

MINUTES OF MEETING MANNERING PARK COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

On September 17, 2012

At Mannering Park Community Hall

Meeting opened 7.03pm. **Attendance:** Denise Cooper, Bruce Edgell, Trevor Wrightston, George Murray, Rob Regnis, Jennifer Petersen, Jan Regnis, Annette Denley, Arthur Armstrong, Julie McGoldrick, Trevor Masters, Bart Vanderzee, John Sauerbier, Robyn Sauerbier, Sue Murray, Neil Wynn., Peter Dean (17) **Apologies:** Andrew Whitbourne, Judy Whitbourne, Cherie Vance, Lou Gambrill.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING August 20, 2012

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Trevor Wrightston) CARRIED

Business Arising - Progress Reports

Item 1: CVB Colliery and coal transportation (ongoing) – Report by Neil from second CCC meeting (full written report available) Key points:

- a) Site inspection held, condition of mine appalling, coal used as ground cover to eliminate erosion, whole area occupational health and safety issue, uncovered and unmarked oil and chemical containers, settling ponds for area runoff and mine discharge is leaking in many places and causing tree dieback
- b) Numerous complaints received - see complaint register tab on Lake Coal's new website – all complaints relating to coal trucks

Item 3: Oval amenities and Vales Point Reserve (ongoing) –

Oval amenities – Spring-loaded tap will be installed outside block. No definite answer yet on opening hours of disabled toilet.

Vales Point Reserve – Orange bunting around dislodged sandstone block awaiting repair by Council. Question: What exactly is Council going to do to fix the problem?

Item 4: Shared pathway (ongoing) –

- a) Letter from Minister Andrew Stoner who has spoken on Precinct's behalf to Hunter Crown Lands asking they assist us with information about Crown Land boundaries around Lake Macquarie foreshore to CVB. Meeting organised for October 26.
- b) No response yet from WSC seeking support-in-principle
- c) Landcare (Julie McGoldrick) expressed some concerns about the possible route of the shared pathway.

Item 5: Ruttleys Rd/Pacific Hwy intersection (ongoing) –

Traffic lights - RMS investigation still underway.

Clean-up of southern corner area where rubbish dumped – Letter sent to WSC no response yet

Item 6: Boat ramp repairs (ongoing) – should be finished before summer.

Item 7: Eaton's Hardware entry/exit on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) – no response yet from WSC re our submission opposing alterations to clauses 9 and 36 of the original conditions of consent

Item 8: Boat storage on waterfront reserve (ongoing) - Draft policy is yet to go before a full Council meeting

Item 9: WSC reclassification of community property (ongoing) – will deal with individual re-classifications as they arise

Item 10: Mannering Colliery mining operations (ongoing) – NSW Dept of Planning is currently reviewing submissions to the Environmental Assessment for the continuation of Mannering Colliery mining.

Item 14: Dunvegan St drainage (ongoing) – Many complaints, strong community dissatisfaction over Council inaction, suggestion that as many residents as possible make individual Service Requests to Council to complain, Precinct take the matter up with Councillors as a key issue.

- Item 15: Ruttleys Rd/Wyee Rd intersection (ongoing)** – Lake Macquarie Council has allocated funds for this financial year and final design options being completed
- Item 16: Foreshore erosion (ongoing)** – Received an informal response but awaiting official reply from WSC
- Item 17: Concept plan for central MP recreational zone (ongoing)** - Awaiting reply from WSC re meeting to discuss and be advised about community consultation process to establish a concept plan
- Item 18: Drainage on shared pathway Campbell Pde to Catherine St (ongoing)** – has been repaired. Question: What was the cost of the work?
- Item 19: Speeding on Vales Road (ongoing)**– Asked WSC to place pressure strips/traffic counters on Vales Rd to gather information to support Precinct's approach to RMS. WSC is making preliminary inquiries with RMS and Council's Roads & Stormwater Unit and will advise in due course.
- Item 20: Unsafe road crossing Campbell Parade (ongoing)** – On-site meeting held and various suggestions made by WSC. Letter to WSC Andrew Pearce asking to confirm any action. No reply as yet.
- Item 21: WSC meeting re strategic future of northern shire (ongoing)** - In August WSC decided to hold a meeting to re-evaluate the strategic plan for the northern shire. No reply to our letter yet asking our Precinct be involved.
- Item 22: Children's play equipment at Community Hall (ongoing)** – No reply yet to our letter to WSC asking the play equipment at the hall be replaced. Also we requested a copy of draft Playground Strategy (not presented to Council yet) indicating a District Playground being built next to hall in 2016/17. Not received as yet.
- Item 23: Roadworks on Ruttleys Road (ongoing)** – Letter sent to WSC asking they restore Ruttleys Rd to at least, or better than the condition of road before Ausgrid works. No reply yet. It is understood WSC will do works on behalf of Ausgrid.
- ACTION:** *Precinct place Service Request asking WSC to repair and replace the missing white roadside marker posts and repair the long rut at the edge of the road on the straight stretch of Ruttleys Road*
- Item 24: Litter along Ruttleys Road (ongoing)** - Letter sent to WSC asking for more regular litter collections. No reply yet but seems a bit cleaner lately.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Bart Vanderzee) CARRIED

