

# **Minutes of the meeting of HBVA CCB 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Erowal Bay Hall**

25 members attended the meeting . Apologies were received from 32 members.

The President, Morgan Sant, opened the meeting at 3.03pm.

## **1 Minutes of Previous meeting.**

Motion was passed to approve the minutes: moved Bridget Sant; seconded Julienne McKay

## **2 Matters Arising**

- Jenny Rutherford indicated that she had purchased a trap to catch Mynah birds but had so far been unsuccessful. The cage was the property of HBVA and others were welcome to use it.
- Mark Crowther indicated that 18 properties had now been connected to the private internet service and 4 more were about to be connected. All the feed back had been good but the providers had decided to reduce the number permitted to connect. The meeting expressed their gratitude to Mark for getting this service organised.
- Vicki Fortescue reported that she had again contacted the mayor re the toilet paper and rubbish being hosed into the creek from the main toilets. This time action was forthcoming and a brush barrier has now been installed in the toilets.

## **3 Treasurers report**

Vicki Fortescue, the treasurer reported that the CBA account now stood at \$2,018.9 after expenses of \$39.90 for the hire of the hall and \$45.0 for the mynah bird trap had been paid. The term deposit stood at \$10,64.70 after interest of \$54.81 had been added.

Motion to approve was accepted. It was moved by Vicki Fortescue and seconded by Mark Crowther

## **4 Presidents report** **(attached)**

## **5 Strategic Plan**

The president moved a motion “that the Strategic Plan as presented be approved and conveyed to council for adoption. “

Moved Morgan Sant, Seconded Rob McKinnon

The president spoke to his motion stating that it was the culmination of the work of many people. Four themes had been identified early on and groups had worked on these themes. It was soon realised that protecting our environment was the recurrent theme to emerge.

As yet the document has not prioritised the actions but these will come from the village and the incoming committee. He emphasised that it was a dynamic document that could be revisited each year for review.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Some discussion followed.

Vicki Fortescue suggested that the environmental group continued to meet. She emphasised the need for a meeting venue and hoped that the fireshed would soon be available.

Michele Schlosser requested the importance of assuring the village water supply.

Rob Mckinnon suggested that we write requesting the use of the fireshed whilst the land claim is being processed.

## **6 Other Business**

1. Mark Crowther informed the meeting that SCC were planning meetings for next year's rate rise, after iPart had only agreed to a one off rise so to continue at current levels SCC have to make another application to iPart. Communities have to make another submission to iPart to object to another 11.5% above the peg. NB Hyams Beach residents contribute \$571 000 dollars in rates to SCC.
2. David Campbell produced the fliers for the RFS open day at the Crossroads for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. Morgan Sant informed the meeting that the deadline for public display and comment on the Worworing Precinct development (on the southern side of Jervis Bay Road, opposite Woolworths) had been extended until September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 3.40 and the AGM commenced thereafter.

Next General Meeting: date to be determined

## ***Attachment***

### Presidents Report

I want to begin by acknowledging the work of the Committee in general and of David Campbell and Vicki Fortescue in particular. And not only the committee: many others have contributed their time, energy and enthusiasm help bring about some important outcomes for the village.

When we re-formed the HBVA in late 2015 we set out a couple of important objectives, namely to develop a new Constitution, and to work constructively with Council to solve some of the traffic and infrastructure problems caused by the huge growth in day tourism. We achieved the first and now have a Constitution that improves the effectiveness of the organisation.

As far as the second objective is concerned, I want to put on record that we have received substantial help from Council in dealing with the most immediate impacts of tourism. Some of the things that have been done:

- improved traffic flow on Booderee Avenue
- restricted parking on Bayview and the southern end of Cyrus St
- environmental and parking improvements on Silver Strand
- footpath on Cyrus St to improve pedestrian safety
- experimental closure of the road down to Ramp Beach
- parking ranger presence to improve traffic circulation

There is still much to be done. Day trip tourism to Shoalhaven will probably continue to grow for many years to come and Hyams Beach will continue to be a prime destination. The actions taken so far do not deal with the fundamental problem of balancing the widely different capacities of the villages and the beaches around Jervis Bay. We are likely to see continuing anger, not just of residents and high-end holiday renters but also of visitors who have travelled for a couple of hours and failed to find somewhere to park and enjoy what we have to offer. There will also be growing dissatisfaction among other Shoalhaven residents and ratepayers who are increasingly being 'shut out' from their local beaches and facilities. The responsibility for finding effective long-term solutions lies firmly with Council.

With this in mind the HBVA Committee proposed that the village prepare a Strategic Plan which, we hope, will soon be submitted to Council. The aim of this Plan is primarily to provide Council with a guide to what we see as the main issues facing Hyams Beach. In

addition, the process of preparing the plan has given our community a chance to develop a collective (but not exclusive or prescriptive) vision of itself and its aspirations. Interestingly, what started as an exercise to address tourism and traffic issues quickly broadened to include a very wide range of environmental concerns. In short, I would summarise the Plan as recognising that visitors share many of the values that residents have, but that we have to avoid our Bay, our beaches and our hinterland being 'loved to death'. The Plan expresses a strong custodial role of the residents. If the Plan is adopted the new committee will have the task of translating proposals into actions. I believe it will get the best results by working constructively with Council's elected representatives and professional staff.

Lastly, I have indicated a desire to stand down from the President position. This is not because I do not enjoy the role. Quite the contrary - it has been very rewarding in every way. However, as some of you already know, over the last few months I have become increasingly deaf and this has made it difficult to chair large meetings as effectively as I would like. At this point no-one has been nominated for the position so, if necessary, I would be willing to continue temporarily in order to give the new committee time to make other arrangements.