**MANNERING PARK COMMUNITY PRECINCT COMMITTEE INC**

**Minutes of meeting 17 July 2017**

**Venue:** Mannering Park Community Hall **Meeting opened**: 7.11pm

**Chairman**: Andrew Whitbourne **Secretary: (acting)** Kerry Mahony

**Attendance:** Ian Carr, Annabell Fitton, Bob Fitton, Annette Lockley, Stephen Lockley, Frank Mahony, Kerry Mahony, Trevor Masters, Maggie Mecklem, Peter Mecklem, George Murray, Grahame Pavitt, Jan Stone, John Stone, Doug Vincent, Bruce Wall, John Wards, Sue Wards, Andrew Whitbourne, Judy Whitbourne, Trevor Wrightson, Neil Wynn

**Apologies:** Peter Gates, Norma Hasthorpe-Gates, Arthur Armstrong, Anne Hicks, Ron Hicks

**Minutes from previous meeting held on 19 June 2017**

**Moved for acceptance:** Bob Fitton **Seconded:** Trevor Wrightson

**Carried**

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Item 2 Shared pathway (ongoing)** GH&D has completed their report on the proposals for a Shared Pathway. The report has been given to council. Michael Ross, (Manager, Recreation Planning and Development) has the 150 page report and wants to read it before sharing it with the Precinct Committee. The usual procedure is for such a report to be addressed by the Councillors at a Council Meeting as one of the Business Papers for review. The Business Papers are available to the Public three days before the Council Meeting. There was concern expressed by people at this meeting that three days would not allow sufficient time for members of the Community to make a response if any contentious issues were raised by Council Staff. The suggestion was made that members of the Precinct Committee should go to the Council Meeting when the Shared Pathway was on the agenda so they would be fully informed of the mindset of Councillors and the reasons for the decisions taken. The Precinct can ask to address the meeting before the decision is voted on.

As the report is not a confidential document, the suggestion was put that the Chairman should again contact Michael Ross and ask to see the GH&D report. The Chairman should let Michael Ross know that the Precinct Committee, who has moved the development of the Pathway for a long time,

1. Wants to know the result of the Report
2. Wants sufficient time to review the report before it is presented to the Council.

If Michael Ross is not agreeable to this, the Precinct Committee should have a plan which would include announcing the result of the recent survey to the residents.

**Action:** *Chairman to approach Michael Ross and ask him for a copy of the GH&D Report. If he does not respond positively, ask the Administrator for the Report.*

**Item 3 Eaton’s Hardware Entry/Exit on Ruttleys Road** It has been three months since Council last responded to the Precinct’s Committee’s request for information about the finalisation of this development. Council’s last response was that ‘things are still in motion’.

**Motion:** Andrew Whitbourne moved that Council be approached again and asked about the status of the development of Eaton’s Entry and Exit on Vales Road.

**Seconded**: Maggie Mecklum

**CARRIED**

**Item 6 Chain Valley Colliery Trust Fund** An email from Council has indicated that the dates have changed for the period in which to apply for grants for the new financial year. Their intention is to align the application period for all grants. The dates during which applications can now be made are … Opening 15 August - Closing 15 September.

Community Groups are encouraged to apply for financial assistance if they need funding for a Not-For-Profit project. The Chairman has sent information about the availability of grants to the various Community Groups in Mannering Park

This raised the issue of the need for CCTV cameras in a couple of areas where anti-social behaviour is causing problems. Which Community Group might be able to take up the running for such a project? There was a suggestion for a camera in the area of the shops and, similarly, at the Truck Stop (where dumping of waste is a growing problem).

Issues related to CCTV in public places were then raised. Research is required on the implementation of such a project. Such issues include the quality of cameras, the positons with the best coverage, etc.

**Action:** *Bruce Ward to liaise with Doug Vincent re the process involved in implementing a similar project in Halekulani.*

**Item 14 Children’s Play Equipment at the Oval and Amenities** Katherine Simmons, CCC, was not available to accept the invitation to attend this meeting to present the four options for the development of the District Playground. The Chairman has sent Katherine further details of Community Groups with specific interest in a District Playground, e.g. the local P&C and the Childcare Centre. It is expected that Katherine will approach them for their input. Katherine will be invited to attend the August meeting of the Precinct Committee unless the decision re the site has been made in the meantime.

**Action**: *Invite Katherine Simmons to Precinct August Meeting*

**Item 15 Helipad, Trinity Point (Ongoing)** Community feedback and submissions are still being collected and collated by the Developer.

**Item 16 Vales Point Community Pool Security** Keith Ollier has replaced Alan Ciblic as the person looking at the improvements at Vales Point Reserve. The Chairman has passed the relevant information onto Keith Ollier and is awaiting a response.

**Item 17 Graffiti Police Visit** (Closed)

**Item 18 New Council Hall Hire Charges and Insurance** (Closed)

**Item 19 Department of Fair Trading Model Rules Changes** (Closed)

**Item 20 Vales Point Reserve Casuarina Trees** Concerns re the number of Casuarina suckers was raised with Council in previous Correspondence. Council has explained that, as the Casuarinas were all about the same age, they would all die about the same time. Suckers from selected casuarinas had been allowed to grow to avoid the area being denuded in any period of time between the old trees dying and new growth taking over. There was some scepticism about this explanation due to the large number of succours arising from the existing Casuarinas.

**Item 21 Curb and Guttering along Western Side of Vales Road** The Chairman reminded the meeting that he had last written to Council on 3 June 2016, twelve months ago, asking about curb and guttering along Vales Road. Their response, on 10 June 2016, stated that their policy to install curbs and gutters only happened

* in conjunction with major road works and
* when resolving flooding issues.

No further action was taken.

**Item 22 Gross Pollutant Trap on the Oval and Stormwater Levy** The Chairman received advice from Tidy Towns that a Gross Pollutant Trap is being installed adjacent to the oval. Tidy Towns had been asked to remove a tree as it is where the new trap is going.

Email from Sam Budden, Central Coast Council, advised that the Stormwater Levy funding available for the 2017-2018 financial year is $1 124 081. Sam confirmed that the GPT would be built in 2017-2018 using the stormwater levy funds and he requested information about areas of concern where siltation of the lake is occurring.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion that correspondence be accepted

**Moved**: Ian Carr **Seconded**: Bruce Ward **Carried**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer not able to attend meeting so no financial report at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update on Wyong Airport. The Chairman read a letter to the Precinct Committee from Yasmin Catley dated 21 December 2016.

**COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

1. **Men’s Shed** (John Wards)
   1. AGM approaching Wednesday 3 August 2017.
   2. Membership still growing (55 at present)
   3. Would like some younger members to ensure continuity
   4. Woodwork popular
2. **Tidy Towns** (see attached report addressed by Ian Carr)

**Address by Doug Vincent (former Councillor)**

1. Wants to link pathways throughout local council area
2. Election 9 September 2017
3. Make sure Precinct Committee knows its priorities and ask the prospective councillors where they stand with those issues
4. If information re the Shared Pathway is not forthcoming, use GIPPA (cost $30) to get the report.

**Next meeting – Monday 21 August 2017**

**CLOSE**

**Meeting closed at 8.34pm**