

BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes for General Meeting

Tuesday 17th November 2020 via Zoom

1. **Opening and Welcome :** President Graeme Taylor
Opened the meeting at 8:03 PM
2. **Attendance:**
Ann Taylor, Graeme Taylor, Tammy Radford, Brett Owen, Tania Baxter, Suzanne Brewer, Colin Brewer, Bob Cooper.
3. **Apologies:**
Viv Williams, Bronwyn McCormick, Andrew Brewster
4. **Acceptance of minutes: 20th October 2020**
Mov. Tania Baxter Sec. Colin Brewer Carried

Correspondence in:

- Banner –Various
- 20/10Pak Police – re any upcoming events – they need 6 weeks notice
- 21/10Cr Brett Owen to CSC re timing of O'Neil Road works - no reply from CSC
- 22/10Brett Owen and Colin Brewer re Keep clear marking for Brunt Road
- 25/10Tuan from Ducky –thank you and appreciate BPA and Banner
- 26/10 csc smarty grants Helena – Advice regarding cancelled events re Covid & funds held over to 2021/22
- Vce Local Council Election
- Weekly planning applications & amendments
- 4/11 CSC Kim Ockerby Free CS Business recovery sessions 6/11 & 22/11
- 6/11 Resident Banner great work grey font difficult to read in daylight
- 6/11 CSC Kristen Leiminger Business reopening tool kit now available
- 9/11 CSC Kristen Leiminger Council's free green waste drop of & National recycling week
- 9/11 Jason Wood La Trobe local awards
- 9/11 Vic gov Laura Cavallo Remembrance Day events & requirements under covid
- 10/11 CSC Kristen O'Neil Road upgrade to kick off \$36M highway intersection improvements
- 10/11 VEC New Councillors for Cardinia Shire
- 14/11 Editor Village Bell National deposit
- 15/11 Bill Penrose (CNAV broker) no adverts yet

Correspondence Out:

- TY to Leticia Wilmot
- Reply to Berwick Village C of C
- Newspaper articles : Details on all candidates in council elections, Article on Betty Whiteside

Mov. Ann Taylor Sec. Suzanne Brewer Carried

5. **Business arising from minutes:**
 - Noted Fire at OMY, Fire brigade did a great job. Go Fund Me page has started to help support to the guys to possibly find temporary premises.
6. **Reports:**
 - **President** – G Taylor See report from AGM
 - **Treasurer** – A Taylor
 - Lodged BAS, paid bills, Ann reported that all advertisers from the spring Banner have paid up, new summer Banner now following up payments for advertising.

- **Councillors' Report – Cr Brett Owen**

- Brett welcomed Tammy Radford and agreed they both look forward to working together
- Tammy – acknowledged achievements of what the BPA does in the community and Graeme's report, she will endeavour to come to future meetings
- New mayor elected next week.
- Brett Owen – The work on the O'Neil Rd intersection started today, service relocation has been happening over the past few weeks.
- Pedestrian crossings are to be worked on in Kenilworth Avenue.
- The Percy Alison Park change rooms are getting updated.
- Playground upgrades are needed at Kath Roberts Reserve as they are used a lot.
- The O'Neil playground is also busy, in the master plan there will eventually be a designated parking area.
- The community plan will go out for public consultation to engage people in the Shire to find out what the priorities are of the local residents. The plan will close on 23rd December 2020.
- The Council has been trying to support local businesses as much as possible through Covid.
- Ann asked if a new sign could be supplied for Kath Roberts Reserve as it looks dated. She also stated that Kath Roberts Reserve needs more funding to improve the drainage and asked if it was possible for the Council to supply the money. Brett will look into it.

7. Welcome to Tammy Radford

8. General Business-

- Reports -
- Beaconsfield Banner – Summer 2020 in progress
 - Some advertisers have changed and updated their ads.
- History report –
 - Penny is still working on the WW2 soldiers research.
 - Penny assisted on the article for Betty Whiteside who recently passed away
- Facebook Page:
- 545 likes (up 2 from last month) ; 496 of these are from Victoria and, unusually, 3 are from Poland
- 70% are women and unsurprisingly most are between 35 and 55 years of age.
- The most popular post was the announcement of the competition winners of the Iris Lewis Awards last month. This post reached 1300 people and 165 of them clicked on it to read it more fully and check out the photos... (which also reminds me that we should drop off a dozen or so Banners to Beaconsfield Primary School for them as it has the article and published entries of the students 😊)
- Notice Board:
- All up to date with latest Banner
- Thinking about putting some Christmas decorations up there soon too...
- Other Business – Beaconsfield Reservoir - Graeme and Colin
 - Graeme has been researching the Beaconsfield Reservoir from past notes. Progress aims to eventually have the Reservoir accessible for the community to use it while preserving the area.
 - Melbourne Water has not yet been in communication with Progress.
 - Melbourne Water are currently putting together their business plan for the Reservoir, with the contracts to be open and completed in 2022 and the Reservoir to be open to the public by 2023.
 - Melbourne Water does not want to leave the dam at 98.5 metres, with their preferred option at 94 metres.
 - Brett personally believes that it is a recreational water resource and would like to open it to the Aqueduct trail as it is a State Government asset.
- Australia Day Movie Night 2021 – Is the Drive-in possible?
- Carols by the Creek – All is going to plan Carols will be a live stream event

9. Meeting closed at 9:35pm

10. Next meeting: 15 December 2020 7.30pm.

