

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated) Minutes

Venue: Zoom

Date: 02.06.20

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present:

Committee: A Brewer, K Hodge, M Wheeler, C Cooper, A Henderson, D Graham, J McCole, J Coates, G Brick, D Mraz

Council Representative: S Healy

Gallery: M McCole

Apologies: K Pearce, R Steenholdt, A Carey

Review of minutes: moved by J McCole and seconded by M Wheeler that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting May 19th. Carried.

Business Arising:

Proposal regarding Organisational Capacity building for Bushfire Recovery Victoria:

Request emailed to BRV and EG Shire Council to progress the capacity building priorities for our community org.

The allocation applies to all the Community Recovery Committees (CRCs). Looking at the employment issues, recruitment, etc. Might need to see where things are required to be allocated. [Website might be something to be moved forward as it is a smaller defined project.](#)

Red Cross Project Officer and Mentor request to Join a meeting: Looking to attend on the 16 June 2020.

- Red Cross Recovery Project Officer: Sophie Beasley-request to attend the next meeting
- Red Cross Disaster Recovery Mentor info: Sarah U'Brien- will be coming later on

[Need a flow chart of who is doing what](#)

Bank Account Update

- Kirstie to give an update- work in progress

Redevelopment of Rec Ground:

Kate to give update, meeting held with key stake holders to progress this project and identify required actions and admin required for staged approach. Susie update

C Whelan, R Steenholdt, K Hodge, E Schmidt, S Edwards and S Healy all met re Rec Ground upgrade/redevelopment. CMA are on board with an in principle agreement in writing.

Topographic study has been completed. Do we look at redeveloping current space or widen the lens to other spaces? Maybe develop other concepts and put forward to the community.

Recreational planner to look at different space in Buchan (no charge)-they listen to the needs of the community and the sports people with added thoughts on emergencies, etc.

The expertise to see what is best layout of the ground, where each sports arena sits, netball closer to the football, new change rooms, commercial kitchen, etc all considerations in play.

Planning:

- Requested support from a contracted facilitator to support Community Committees.
- Organisational plan and objectives; short term; mid-term, long term. How do we map out the priorities and what to do in what order?
- Still people in the space that have not engaged. Need to bring planner in to the space. Everyone to look across their spaces and see if anyone is not yet engaged and may need support. This is for case management and also clean up. The term “Case Manager” has a negative connotation.

For the survey

- Have you got a case manager?
- Are you happy with your case manager?
- Do you know of people who are not happy with case managers or other services?
- Do you have unmet needs in the bushfire recovery area?
- S Healy a willing advocate for equity

Reporting back to community

- Letter needs updating, Mary Wheeler has begun to organise the membership lists and groupings.
- Waiting on survey for the creation of the survey and distribution of that survey to call for local projects and needs in our districts. **Subcommittee- A Brewer, K Pearce to get survey sorted.**
AB to follow up.

Policies and Procedures:

Next Policy to look at. Code of Conduct

Action D Mraz to draft code of conduct

Playground

- Donna – planning in progress for meetings. Children to be part of consultation process.

Minister Lisa Neville request to join us for a meeting on June 16th, structure, format, any particular arrangements needed - S Healy to check Sarsfield outcomes.

Wants half an hour with committee (closed), need to be well prepared, brainstorm prior to the meeting, what is she expecting from us, is she looking at the next fire season, IGEM report, drought conditions, bushfire conditions remain very real, emergency warnings that are inappropriate.

D Graham will attend a brainstorming session with K Hodge and then invite all others to add to the list.

Need to sort what we want/ expect of the minister rather than just address her needs for the government. K Hodge highlighted forestry have reducing numbers, deterioration of bush areas. The need to talk to the locals, total mismanagement, need policy changes.

K Hodge to send out minutes of the meeting with Sarsfield with the invite to our next meeting.

General Business:

Strategic operations:

Aligning with the pillars discussion.

S Healy to forward information on the pillars other areas have used to manage projects strategically. All Committee members need to decide which of the pillars they would like to be involved with. (Social, Built, Economic, Cultural, Environment). Suggest each pillar needs 2 leaders at a minimum.

Council Visit:

Meeting with the Mayor and CEO of the EGSC 29.5.20. Discussion items were GROCON, BlazeAid, funding, feedback loops not closed, concierge program, hubs. Concierge program not yet finalised. EGSC following up on a few issues.

Drought remains sustained in the Buchan district, insurance have mostly been reported to be good to work with, public fencing- mixed bag, exclusion fences, types of fencing, fodder available (need for feed)-needs coordinating directly to people's property, roadside management (weed control), fencing waste-may need more dump points.

EGSC also met with W Tree-communication was the main issue, complimentary of BlazeAid. W Tree are coordinating a survey for around there, roadside maintenance are a concern.

EGSC also met with Gelantipy- issues- roadsides, trees, weeds, roads-who will be responsible- DELWP, EGSC or VicRoads? Happy with the public/private interface, water is an issue, donated hay still arriving.

Suggested that the Mayor and CEO be invited back in the future.

To send out message that they are both available anytime for a chat.

Grant GST Taxability

Kirstie to report back. The \$75,000 grants are tax free.

Rob Gordon

To be streamed on the EGSC website and on our own once it is up and running. CDs expected to arrive in the community next week for giving to people who wish to view the recording. More can be accessed if required.

Dump point

Progressing in the right direction. Environment and health all working together to achieve an outcome.

Telecommunication: Darren Chester has passed onto Paul Fletcher.

List provided to all committee members of the projects collated from previous meeting and town plans. Work in progress and certainly there will be other things that may need adding to the list.

Bushfire monies:- short, medium and long term.

What do people need (put in the survey)

Concern that nothing is happening with the money in the account. Challenge is how to spend public money well.

Need guidance from victims to go out within the survey and also to others re town spaces. Need to sort out who needs what and where. Need to sort out what monies were tagged for specific things and have that as a list.

Discussion re GIVIT may be an option, shipping containers are an issue-promised but nothing, everyone is tired of promises without an outcome. Discussion re money disbursements. Different people have different needs.

What is the criteria for BlazeAid? No-one knows and it is difficult to source the criteria. It now seems it is for anyone insured or not insured, and they have materials available if people don't have them. There is no predictability across different camps and / or groups. No clear system or prioritisation of how it happens, when it happens or the resources and /or equipment. Lack of communication. Some are now getting internal fences done while others don't even have their external fences done.

Mentioned that there have been several near misses with wandering stock. Need to get people to feed that directly back to the Hub R Steenholdt or S Healy.

What are the processes re Blazeaid.

Formulate the question to BRV (Richard)

Add GBNC to the email list to get the minutes of the meetings. Add the group email to the minutes to enable people to email to ask to join in the meetings if they wish to get an invite.

Suggestions re use of money- use money as leverage for greater grants for whether projects or events. Ask Lisa from GIVIT to attend a meeting and explain how that works. Think about educational, psychosocial, BBQs bringing people together. Perhaps give some of the money to GIVIT to allow people to apply and access.

Parking Bay:

Tank placement at REC

- Suzie Healy to provide an overview of a recent survey from Mallacoota.
- Telecommunications
- Update on Volunteers Camp
- Dump Point
- Camping access across the catchment and the availability

Next meeting 16.06.20 7pm. Zoom.

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Next meeting: Tuesday June 16 7pm via Zoom

Meeting closed

Minutes written by: A Brewer

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 16.06.2020