

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Minutes

Venue: Zoom and in person at Buchan rec reserve

Date: 13.10.20

Meeting time 6pm

Invitees:

Committee: A Brewer, D Graham, A Henderson, K Hodge, D Mraz, K Pearce, C Cooper, J Sutton, R Levings,

Council Representatives: S Healy, E Aldersea

Guests: Nil

Gallery: Nil

Apologies: G Brick, J Coates

Minutes of meeting: Moved by Rocio Levings; Seconded by Donna Mraz

Business arising from minutes:

Website Update from Erin

- Landing page created to allow Erin to work in the background to create the website
- Basic layout complete, focus now on content and images
- Erin needs images to be provided and help with content from Katie and Suzie
- Erin plans to have a live website by the next meeting in 2 weeks time

Admin support

Rebecca (Hub) has done about five farm visits now

- Linking people in with rural finance, Landcare etc
- Brief but valuable sessions
- We're concerned the admin support will get pulled, need to let BRV know it's important
- Want 3 days a week rather than just one day
- Katie proposes that we talk about and discuss with Minister Neville etc (BRV folks)
 - o Short term admin support needs to continue and be increased in hours
 - o Chris agrees
 - o Katie will draft a letter to get the process moving forward, everyone agrees

Communication strategy- later this meeting

Policies- Code of Conduct is a work in progress

- There's a draft that will be sent around before next meeting to go through then

Rotary funding of the store credits

- Katie has finalised the list of farmers
- Farmers in western districts donated money - \$43,000
- 94 on the list and sent to BRV
- Katie proposes we need to augment the amount of money to give each farmer \$500 store credit - \$47,000 needed in total. This means we need an extra \$4000 from the trust bank account.

MOTION: to withdraw \$4000 from the trust bank account to add to the donated funds which will result in each farmer receiving a \$500 store credit.

- Motion moved by Katie and seconded by Rocio
- 7 committee members in favour, none opposed

Treasurers Report

Balance

- \$108,000 in bank at the moment
- Transferring money across to the new account
- Farmers store credit progress (as previously discussed)

ABN

- Trying to find out if ABN needed
- Action to apply for ABN

MOTION: Kirstie on behalf of the Committee to open a second bank account as an operating account.

- Motion moved by Anne and seconded by Rocio
- Donald says maybe not worth it as interest isn't much at all
- 5 for, 1 abstaining

General Business:

Chris Cooper email sent just before meeting:

- Chris concerned there's not been much action taken, a lot of work put into getting things moving for not much response
- Only 1 building permit allowed so far after 10 months
- Donald's thoughts are that it's a council issue, they take forever to approve planning and building permits. Council need to be pushed more to help speed up this process
- Chris' idea is to get case managers helping those who need it. Suggest to BRV a couple of case managers to help push permits through quicker
- Anne says it can take more time and energy to answer all the case managers questions, case managers are a good idea but depends on who you get. It might not be a quick fix
- Rocio agrees with Chris and case managers may be helpful, as a group we can advocate for that
 - Should we split into sub-committees to focus on different things?
 - Worried if we don't act now, we may miss out on new funding for new infrastructure etc

Action: Katie puts forward to get Stuart McConnell and Morgana from Council to come to next meeting, Chris seconds this action.

- Want to find out from them what is the hold up and how to get things moving faster

Ongoing Social advocacy work (Suzie H)

- Individual level support team
 - o Suzie meets with hub coordinator and case support workers once a fortnight
 - o Focussed on opportunities for individuals

- If you are concerned about someone you can make a referral to Rebecca or Suzie to follow up with this person
- Services Network
 - Health, education etc are coming together on an as needed basis to make sure the right services are coming together to help those that need it
- Capacity and strategic connections to place
 - Working with agencies at a higher level to build services that are provided
 - Sustainable services in place
 - Place based meeting, people in Buchan meeting with BRV on the ground
- CRC Chairs meeting
 - Chairs from across all districts meet up fortnightly
 - Katie attends
 - Creating accountability across the groups, raise some consistencies and inconsistencies
 - We can utilise this space to bring any issues up with BRV and council reps in attendance

Built Environment Advocacy (Donald)

- Got a response from the Minister that didn't answer the questions
- Got a phone call from Megan who said she'd get back to him but took long time to do so!
- Megan rang to say talk to me about anything!
- Method 2 assessment not helpful at all. Donald talked further to his experience with the process to date.

Comms Plan (Suzie)

- To go through next meeting
- People can look over and give feedback to Suzie before next meeting

Strategic priorities

- Acknowledged need to identify strategic priorities
- Chris happy to work in this space with how to move things forward for recovery and helping individuals. Chris Katie and Donald formed this group
- Katie proposes we put together a group of people to go through the below three points,
 - Beginning to form them up into a structure ready for requests from local state and federal depts/agencies.
 - Committee operational budget requests - \$25,000 per year for three years – Kirstie and Katie
 - Community identified recovery plan (Past Community Plans and incorporate Survey) – Katie, Anne, Kirstie and Rocio

Decision making

- Anne, Kirstie, Katie and Donald, as the executive, to be able to make decisions without involving the whole group if they need to act quickly.
- Chris concerned this could lead to losing communication with whole group, suggests sending email out quickly if decisions are made. Donald agrees.

ACTION: if quick decisions are made by the executive that an email is sent out to the wider committee to inform them of this.

Parking Lot:

- Delegation of authority- draft on the agenda for the next meeting
- Agenda for next meeting- survey results, communication strategy

Next meeting: 27 October at 6pm (both in person and Zoom)

Meeting closed: 715pm

Minutes written by: E Aldersea

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 27 October 2020