

Minutes

Balingup Progress Association Meeting of 4/07/18

Welcome: to guest speakers and Helen Vander Waal acting as Treasurer until next AGM.

Present : Barry Green (guest speaker), Iain Massey (guest speaker), John Ranieri, Jodie Hornum,(Minutes) Helen Christensen, Helen Vander Waal, Michael King, Per Christensen, Ron Robertson, Wayne Irvine, Douglas Gordon, Marsha Wachala

Apologies: Noelene King, Geoff McMullen, Wendy Ayers.

Guest Speakers:

Balingup Hall (Guest Iain Massey)

Labor Government funding of \$200, 000 has been granted for the refurbishment of the Balingup Town Hall. Iain Massey of Upland Consulting has been appointed (through a tender process) by the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup as Project Manager. A meeting for community consultation will be held on Wednesday 11th of July from 7pm at the Balingup Recreation Centre. Iain described the hall as a fine community asset and the available funding as an opportunity to enhance the building and extend its life. The needs already identified by reports and assessments are mostly structural. The majority of the funding will be used on structural refurbishment and other needs may include acoustics, ceilings fans and window blinds. Iain is wanting any photos people may have of the hall and values BPA's input during the consultation process.

DBK Community Radio (Guest Barry Green)

DBK Community Radio is available on 102.FM and aims to be the voice of the community and small business. The station is automated allowing it to broadcast 24hrs a day with some live presenters and content from Western Tourist Radio including Harvest Highway. Barry Green spoke to meeting about the history of the radio station and plans to locate an antenna in Balingup to extend the existing range. Balingup residents are welcomed on to the committee and memberships include full, concession and associate members. The committee is needing a repeater location in Balingup, person/people with special interest in radio as contact in Balingup - possible Funding contributions for mast and hut. When approval to have a repeater in Balingup has been finalised the DB Radio Community may seek financial assistance from BPA towards funding the mast and a hut structure.

Confirmation of minutes of June meeting: Resolution that the minutes of the meeting of the Balingup Progression Association held on June 6th, 2018 at the Balingup Community Centre be taken and read as confirmed as true and accurate record. Moved (H.Christensen) / Seconded (J. Ranieri) Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:

From the Balingup 2030 workshop two sub committees have been established and will be reporting to BPA on a regular basis.-

Rail/Road, (contact person Malcolm Lee) report in General Business

Noongar Cultural, Arts and Community Precinct at the Golden Valley Tree Park
(contact person Sandra Hill) included with mail out of minutes, email from Sandra Hill.

Correspondence In:

1. Email from Leigh Guthridge to BPA advising of funding for Balingup Town Hall Renewal Project, appointment of a Project Manager and intention to set a date for public consultation)

2. Email from Leigh Guthridge to Balingup Visitor Centre provided by Per Christensen (advising of date and time of Community Meeting/Workshop for Public Consultation regarding Balingup Town Hall Renewal Project, Wednesday 11th July at the Balingup Recreation Centre at 7pm)

3. Facebook message from Kate Woolridge (regarding town signage and removal of signage for businesses no longer operating)

4. Email from Sandra Hill (regarding Project Overview for the Noongar Cultural, Arts and Community Precinct at the Golden Valley Tree Park in Balingup)

Correspondence Out: None, Resolution that correspondence be received. Moved (M.King) / Seconded (R.Robertson) Carried

Treasurers Report:

(Profit & Loss Statement 1/7/17 through 18/5/18 attached) Closing Balance of \$6183.82
Resolution that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Moved (M.King / Seconded (R.Robertson) Carried

Accounts presented for payment Invoice from Office Works for purchase of two white boards and freight for use at Telling Tales, \$305.92. Moved (M.Wachala) / Seconded (P.hristensen) Carried

2. Reimbursement of sound equipment for Town Hall to R. D. Gordon, \$750.00.
Moved (H. Christensen) / Seconded (M. King) Carried

General Business:

RAIL/ROAD Sub-committee –two meetings held so far, the “big picture” is it won't reduce traffic on road, focus on Tourist Railway such as Dowerin' s. There is an upcoming assessment being conducted by Talison with other commercial groups regarding rail usage.

Chimney

Relocation (W.Irvine) Reported on the requirements and the information needed by the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup to move the chimney to Shire managed land. This included evidence of strong community consultation, if it was feasible, a plan to be presented to Council for approval and planning for its maintenance in the future. Main Roads have agreed to move chimney (discussion followed on how it will be moved)
It was noted The agreement by Main Roads to move chimney has been recorded in BPA minutes. There is timetable for this to happen mid August but they are awaiting funding approval. BPA or a sub group need to submit an application for approval for moving chimney to Shire managed land.

Resolution: Townscape Committee (H. Christensen) to consult with Birdwood to select

Sight for chimney in current form or as just bricks and report back to BPA with a placement plan at next meeting. Moved (J.Ranieri) / Seconded (H.Christensen) Carried

Visitor Centre: (M Wachala

It has been noticed when recruiting new volunteers there is a lack of knowledge in general about our community groups. Discussion followed on the need for a welcome/introduction to the town for new residents. H. Christensen provided history of previous BPA Welcome Afternoon Teas where representatives from Community groups were present as guest speakers. The idea of Welcome events or packages for new residents was also discussed at the 2030 Workshop. Outcome – J. Hornum to investigate options to restart or reinvent BPA welcome to new residents and businesses.

Grants: for South West volunteer organisations are available from 1 to 5 thousand Dollars, provided by Federal Government. The grant monies would benefit BPA, Telling Tales, SFFD, and Friends of the Forrest with storing solutions for records and equipment. This information was provided by Member for Forrest Nola Marino via email to the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup and presented by H.Christensen to BPA. Applications open in August this year and are submitted online. Resolution - Grant application to be made by BPA for modular racking to increase storage in the Community Building store room and the Shire Hall store room (with the Secretary to submit) . H.Christensen to provide measurements of space to be fitted with shelving and Secretary to get pricing of shelving for application. Moved (H.Christensen) / Seconded (D.Gordon) Carried

“The Great Ride” (H.Christensen) proposal to host this show to coincide with the month of November 2018 and Remembrance Day at the Balingup Town Hall along with a Balingup Historical Society exhibition. An entry fee to the show would be charged and these monies would be provided to the Historical Society to help fund relocation of their storage space. Resolution – BPA to provide \$800 to sponsor show/exhibition. Moved (H.Christensen) Seconded (M. Wachala) Carried

Next Meeting 1st August 18 7pm

Meeting closed 8.30pm