**MINUTES OF MEETING MANNERING PARK PRECINCT COMMITTEE INC.**

On March 16, 2015 At Mannering Park Community Hall

Meeting opened 7.05pm. **Attendance:**  Trevor Wrightson, Trevor Masters, Ian Carr, Andrew Whitbourne, Judy Whitbourne, Neil Wynn, Arthur Armstrong, Bruce Edgell, Sue Murray, John Stone, Kelvin Wynn (11) **Apologies**: Bart Vanderzee, George Murray,Robyn Sauerbier, John Sauerbier, Jan Stone

***MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - February 16, 2014***

MOVED for acceptance (Judy Whitbourne) SECONDED (Trevor Wrightson) CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING/PROGRESS REPORTS

**Item 3: Vales Point Reserve (ongoing) –** swimming pool: Andrew Whitbourne emailed photos of a pool at Saratogo with steel bar pool fencing to Allan Cubilic (WSC). He replied saying appreciated the input and was still investigating the best way to fence pool

**Item 4: Shared pathway (ongoing)** – The following action (decided at the February meeting) will be postponed until after the State Government election (MOTION: (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to the NSW Government ministers responsible for the sale of Newcastle Port, Hunter Colliery and Delta Electricity requesting funding for preliminary design and environmental studies for a shared path; in view of the detrimental effect on the Mannering Park community from coal trucks using those facilities.)*

**Item 7: Eaton’s Hardware entry/exit on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –**

Letter has been sent to State Premier and Local Government Minister to ask for action. Joanne McCarthy (Newcastle Herald) is still researching articles about the problem

**Item 15: Ruttleys Rd/Wyee Rd intersection (ongoing) –** roundabout work is nearing completion

**Item 17: Master Plan for Recreational, Sporting and Community Precinct (ongoing) -** Item has been placed on Councillor Doug Vincent’s priority listing for funding

**Item 23: Roadworks on Ruttleys Rd (ongoing) –** guard rail will be fitted by WSC in Feb/Mar, completing the works program

**Item 24: Drainage (ongoing) –**

Dunvegan Street – improvement of drainage and parking has been placed on priority listing submitted to Councillor Doug Vincent

Cnr Gymea & Vales – WSC Peter Murray email says it is an issue with the kerb and gutter level “consequently to have the water flow down Vales, through the culvert under Gymea and continue along Vales will require us to lower the gutter level on the downstream side of the Gymea Cres intersection” - expect to start work early April

**Item 25: Chain Valley Colliery Trust Fund (ongoing) –** Andrew Whitbourne and Ian Carr attended Community Consultative Committee meeting on February 24 and draft VPA was finalised with some things altered following Precinct submission. New draft VPA to be presented at WSC March meeting for Council discussion/approval.

***CORRESPONDENCE***

MOVED for acceptance (Sue Murray) SECONDED (Andrew Whitbourne) CARRIED

 ***TREASURER’S REPORT***

***From 2 JANUARY ’14 ( the establishment of our “Supper Club” a/c) TO***

***16 March ’15 (in readiness for the opening of our second “Administration” a/c***

 **Mannering Park Precinct C'tee INC**  '**Supper Club'** **Account"**

**INCOME**

Credit balance at 2 Jan 2014 (from ‘Supper Club’ money previously held in

the former M Pk Precinct C’tee a/c) 212.35

Temporary loan from M Pk 355 Sports C’tee to help with Incorporation 300.00

 Memberships/ Joining fees to Precinct INC received Apr/May 2014 110.00

Donations to Precinct C'tee INC received Apr/May 2014 60.00 Donations in Supper Club Jar Apr – Nov ‘14 237.25

 [N.B. [i] agreed by Executive that the Supper Jar not be put out for Xmas supper -

[ii] donations in Supper Club Jar Feb ’15 not yet banked]

