**MINUTES OF MEETING MANNERING PARK COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

On September 16, 2013 At Mannering Park Community Hall

Meeting opened 7.10pm. **Attendance:** Trevor Masters, Trevor Wrightson, Rob Regnis, Bart Vanderzee, Sue Murray, Bruce Edgell, Arthur Armstrong, George Murray, Jan Regnis, Judy Whitbourne, Peter Dean, Andrew Whitbourne - (12) **Apologies:** Ian Carr, Cherie Vance, Nick Jones and Gerald Cowan for Swansea MP, Coral Burnham.

Welcome by Chairman Andrew Whitbourne and introduction of guest speaker Ingrid Berthold who is the Waterwatch Co-ordinator for the Hunter-Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. Ingrid spoke about monitoring of water quality and environmental activities in Lake Macquarie waters surrounding Mannering Park.

Outcomes:

1. Information and data available online from MP monitoring sites. MP CWA group has been collecting data on water quality for more than 5 yrs at Grace St and the Delta Electricity outlet canal. MP Primary School has been conducting a “bug watch” project in the Catherine St Reserve retention basin.
2. Ingrid will follow-up maintenance of stormwater quality improvement devices (silt traps) in various locations around MP foreshore that were reported as being clogged or not functioning.
3. Precinct to request copy of the State of the Environment Report compiled annually by Lake Macquarie Council.

***MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - August 19 , 2013***

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Bruce Edgell) CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING/PROGRESS REPORTS

**Item 3:** **Oval amenities (closed) -** **Vales Point Reserve (ongoing) –**

1. Stone migration – stainless steel grid attached to the side of the net seems to be working to stop stone migration into pool area. WSC is still awaiting modelling plan re solution to stone migration from LMCC. When modelling document received WSC can proceed with funding source.
2. Service Request to re-level the dislodged sandstone block outside male toilet – this request to be added to previous Service Request to realign sandstone blocks on foreshore.
3. *MOTION:* (Andrew Whitbourne) *Precinct write to WSC asking that the swimming pool net be cleaned summer.*

SECONDED (Jan Regnis) CARRIED

**Item 4: Shared pathway (ongoing) –** Correspondence tabled from:

1. Chris Hartcher (Minister for Resources & Energy, Central Coast Minister) re Delta Electricity security concerns;
2. Paul O’Toole (Parliamentary Secretary for Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner) stating that Vales Point Power Station’s occupation of Crown Land surrounding MP has never been formally authorised and that process in now underway but any funds obtained as compensation cannot be redirected to the Precinct.

Swansea MP has held a meeting with Delta Electricity to discuss Delta’s concerns about the shared pathway proposal. A further meeting will be held involving Swansea MP, Crown Lands Dept and Precinct representatives on Monday, September 23 at 12noon at the truck parking bay on Vales Rd. The aim of the meeting is to define the Precinct’s objectives prior to a meeting in the next few weeks between Swansea MP and State Treasurer to discuss the sale of Delta Electricity power stations and associated lands.

**Item 5: Rubbish clean-up at Ruttleys Rd/Pacific Hwy intersection (ongoing) –** Chairman held discussion with new WSC Roads & Drainage Manager, Peter Murray, who has asked we write to him about our concerns.

*MOTION:* (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to WSC outlining our concerns about rubbish dumped on the corner of Ruttleys Rd/Pacific Hwy and request that it be cleared.* SECONDED (Peter Dean) CARRIED

**Item 7: Eaton’s Hardware entry/exit on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –** No further development

**Item 8: Boat storage on waterfront reserve (closed)**

**Item 15: Ruttleys Rd/Wyee Rd intersection (ongoing) –** LMCCplans to start construction work in January – delayed because Ausgrid needed to carry out some work there.

**Item 16: Foreshore erosion (ongoing) –** Letterre**-**senttoWSCMartin Johnston asking for response to our original letter of April 2012 *–* still no response

**Item 17: Concept plan for central MP recreational zone (ongoing) -** Suggestion that Vales Park and replacement of play equipment be included in plan. Discussion about funding and particularly the Trust Fund that was set-up as part of Chain Valley Colliery’s mine extension approval – ie. 3.5cents per tonne of coal be deposited to the Trust Fund for community use. Further discussion resolved try to obtain funds for new play equipment and childproof safety fencing at the hall for use by the Playgroup.

*ACTION: a) Contact Playgroup for their comment – b) The Precinct write to Chain Valley Colliery (Chris Ellis) asking for approval to release funds from the Trust Fund to finance play equipment and safety fencing at the hall for the use of the Playgroup and preschool-age children.*

**Item 19: Security on Vales Rd and at Hall (ongoing)** – It was discussed at the Executive Meeting that the Community Hall be included in any funding application to install security CCTV cameras. Information session will be held at February meeting.

**Item 23: Roadworks on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –**

*MOTION:*(Andrew Whitbourne)*The Precinct write to WSC asking that in planning roadworks along Ruttleys Rd - particularly on the causeway - that allowance to be made for installation of a future shared pathway across the causeway to the MP turn-off. Also to request a copy of the plan of work to be done along Ruttleys Rd.*

SECONDED (Peter Dean) CARRIED

***CORRESPONDENCE***

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Peter Dean) CARRIED

***TREASURERS’S REPORT***

***Credit balance brought forward from 19/8/2013 $169.15***

***Incomings***

Nil

***Outgoings***

Nil

***Credit balance 16 September 2013 $169.15***

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

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. *MOTION:* (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to WSC asking to clear the area of obstructions behind the steel railing along the stretch of Ruttleys Rd from Construction Rd to the Mannering Colliery intersection to allow safe passage for anyone using that section of road verge.*

SECONDED (Jan Regnis) CARRIED

1. Further to Motion carried at August meeting – Executive has nominated key issues, which are:
2. Resolution to stone migration into swimming pool
3. Rectification of drainage to ultimately allow the implementation of car parking along the oval perimeter on Dunvegan St
4. Resolution to the long-term safety concerns about the entry/exit of the Eaton’s Hardware site on to Ruttleys Rd
5. Clean-up of rubbish dumped (including asbestos) on the corner of Ruttleys Rd/Pacific Hwy
6. Shared pathway proposal to link the existing pathways between MP andChain Valley Bay

Letter sent to Doug Vincent asking he attend our Precinct August meeting to discuss these matters – no response. Meeting resolved that Precinct would invite Councillor Greg Best to the Precinct October meeting.

1. Precinct Business Activity Record tabled by Chairman. Document to be emailed to all Cttee. Trevor Wrightston commended the Chairman for the excellent job done on compiling the Record and also thanked him for the many hours of work put into the Precinct on behalf of the community.
2. Airport proposal – Cllr Vincent had previously contacted Chairman to find out the community’s position on the proposal for an airport at Wallarah. The meeting decided more information was needed and the subject would be raised with Cllr Best if he accepts our invitation to the next meeting.

**COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

**Tidy** **Towns** (Rob Regnis) – Key points: Small ceremony to mark the completion of the entry sign will be held on-site at 10am on Thursday September 26; WSC progress on DA for site of second storage container has lapsed due to the site at rear of community hall being withdrawn from application; last month’s activities included clean-up of hall grounds, graffiti removal, litter collection, trimming overgrowth at The Point amenities and fundraising.

Trevor Wrightson, on behalf of the Hall Committee, thanked Tidy Towns for the clean-up and work they did in the gardens prior to federal elections.

**Meeting closed 9.05 pm *NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 21, 2013***

***NOTE:*** *Mannering Park Primary School principal Maureen Parry will address our October meeting about how initiatives in the Gonski Report will affect our local school and its pupils.*