

Minutes of the meeting of HBVA CCB

held on 21st July 2018 at Erowal Bay Hall

Attendance: 21 members plus Bradley Collins from the RFS. Apologies were received from 29 members, and from Cllrs Gash and White

Mark Crowther stood in as chairperson of the meeting to assist the president, Morgan Sant. The meeting was opened at 3.00pm.

1 Minutes of Previous meeting.

Item 6 of the minutes of the previous meeting was amended to include *“the nominations to the Council Working Group on traffic issues were approved by the meeting.”*

moved by Tom Fawcett and seconded by Ken Renwick.

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3 Treasurers report

Opening balance at 19/05/18 was \$2339.10 in our Commonwealth Bank cheque account. The only expenditures was cost of hiring Erowal Bay Hall \$39.90. and \$100 to Sanctuary Point Mens shed for 2 Miner Bird traps leaving a closing balance at 21/07/18 of \$2199.20.

IMB Term Deposit has \$10806.33 giving total assets of \$13005.52.

Report approved: moved by Vicki Fortescue and seconded by Peter Rose

4 Hyams Beach Fire Protection Plan

Presentation by Bradley Collins, District Officer, RFS.

RFS has a rolling program of protection planning: Hyams Beach is one of the first communities to have a plan which takes the form of two basic draft maps. These have been displayed on the HBVA website. When they have been approved the maps will go on permanent display for access by residents and tourists.

Map A Shows three zones based on intensity of risk:

- *direct flame zone*: surrounding bush, coloured red.
- *radiant heat zone*: outer streets of village and beach, coloured pink.
- *ember attack zone*: inner core of village, coloured green.

He emphasised that residents were responsible for drawing up their own bush fire survival plans, including whether to leave or stay if there is a threat of bushfire. If it becomes unsafe to leave the advice to seek shelter in a safer place within the village. At a district level Erowal Bay Hall has been designated as a safer place serving the area, including Hyams Beach.

Map B Shows zones for different levels of vegetation management around the village:

- *Hazard reduction areas* shown in Blue hatching. These will periodically be burnt in a mosaic pattern to keep the fuel load lower.
- *Asset protection areas* shown in yellow. These will be cleared of most vegetation on an annual basis. This will include actions taken in conjunction with NPWS and the Jerrinja Land Council

These are both designed to slow a fire down.

5.1 Update on traffic management Plan.

Following on two previous stakeholder meetings attended by 25-30 people Council adopted a recommendation to set up a small working group (with fewer than 10 members) to focus on ideas and concepts raised at the earlier meetings. The first meeting of the working party was held on June 5th and was attended by two representatives of HBVA, Morgan Sant and Lois Sparkes, and by Craig Mckintosh (representing rental properties) and Chris Allison (representing other commercial interests including the Café). Dean Hargreaves (owner of the Whalers Cottages) was also invited. Mayor Amanda Finlay, General Manager Russ Pigg, Daniel Dunstan (traffic Dept) and Jessica Rippon attended from council.

A major report (SA 18.131) was subsequently presented to the Strategy and Assets Committee of Council on 12th June. The meeting was attended by Mark Crowther and Kate Friis.

The report made 5 recommendations that were slightly amended and augmented (clause 6) in Council:

1. There should be a 4 step solution to finding a long term plan for peak season issues.
 - a. Immediate actions
 - b. short term actions
 - c. long term actions, including revenue options, parking options and out of area parking.
 - d. broader discussions of Shoalhaven wide tourism management
2. Undertake a community engagement process with the whole Hyams Beach community on the proposed short term options and that these be provided to the community as a proposed package of projects. This package of projects to be shown as a concept plan (with maps) and include details such as traffic management, amenity upgrades, indicative timing and proposed budget allocations.
3. Continue with Stakeholder Working Group and Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group on potential revenue raising options, including including paid parking, out of area parking and other long-term solutions.
4. Dedicate a Project Officer to work on the Hyams Beach Project coordination and other heavily visited areas to ensure oversight and project management of short and medium-term actions and to continue to find sources of revenue (grants and other solutions) to oversee planning for HB and other tourism hotspots.

