

Minutes of HBVA CCB December 10th 2016 in Erowal Bay Hall

44 members attended the meeting with 5 visitors from Shoalhaven City Council. Apologies were received from 24 members.

The president, Morgan Sant, opened the meeting at 3.00 pm. He welcomed everyone especially new members, and the mayor Amanda Finlay and councillors, Jo Gash, Patricia White and John Levett.

1 Minutes of Previous meeting.

Before approval, an amendment was accepted to include a statement by Lois Sparkes that if people had problems with Telstra's internet service, particularly those conducting a business, they should write to the Minister of the Department of Small Business. If the DSB get 10 complaints it must be investigated. Subject to this change the minutes of the 15 October meeting were approved.

Moved Di Smith; seconded by Frank Smith. Carried

2 Matters arising

- *Pontoons on Seamans Beach.* A letter had been received stating that the Navy had approval to remove them but first had to build a road and bridge through the base to get to the beach.
- *Website.* Adele Carter, a new resident, has offered to help establish this for the village. The website will allow for larger documents to be mounted, to ease pressure on emails. There would also be a news blog. The site address will be HBVACCB.org
- *Broad band.* Mark Crowther had two items on current situation
 - Initial NBN survey on state of copper wire had begun and the report would be made in the New Year. After necessary rectification work, the NBN could be rolled out in about 9 months.
 - A private provider of fixed wireless internet with its own communications hardware has spare capacity which it is willing to supply to Hyams Beach residents. Subject to Council approval for use of the tower, it could be installed before Christmas. The cost will be \$100 for 500 Gb per month with high speeds, 25 Mbps download and 5 Mbps upload. 15 people are required to sign up before it is economical. The provider is a licensed NBN provider so a transfer to the NBN at a later date if required would be straightforward.

3 Correspondence

The Secretary was absent from the meeting, but two letters written to Council since the previous meeting were highlighted:

- The CCB's opposition to the proposed rate rise without much clearer justification
- Need to ensure that no subdivision of undersized blocks be permitted, at least ahead of the strategic plan being prepared, as this would result in changing the character of the village.

4 Council Matters

- a)** *Footpath* has been completed with a big thank you to Ken Corbett for coordinating the project, with the help of a number of volunteers and the Council's financial support.
- b)** *Parking controls and traffic planning*
- New signage on Booderee to ensure no stopping where there is a double white line.
 - After consultation with residents, Bayview Av will get seasonal 'no stopping signs' from 10am-5pm October to April on the southern side of the street.
 - Residents are also being consulted about similar seasonal 'no stopping' on the southern end of Cyrus Street, from the car park to the turning circle, to enable buses and large vehicles to access the turning circle avoiding dangerous reversing onto the car park.
 - Similar consultation is occurring for double white lines to be installed at the northern end of Cyrus Street to prevent parking on the corner.

It was flagged that future discussions with the Council traffic section will address the following

- Silver Strand Circuit: single side parking
- Additional traffic calming devices

Vicki Fortescue requested that a letter be sent to MRTA requesting the village become a 40kph zone. There was some opposition in that it would involve yet more signs and the problem would be solved if the 50kph were observed.

- c)** *Council visit to Hyams Beach Nov 18th 2016.* A bus load of councillors and heads of Council departments were met by Mark Crowther and Vicki Fortescue and spent 45 minutes observing some of the issues in the village. The mayor commented that they had looked at parking, erosion, toilets and the fire shed. She expressed surprise at the divergence between council costings and the firm quotes obtained for the HBVA to remove asbestos at the fire shed. She also reiterated the importance of the strategic plan to prioritise needs to help council budget for the needs of all the village.
- d)** *CCB Executive meeting at council.* Attended by the president and the secretary, where the budgetary pressures facing council were emphasised to all CCBs in the Shoalhaven. The President referred in particular to two presentations:
- *Craig Millburn (Director, Corporate and Community Services)* gave a presentation which emphasised the need to find additional revenue sources and he flagged the prospect of paid parking in tourist villages facing parking pressures, naming Huskisson and Hyams Beach as possibilities. He agreed

- *Environment Group*. This is led by Vicki Fortescue and she presented a table of the environmental values that attract both residents and tourists to the area. It displayed some of the threats and their causes.
- *Residential amenity and sustainable tourism*. Led by Mark Crowther
- *Public assets and spaces*, Led by Morgan Sant
- *Risk management, Fire and traffic safety*, led by David Campbell
- *Legal framework*, led by John Flett

8 General Business

- *Pittosporum on the foreshore near the playground*. An issue was raised by Chris McConachy. He considered that this was taking over the existing vegetation and blocking views. He had been told by Alasdair, head of SCC Bushcare that nothing could be done without an environmental impact statement, but he wanted village approval to personally remove the trees. This caused strong objections from the floor. Statements were made by the Mayor who outlined Council's protocol on native vegetation, and by Cllr Jo Gash who reminded members of how the issue of vegetation removal at Collingwood Beach had divided Vincentia and pleaded for this not to be repeated at Hyams Beach. Martin Fortescue commented that the scientific community was divided about pittosporum and it was decided that it should be an issue flagged in the strategic plan.
- *Extension to JB National Park*. The President showed a map of the newly gazetted area East of JB Road.
- *Turning cars back*. Alan Veitch asked if there was a plan to prevent cars entering the village once it was deemed full. The President said it would be up to the rangers, but there were no specific plans.

Next Meeting either February 11th or 18th

Meeting closed at 4.45 and everyone was invited to share a drink and nibbles.