CCIG Grant from Wyong Shire Councillors 26/6/14 1300.00

Bank interest 0.02

**Total income to 16 Mar ‘15 $ 2,219.62**

 **EXPENDITURE**

P.O. BOX 7061 March 2014 to March 2015 $107.00

Costs of Incorporation April 2014 167.00

JUA UNDERWRITING - Public Liability Insurance 577.61

Printing cartridges, copy paper 300.00

auDA - M Pk website maintenance fee for 2014 99.00

Hall rental April to December Precinct mtngs & Exec mtngs 207.90

Reimbursement for purchase of supper materials 24.00

**Total expenditure to 16 Mar ‘15 $1,705.38**

**CREDIT BALANCE @ 16 Mar 2015 $ 514.24** (agrees with Bank Statement 31/01/2015)

To open a second a/c, to be known as “Administration a/c” there is **$ 88.62** worth of ‘administration’ items in the “Supper Club” a/c

N.B. Our financial year ends 30 June 2015 (so Membership fees for 2015 – 16 will be payable from the July ’15 meeting) and our AGM will be 3rd Monday in September

MOVED for acceptance (Bruce Edgell) SECONDED (Arthur Armstrong) CARRIED

MOTION of thanks (Trevor Wrightson) *to Bruce Edgell for his great community contribution because he is not only treasurer of the Precinct but other community groups such as the tennis club, the Sports Committee and his work at the Uniting Church*

SECONDED (Ian Carr) CARRIED

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. Applications for WSC grants – Community Subsidy Program grant for cost of hall hire has been approved – Councillors Community Improvement Grant application lodged for $1300 to cover all other operating costs and will not know outcome until after May 31 when applications close.
2. Stormwater drainage levy on WSC rates –

MOTION: (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to WSC requesting information about the stormwater levy funds – where in the Shire and on what projects have the funds already been spent and future allocations from the levy*

SECONDED (Judy Whitbourne) CARRIED

1. Ward A Community Forum – The next Forums will be:

Combined Ward A Forum, Thursday, 7 May at 9.30am to 11.30am, Council’s Civic Centre, Hely St, Wyong

Ward A Forum , Tuesday, 12 May at 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Halekulani Community Hall

ACTION: *Secretary to send email to inform and encourage Precinct members to attend either one of these dates and place on agenda for April meeting*

1. Monitoring of water quality in lower reaches of Lake Macquarie –

MOTION: (Andrew Whitbourne) *The Precinct write to WSC requesting information about their action regarding the monitoring and/or programs to maintain the water quality of Lake Macquarie in the foreshore areas administered by Wyong Shire Council*

SECONDED (Arthur Armstrong) CARRIED

***COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS***

1. Tidy Towns (Ian Carr) – donation from the Hall Committee will go towards upgrade of mondo grass spiral, a feature of the hall gardens, and also the remulching of the tree-lined verge. Busy cleaning up after large graffiti hit in main street and several spot areas around town. (Report attached)
2. Hall Committee (Trevor Wrightson) – New curtains in hall and new fly screen door on kitchen
3. Sports Committee (Bruce Edgell) – Positive feedback to report from Council officers attending a meeting saying that Mannering Park is highly regarded by Council officers and staff and shines as a great example as one of the best suburbs for community spirit and how the community groups work together and that the hall is used as an example in the Shire as the best run, used and in appearance.
4. Community Consultative Committee (Ian Carr) – Lake Coal has been sold with 100 percent share by Lake Macquarie Coal which is a subsidiary of Chinese-owned company Jing Taizhong Trade Co. Ltd. Probably no effect seen in mine operations in the foreseeable future. (Full report of CCC meeting attached)
5. Progress Association (Kelvin Wynn) – Sent letter to WSC re ensuring the current staffing levels remain the same in view of Council undergoing cost cutting – written to WSC re problems with mallard ducks on foreshore asking for some education programs to be put in place to deter people from feeding ducks and thereby encouraging them and also sourced duck farms to take them
6. Lone Pine Memorial Service (Bruce Edgell) – request hall committee and Progress Association consider a memorial service in conjunction with anniversary of Battle of Lone Pine (6-10 August) – to be held in hall grounds where Lone Pine growing

 **Meeting closed 8.35pm *NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 20, 2015***