- a) **MOTION:** (Sue Murray) That the correspondence from August 2012 be accepted. SECONDED (Jan Regnis) CARRIED

TREASURERS'S REPORT

MOVED for acceptance (Bruce Edgell) SECONDED (Bart Vanderzee) CARRIED

Balance brought forward from 20/8/2012 - \$207.87

Incomings: Nil

Outgoings: \$103.07

355 Hall Committee rent for July and August meetings \$26.40

Secretary's expenses (ink & paper \$58.07, card \$4.50, Nthn Precinct Forum supper \$14.10) total \$76.67

Credit balance 17 September 2012 \$104.80

GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Notice of Motion to WSC 22/8/12 meeting by Cllr Doug Vincent re Miniature Railway in the north of the shire
ACTION: *Contact be made with Cllr Vincent for more information and how Precinct can be of assistance*
- b) Northern Area Precincts Forum – meeting held Sept 10 and discussion involved the Council meeting to re-evaluate the strategic plan for the northern area of the shire. Also, a joint submission to the draft Guidelines and

Information Booklet for Precincts and those matters read to meeting. That submission to be lodged at the next Precinct Workshop to be held late November.

- c) Follow-up required about Skate Park as the orange bunting is still in place and some work still seems to be needed.
- d) **MOTION:** (Rob Regnis) *That the newly-elected Councillors for A Ward be welcomed as our representatives and that all the community groups in Mannering Park be asked to provide a fact sheet for the Precinct to distribute to the Councillors for their information (as per the sample sheet attached)*
SECONDED (Peter Dean) CARRIED
- e) **MOTION:** (Rob Regnis) *That the Precinct invite the A Ward Councillors early next year to meet the Precinct and any interested community group members, after the Councillors have settled into their roles, to find out what we can do to work together to improve Mannering Park.*
SECONDED (Peter Dean) CARRIED
- f) Julie McGoldrick raised the question on behalf of another resident about the possibility of placing swings at Vales Point Reserve.

REPORTS

Men's Shed (Peter Dean/Rob Regnis) - Key points:

- a) Fundraisers - Fathers Day at school with tissue boxes made by members; sausage sizzle at hall on election day
- b) Planning the design of their building ; put in a DA and lodged Statement of Environment Effects
- c) Membership about 25

Landcare (Julie McGoldrick) - Key points:

- a) MP School excursion to Landcare site with more than 20 Grade 4 students. Acknowledgement of generous help from 1st MP Sea Scouts allowing the use of their hall. Hope to hold more school excursions
- b) Interest shown to start a Junior Landcare group at the school and more discussion to be held
- c) Successful WSC grant \$2495 for bush regenerator contractor hours to remove lantana and spraying of grasses and the remainder for tools.

Tidy Towns (Rob Regnis) Key points:

- a) Major fundraiser underway – the sale of gerberas
- b) Current project is landscaping of Vales Rd truck parking area, funded by Delta
- c) Successful grant from Attorney General's Dept for graffiti removal equipment and plant
- d) Work continues to improve the entry into town along Vales thanks to generous donation of a truck from Active Hire and Paul Noble's bobcat

Hall Committee (Trevor Wrightson) Key points:

- a) Planting of Lone Pine (seeded from the original Gallipoli Lone Pine) about midway between library and fence. Working with Doyalson RSL Sub-branch to have planting ceremony, possibly a plaque and future Anzac Day services. No date finalised for planting

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Next meeting Monday, October 15, 2012