

Those items in purple are decisions made

Those items in red are action items

## **Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)**

### **Minutes**

**Venue:** Zoom

**Date:** 16.04.20

**Meeting** opened 7.00 pm

**Present:**

**Committee:** A Brewer, J Coates, D Graham, A Henderson, K Hodge, J McCole, C Cooper, D Mraz

**Council Representative:** S Healy

**Gallery:** M McCole

**Apologies:** G Brick, K Pearce, M Wheeler

Moved A Brewer and seconded K Hodge that apologies be accepted. Carried.

**Minutes of meeting 18.03.20:** Moved C Cooper and seconded D Graham that the minutes as recorded are a true and correct record. No amendments suggested. Carried.

### **Business arising from minutes:**

Update re drought relief bore- as per email 16.4.20. Drought relief money-Oct/Nov-came out in press release. It is about setting up water capacity during drought. Standpipe comes off town supply. Where it is to be placed is still a work in progress.

**Action:** S Healy

IGEM-there are barriers to having input which has been followed up given inability to access easily. Concern expressed about requiring more input into the phase for getting more preparation and prevention rather than recovery into the report. Very little appears to be happening down in Sarsfield. Communications are an ongoing issue. Access, etc around vegetation preparation is a concern. It was asked of those that linked to the consultation last week if there was any mention of roadside preparation, the emergency messaging and where people were sent (ie Orbost-Buchan Rd which was unsafe). The second phase of the consultation is to be around rebuilding-ie what happens after the fire-more about the ongoing issues eg GROCON, etc and won't probably be for another 6 months or so.

A request for a copy of the letter sent re volunteers was requested. This was to be provided to all committee members but had been missed.

**Action:** A Brewer

There is a lot of conflicting information getting around the town. It was explained that it is a very mobile space and can change in an hour. People requesting follow up re Blazeaid situation. Discussion took place around timelines for getting volunteer camp setup. It was explained that the situation with the current health state of emergency has put many things on hold. BRV and East Gippsland Shire Council Rep are working together so that this project can be moved forward as soon as the emergency restrictions have been lifted.

Place in parking bay- drought relief holding tank as needs multiple considerations eg flood plains, land owners, etc but potentially will be near the standpipe.

Business arising from minutes and correspondence moved by D Graham, seconded by J McCole that accepted and dealt with.

### **General Business**

Model Rules: A Brewer moved and D Graham seconded that the Model Rules be amended as per those emailed since the Exec meeting.

D Graham moved and D Mraz seconded that the Model Rules as amended be forwarded to Consumer Affairs.

Communication plan- Zoom meetings moving forward. Tuesdays at 7pm. People aren't moving around as per restrictions so information needs alternative means of getting to people. The member list has been updated by K Pearce and D Graham. Plan 20 copies of minutes to be placed in the General Store for people to take home if wanted.

Action A Brewer.

In the future the Hub could print the minutes.

Action S Healy.

Confirmed minutes of meetings to be emailed out to general members, to enhance information flow. This make take a week to get setup.

Action A Brewer

Discussion re a letter to be sent via the community phone tree informing community of communication plans and other things of current interest. Action K Hodge. Looking into Zoom platform and cost of subscription to reduce interruption of meetings. Currently restricted to 40mins. Looks like around \$21 monthly for Zoom Pro.

D Mraz moved and A Henderson seconded that we subscribe to ZoomPro.

IGEM-submission as a committee

Get included as many members as possible

Email out IGEM stuff requesting input, even if just dot points

Cut off is late April so this is a priority

Examples- seasonal burning, preparation work pre fire season, pumps. Please don't name people or organisations. Need to say if you are happy to have submission published as public record during the process.

Some people will need assistance to put in submissions but there are now a range of options making it easier.

Get as many submissions as possible registered regardless of the entry portal. (At the very least try to get survey option done)

Moving forward- need to start gathering options, ideas so things can be prioritised. Need to consider short, medium and long term options. Action everybody. Some ideas so far-

dumping point for RV camping, camping sites (there are not enough at the Caves reserve, not sure what Stonehenge have)

Dump point- nothing stopping it at the moment, was held up before by a business owner. Potentially could be placed near toilet block. Chemical issues/septic tank issues-likely needs its own holding tank.

Action S Healy to look at options.

Playground discussed as not being ideal. Too small and could be located to area within the current vicinity. Need to keep all things moving.

So camping, dump point, support for fencing appear to be priority areas.

Blazeaid update: Staying at present. Blazeaid to provide report on work done, work proposed and how much is still to go.

Action J Coates.

All tradies, contractors ,etc need to comply with rules around social isolation. It is a different work environment under the current state health emergency. Some clarification to be sought re what is happening around the town.

Grant applications- need to start looking at what grant applications. One thought was to look at getting weather stations for the areas/districts. This would then able better planning locally. It was an issue during the fires that the weather was from so far distant that it was in many cases irrelevant.

Current bank balance \$65,977.82. Gift cards and monetary things are also being held. Suggest sub-committee to work out what is actually there and how it could be distributed both equitable and within the intent of those donations. Consider using Buchan Neighbourhood House (BNH) to distribute. Sub-committee to be made up of K Hodge, C Cooper, K Pearce, ?S Edwards(GBNC) and 2 BNH representatives.

#### Attract events

- List any future events
- Street event
- Winter Festival
- Recovery event
- Mountain Cattleman event?

#### Other thoughts

- Mountain Bike tracks

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7pm via Zoom

**Meeting closed** 9.05pm.

**Minutes written by:** A Brewer

**Chairperson:** K Hodge

**Signed:** K Hodge  
**Date:** 21.04.2020