the suburb.

ACTION: Fiona to continue discussing promotion of this proposal with Ella Haddad, particularly around priorities – and that should influence the wording for the newsletter.

- Include this in the newsletter. Roads in Tarooma were designed on a 200-year old street matrix style (Dal)
- Oberon noted a preference for 40km/hr in ALL Tarooma's streets.
- Channel Hwy used to be 60km/hr and it was 100km/hr over Bonnet Hill. It was a lot of work for TCA to reduce from 60 to 50km/hr. Some residents at the time wanted the speed increased to 80km/hr.
- What pedestrian safety measures could be added in Tarooma, and what speed limitations could be implemented?

- Renee – road engineer at Kingborough Council – useful contact.
- There is the specific issue of Flinders, but also the broader issue of speed and safety in Tarooma more broadly.
- Would be good to build a bridge to suspension bridge to link southern to northern part of Flinders Esp.
- Ella happy to meet with TCA in future to discuss.

ACTION: Jill to invite Ella Haddad to a future committee meeting to discuss speed limits etc.

10. Illawong/Wandella link

- Proposed Council purchase of part of 39 Illawong. Boundary has been surveyed. Area in question has been valued and owner has been notified.
- Council may pursue compulsory acquisition – and may also explore option at same time to establish a pedestrian link between Illawong and Wandella.

ACTION: Jill to arrange time to visit owner re Illawong/Wandella link issue – March?

ACTION: Fiona to pursue other links with long-term aim to be able to walk from north to south end of Tarooma off-Channel Hwy, e.g. link Hinsby to Illawong and suspension bridge over Karingal Gully.

11. Finance Report (Anne)

- Anne presented the following finance report for February 2021:
 - *On February 4th, 2021 the TCA had a balance of \$3688.79*
 - *Since my report of 1st December 2020, we have had \$2.84 interest and 4 new memberships.*
 - *Cheques 527098 and 527100 for \$35 and \$45 respectively have been presented. These were for Remembrance Day flowers and DDNS hosting.*
 - *There are currently 37 financial members.*
- Bill for boat – need to change the name/rego to Anne (currently Dan's name but Janette's address!)

ACTION: Anne to change rego name (to Anne) for the TCA boat.

- Public & Products Liability renewal (Anne)
 - *Policy renewed with Ansvar for a premium of \$811.25 (c. \$70-80 more than last year)*
 - Jill approved payment, Allison seconded.
- Jill to sign for now, but need to discuss bank divesting at next meeting

12. Schedule of year's meetings (Oberon)

Third Thursday of each month.

Next one 18th March

ACTION: Oberon to email year's meeting dates to committee.

13. Other Business

- **Kingborough Community Group of the Year Winner**

- Jill noted various emails/letters of congratulations
 - May help attract funding
- **Other correspondence**
 - 180 Channel Hwy – acknowledgement of our representation received
 - The argument that the original advertising of the development was incomplete, was effectively ignored by Council.
 - Permit for rock lobster hatchery received – we put in repr. on traffic and removal of trees. Some trees will be retained. Those with habitat value (for swift parrots) are being removed.
 - Fiona advised TEN also put in a representation requesting that any offset monies from trees needing to be removed would go toward rehabilitation of swift parrot habitat in the adjacent Taroona park (rather than general coffers) – this was agreed to.
 - Oberon voiced concern at this offset process (not being like for like).
- **Blackmans Bay Community Ass.** - letter
- **Bushfire communication program** – no further info on it. Fiona noted that we've dodged a bullet (being in a La Nina year) but will need annual pushing on the bushfire communication program.
- **Kingborough Community Consultative Forum** – upcoming meeting – Roger will attend. Roger spoke about the previous meeting.
- **Newsletter advertising** – only local, small ads of local businesses.
- **Logo** – next meeting. Following revision of constitution. Existing logo is of shot tower.