

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Minutes

Venue: CFA Shed and Zoom

Date: 30.06.20

Meeting 7.00 pm

Present:

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

Council Representative: S Healy (EGSC)

Gallery: M McCole

Apologies: R Steenholdt

Minutes: Moved M Wheeler and seconded by K Pearce that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting held 16.06.20. Carried

Business Arising:

Proposal regarding Organisational Capacity building for Bushfire Recovery Victoria:

- Website support- may get basic platform up and running before the end of the week, or do we get a Renewal Association Page onto an existing website. Discussion ensued and preference decided to have standalone website. People to come up with options for the name and forward to S Healy

Bank Account Update

- One ID to go then can be setup.

Redevelopment of Rec Ground:

- CMA are unlikely to object to the redevelopment of the Rec Reserve

Reporting back to community

- Email groups have been setup for most areas
- Survey nearly ready to go
- Mail out nearly ready to go

Policies and Procedures:

- D Mraz working on the code of conduct. – work in progress
- K Pearce to draft a Delegation of Authority – work in progress

Play Ground

- Update from D Mraz –met with stakeholders, Subcommittee following up, briefing report to come to this committee next meeting

Minister Request:

- Refer to General Business

Consultant Support:

- No update on renewal plan template

Legacy Request for information:

- Provided

BAL score

- Need to get someone on the ground
- McCole house as case study update re: to try to source information and solutions
- Govt agencies to blame
- Fuel reduction, lazy management
- Need all agencies meeting to get sorted
- Rules different for the people to Govt agencies
- Agencies/Govt are not listening to the needs of the people
- Concierge, town planner, will get planning officer
- Slow feedback, State Govt are now paying for BAL ratings-too late for some people
- **K Hodge to follow up with Strathewan re a consultant**
- **S Healey to follow up with Beveridge and Williams**
- Get lessons from Strathewan
- Get Steve Pascoe with planning group
- Encourage everyone to register with the concierge

Tree planting:

- To be left alone. G Davis managing via Neighbourhood House. Let people know that she is the contact person.

Pushing outcomes, forming a strategy:

- Carry over

Burnt fencing wire-plan:

- Nothing further

No-one is getting back to people, constantly needing to follow up, across a lot of spaces

Need to assist with rebuild-look at short, medium and longer term stuff.

General Business:

Minister Request:

- Meeting date and time: Minister Neville, July 1st 7.15pm, Zoom.
- Sarsfield- reports that what was wanted was- what is happening from our perspective, what are the community needs, what are the issues, what matters are you dealing with, focus on

community feedback, engaging of the community, an agenda to be formed by President and Secretary and come out tomorrow.

- Our issues
 - Strategic challenges- bureaucracy
 - Keeping up with the community needs, organisations are 6 months behind our community
 - Need to prioritise for Govt to catch up and get past the community
 - Covid is being used as an excuse
 - Middle and upper management need to step up in the recovery space
 - Challenges in the synergy of the Park monies not coming into the community
 - Don't have the community resources to advertise to make people aware of how the Park and the community work
 - Park are separate entity and removed from the town
 - No resource and infrastructure building in this town within the last 30 years
 - Disconnect within the recovery space
 - Supposed to be community recovery space
 - The conversation is community driven but the bureaucrats do whatever they want within that space
 - The reduction of red tape is not a reality

Issues for attention

Planning

Resourcing adequately

Communication-from weather reports onwards to emergency escape routes

Framework behind the needs of the community

Infrastructure

Blazeaid- seed issues (people need containers)

BRV are mandated to support Blazeaid in each space. All about the challenges of how do you meet the criteria, the workers on the ground are great.

How do we seek and get better advocacy and support for the community

Don't feature in the local Govt planning for the next few years

Strategic- planned conversation

Agenda with key points from this meeting

We should not be disadvantaged by being proactive in the rebuilds

How can we move forward better than we have in the last 6 months

Need summary of discussion after the meeting

Plan- K Pearce- to discuss communication- poor from everywhere, feedback, promises, complex, documentation, how is the communication getting to those communities, weather reports, Telstra, internet

D Graham- to discuss planning and emergency overlay

J McCole- to discuss future events

K Hodge –to discuss disconnect from resourcing, park separate from community, resourcing and frameworks, support for the community to access supports

Why have inquiries if there are no improvements

Drought infrastructure-push to get grants extended or reintroduced. Refer back to case support. Many aren't completed due to lack of access to get resources into do the work, due to COVID. Couldn't access people to assist with grant applications, etc

Increased costs for those waiting to rebuild

Transcript of meeting to go to the minister, phoenix and the website.

Ballarat farmers have sent money from a fundraising event-money to be spread among the farming community with consideration to equity, potentially could use Rotary to place distance from this group. Thoughts are to be once removed from actually handing out the money to individuals as that can create conflict of interest given committee members may be recipients.. This may need to be put out to the community that a third party would dispense the money raised/donated on behalf of our committee.

M Wheeler to access the two known lists of farmers and compare to ensure that no-one is missed.

Parking Bay: Held over

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

With Minster Neville Wed July 1st 7pm Virtual

Next meeting: Tuesday 14 July 7pm via Zoom

Meeting closed. 8.35pm

Minutes written by: A Brewer

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 28.07.2020