

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
Minutes for General Meeting Tuesday 19th April 2016

1. Opening and Welcome : President Graeme Taylor
Opened the meeting at 7:35pm

2. Attendance: Ian Cole, Angelo D Amelio, Andrew Brewster, Graeme Taylor, Ann Taylor, Suzanne Brewer, Colin Brewer, Cr Brett Owen, Viv Williams, Barry Hyde

Apologies: Cr.Leticia Wilmot, Cr Tania Baxter, Margret Boon, Susan Handwerk

3. Guest Speaker :Barry Hyde – Proposal for BPA revised website
Barry talked about the future BPA website, it needed simplicity to make it easy for people to use.

-Question was asked who would maintain the site?

4. Acceptance of the General Meeting Minutes : Motion that the Minutes of the March 15th 2016 meeting be accepted.

Mov. A. D'Amelio
Sec. I. Cole

5. Correspondence in:

Cr Brett Owen- follow up last meeting –playground Holm Park
Maria Tucci BNC. Room usage agreement
Alex Smart -Thank you to BPA
Fiona – Cranbourne Salvation Army recorder ensemble
Annette Aldersea – Officer Dawn Service Anzac day
Cardinia Shire Mayor- Volunteers reception

Correspondence out:

Alex Smart –Helmeted honeyeaters
Fiona – Cardinia Salvation Army Recorder Ensemble
Councillors re Anzac Memorial service
Maria Tucci BNC room usage agreement

Mov. A. D'Amelio
Sec. C. Brewer

6. Business arising from minutes - Nill

7. Reports

President – G Taylor -attached
Treasurer – A Taylor \$650.00 was paid back to council
- Paid post office box
- Rolled over 2 term deposits accounts
-Treasurer report attached.

Mov. A. D,Amelio
Sec. A.Taylor

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Councillors' Report- Brett Owen

-in regard to liquor shops, we need reforms in the legislation as to the amount of liquor licences given, as licences will continue to go through.

-In relation to NBN (National Broadcasting Network) coming to Beaconsfield, it is due for completion in June 2016, the benefits include faster connection, lower costs, benefits to residents, Working from home.

-The extension of the Monash Freeway, there was a shortfall of \$100 million from the state government.

- The Bottle-O bottle shop want to change the parking time limit in front of his shop from 2Hrs to 30 min, to help people accessing his shop
- Kenilworth Ave was looked at by Council to see if the construction time line could be brought forward, currently in talks with developers concerned.
- Holm Park Reserve has a meeting room available at reasonable price, the room is underutilized.

Community Noticeboard- - April & May Ian Cole, June ?

8. General Business –

We are looking for local hosting of Web site

Volunteer's Dinner – Wednesday 11th May 2 people from BPA can go.

Reports

Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service – Sun 24th April at 2pm

Taylor's were approached about Anzac service ,as it was fast approaching 2 weeks away, Ann and Graeme rang Margret B , have duplicated some things, Margret has followed up with some people and Ann and Graeme to organise the rest

-Ann to source flowers for wreaths. Ian Cole to pay for wreaths,

Beaconsfield Banner

Nothing further to report, Andrew just looking at the moment.

History Report

-Penny has written about James Henry Rix, and it will be on the display board for Anzac Day,

-This Thursday evening at 5.00pm there will be a story by Western Baits (a well known historian who has written several books) at the Berwick Mechanics Institute about the Queen turning 90 years.

-Agreement with Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre Inc. for use of meeting room.

- Future BPA meetings and guest speakers – Suzanne to ask Marcelle if she could do a talk on the progress of the parking committee for Beaconsfield

Other business

9. Meeting closed at 9:10 PM

10. Next meeting 17th May 2016 7.30pm. Topic /guest speaker required

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 19 April 2016

Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc.

Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting.

We received the grant of \$2,000 from Cardinia Shire Council just after our last meeting, so the website upgrade is underway.

Our guest speaker tonight is Barry Hyde who is undertaking the upgrade. Importantly he is looking for our members' views, content and links to enhance the website.

Included in correspondence is an email from Cardinia Shire Council via Cr Brett Owen on Council website upgrade.

Ann and I attended the public talk on the Helmeted Honeyeater in the Beaconsfield-Berwick area. Information on the meeting was provided by Alex Smart at our previous meeting. This talk was very informative and very well attended demonstrating the interest in a bird species that looked to be endangered after the Ash Wednesday bushfires.

In accordance with the discussion at the last meeting, I signed the hire Agreement with Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre for the use of a room which I delivered along with the Public Liability Insurance Policy.

I was interested to read the front page article in the Age newspaper on Casey Council's objection to an application by Dan Murphy for a liquor take away store in Cranbourne East. This objection was supported by Victoria's Chief of Police Graham Ashton and also local police. Our objections to the BWS application in Beaconsfield Plaza had similarities with more liquor outlets linking the likelihood of anti-social behaviour and the severity and frequency of family violence. Legislative changes are needed to take these issues into account when applications are made for liquor outlets. The topic was covered in the Berwick Leader including a study that found that 40% of bottle shops in Cardinia Shire failed to check for ID when selling alcohol to people who looked under age. We need to keep advocating on this issue.

A response from Cardinia Shire via Cr Brett Owen was received on the query raised at the last BPA meeting on a skate park at Holm Park Reserve. This email advised that \$350,000 was included in the 2017/18 Budget Draft Capital Works Program but possibly earlier if State Government funds are available. There are no funds provided for a skate park at Officer at this time. The provision of seating and a rubbish bin at the playground at Holm Park Reserve is being followed up.

The Annual Cardinia Shire Mayor Volunteer Reception Dinner is to be held on Wed 11 May and two members can attend on behalf of BPA.

In conjunction with Margaret Boon, Ann and I have assisted in the arrangements being put in place for the Beaconsfield Anzac Memorial Service to be held this Sunday at 2pm at the Cenotaph. The service will be followed by afternoon tea and I look forward to you joining us if possible.

I have not been able to further discuss the future production of the Banner, but this can be discussed tonight. I will follow up this matter after Anzac Day which is our current priority.

I have not attended any Cardinia Shire Council meetings in the past month but I do look at Agenda's and haven't noted any local issues to warrant attendance. Our Councillor present tonight can update us. As suggested at the last meeting I did contact Frances Gregorio of Cardinia Shire Council to ascertain if a Business Group was being re-established in Beaconsfield. She advised that there were some discussions months earlier and the Council would be supportive, however there has not been sufficient interest for people to set-up and lead a Business Group

Many of these items will be discussed in more detail tonight.

GRAEME TAYLOR
PRESIDENT BPA.INC.