5. Continue to undertake broader discussions relating to 360 Tourism Model and overall management of tourism and other heavily visited areas within the wider community
6. That all Councillors be invited to future stakeholder meetings.

Council added a couple of things, they emphasised digital traffic management and that all councillors be invited to future meetings.

In discussion:

Mark Crowther noted that the only firm budget allocation was for extra toilets at Seamans carpark next year, with toilets for Chinamans Beach and the reserve the following year and the replacement of Hyams Beach toilets the year after.

Morgan Sant emphasised that HBVA reps on the working party had insisted that council take full responsibility for the community consultation.

He also undertook to communicate with the General Manager's office to seek a report on progress since the Strategy and Assets meeting of 12th June and to Jessica Rippon and to propose a follow-up meeting.

Lyn Nelson wished to show appreciation for the time and effort everyone was putting into solving the traffic issues.

Vicki Fortescue demonstrated a new App "**Snap, Send Solve**" This requires all NSW councils to respond very quickly to things that need rectifying, or an infringement, take a photo and send it via the app.

5.2 Proposed time restricted No Stopping on Moonah Road

Morgan Sant explained that this proposal applied to mornings when garbage trucks need clear access to operate on Friday mornings. Daniel Dunstan (Council Traffic Officer) had asked for feedback on the acceptability of the proposal.

There were no concerns so Morgan would inform Daniel.

6 Environment report

6.1 General report

Vicki Fortescue

- a. thanked the residents for watering the new plants the group had planted along the cliff line at the northern end of the village. She requested that people keep blocking off the illegal tracks onto Hyams Beach through the Lomandras with brush etc.
- b. She indicated the importance of the new weed identification brochure on the website. It identified invasive weeds found in Hyams Beach. She asked everyone to assist in their eradication.
- c. Appropriate native vegetation would attract native birds and stop the spread of Miner birds which were being successfully trapped.
- d. The new rabbit virus was being sought.
- e. The marine park had been contacted and a new **No Spear Fishing sign** requested.
- f. Progress on recycling advancing with help of Café.

- g. She then reported that Ulladulla rate payers had written to the secretary requesting our support for their push to Shoalhaven City Council to reassess their tree policy. and that John Levett had asked for our support.

6.2 Response to request from Ulladulla CCB to Shoalhaven Council that Council reassess its tree management policy.

(Currently, Council has a Tree and Vegetation Management Plan contained in the Shoalhaven Development Control Plan 2014. Broadly this requires (section 5.1) that no trees be cut down, felled, poisoned, ringbarked etc, without a permit granted by Council. However, there are exemptions (section 5.2) that allow owners to act on their property without the requirement of a permit.)

Marie Ellis elaborated by informing the meeting that the current very lax policy allowing residents to remove any tree from their property under the 45 degree rule without any assessment was denuding canopy, particularly in urban areas where it is vital not only for wild life but also for climate control and other environmental benefits. She emphasised that it did not apply to Hyams Beach which came under the RFS 10/50 regulation, so that trees within 10metres of a building and any vegetation within 50 metres can be cleared.

She considered a return to applications and permits for tree removal would bring Shoalhaven into line with other councils and would prevent perfectly healthy, non-dangerous trees from being cut down.

The following **Motion** was put to the meeting and **passed unanimously**.

“We should support Ulladulla and request that council review its current vegetation management”

Moved Marie Ellis

Seconded Peter Rose

7 Other Business

- a. Ken Renwick reported that there had been some asphaltting of the edges of Hyam Road
- b. Di Moller acknowledged that the pot holes in Moonah Rd had been filled
- c. Mark Crowther noted that the trucks entering 86 Cyrus St had cracked our new pavement and that a falling wall had damaged Peter Rose’s house.
- d. Mark also noted that he still had not received details of traffic movements between 10.0pm and 6.0am for the Easter week end when at least 30 vehicles had parked over night. If nothing was forthcoming he would seek an FOI to get the information.
- e. Morgan reminded the meeting that nominations for all committee positions would be needed for the AGM on October 6th . The constitution did not permit him to stand again. Mark added that council were discussing the disbanding of Vincentia ratepayers as they could not fill their committee.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm

Next Meeting (AGM) 6th October 2018