

Those items in purple are decisions made

Those items in red are action items

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Venue: CFA/SES building

Date: 18.03.20

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present:

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

Council Representative: S Healy

Gallery: M McCole

Apologies:

G Brick, D Mraz, K Pearce, M Wheeler Moved A Brewer and seconded D Graham that apologies be accepted. Carried.

D Graham opened the meeting while K Hodge was in attendance by phone

Minutes of meeting 10.03.20: Moved J McCole and seconded J Coates that the minutes as recorded are a true and correct record. No amendments suggested. Carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Model Rules- A draft was circulated during the afternoon. **Additional alterations suggested- adjust to reflect keeping committee for 3 years, add into ceasing membership-or otherwise annually, add into 53 to reflect triannual general meeting (items 52-55 & 76).**

Model rules as discussed- Moved J McCole and seconded by A Henderson. Carried.

K Hodge resumed the chair.

Rob Gordon-trauma psychologist will attend March 31st and do 2 presentation- 1.30pm-3pm and again at 7pm-8.30pm. RFDS wellbeing workers and GLCH case workers to be present. Live streaming to be offered and a session planned for the school as well.

Winter in July Festival- unsure what will happen in this space due to coronavirus having potential impacts.

Volunteer organisations- S Healy explained the idea around housing Blazeaid and other volunteer groups and people in D Rogers paddock off the John Flynn Reserve. Access and egress would be separate via the John Flynn Reserve and there would be shower blocks, toilet blocks, water, SP Ausnet, transportable building to get out of the weather, some powered sites, electrical board. Donors were enabling everything to happen in this space. Some difficulties being experienced with EGW but being worked through.

Service hub and volunteer coordinator being set up.

IGEM-April 1st. What will happen due to coronavirus? Not sure of the infrastructure around the setup of these discussions. Paper handed out on the reasons for the proposed meeting and how to provide input into the discussions. There was a lot of discussion around what the input might encompass. **People are all encouraged to write submissions**-concern that nothing has changed since the last fires despite inquiries. Suggested data is required. The data would be part of our advocacy role. Some of the information given at the time of the emergency was unsafe or incorrect. The Recreation Reserve is the best place to go. Because there has not been seen to be better outcomes after last inquiries- **we need to collate the data ourselves.** What are the issues, have they been addressed or advised

before, why haven't they been advocated or acted upon before. **Use dot points of inquiry, IGEM, as template for submission.**

Discussion re "Safer" places and why the Recreation Reserve does not meet the criteria.

Declaration of places- buildings closed, etc. Relief centres- responsibility of the EGS, staffing issues. SES has money the potentially may be used to enable the Recreation reserve to be better equipped to become a Safer place. Flood mitigation would be required. Many people can assist to improve the safety. Kitchen is a major issue. Number of meals as issues. Target 300 people. Pump broke down. Already there have been quotes accessed to get the pump fixed. Discussion around watering of the Recreation reserve/football oval- explained that it was watered until pump broke down however water was not keeping up due to the drought conditions. Factual information is that the building was not able to be upgraded to meet the required standards.

Submit directly to IGEM. Need to encourage people with capacity to submit to IGEM as the more letters received the more likely to be heard. More letters is best even if less information is in each letter.

Meeting next week on Tuesday.

One priority clearly identified –the upgrading of the Recreation Reserve.

Moved A Henderson and seconded D Graham that IGEM information be sent out to all members. Carried. **K Hodge to send out IGEM letters to members.**

Check who has emails or not moving forward to reduce costs contacting members. (No-one was allocated this action)

Carpark-Bank account until K Pearce present.

Letterheads and logos- K Hodge presented a few options. After much discussion it was moved by A Brewer and seconded by J McCole that the first option be accepted with the addition of a blue line representing the river. The emblem is in green with topographical lines indicating the type of region we are in. Writing around with our name is in black. It should be OK if printed in black and white though the river line won't show. It may be a bit squishy when reduced but should not present a major problem.

BBTA- if successful meeting AGM this week then the \$20,000 from EGS will go into BBTA and they will decide on how to utilise it within the bounds of their rules and purpose. If no successful meeting then it may be suggested that the money be given to this committee and will need discussion and maybe a subcommittee to decide how best to use that for its intended purpose. No decision can be made until outcome of BBTA AGM.

Communication strategy not yet attended- Action K Hodge

List of resources given to K Hodge **to be given to K Pearce.**

Thanks were put forward to those that had worked on actions during the week.

General business:

Think about strategic directions

GROCON-taking ½ lower part of the Hall for debriefing etc, Blazeaid continue to use the top floor. GROCON starting tomorrow, short-staffed, rates have been established. **If anyone hears of contractors being offered less than favourable rates please forward to S Healy for follow up.** S Healy can put person with grievance in direct contact with the relevant BRV person. How do we expediate GROCON? Plan to see what is achieved this week.

S Healy suggested the need for a major think tank to enable us to gather lots of ideas, grandiose down to the basics and get them all listed. **Need to identify what is**

important to the communities in the long term, medium term and short term but at the same time need to stay strategic. Gather the data and then start to prioritise the issues. Gather the learnings.

Learnings- recreation reserve didn't work- how and why, what did work

- Telecom didn't work
- Emergency management of the community and facilities
- Need to get betterment for the community

Concern was expressed about strategic vs doing. Suggested **getting together some short term goals** that are representative of what communities may want so people see some action and don't lose interest. Might be around communication, GROCON, roadsides spraying, safe access and egress.

Get out to all committees, organisations, clubs, etc to gather lists of desires, wants, needs.

Need documented. What value will it bring. What effort is required. Look at options.

Geography is an issue. Everything we try to do we are restricted. Community hub required. Look at big ideas. Long term vision. Thriving economy, healthy and connected, etc. Work towards.

There is so much immediate need that it is stopping people thinking strategically.

Look at location- what are the impacts of government decisions. Current economy, what it was, what it is and what it could be. Need to understand the nuts and bolts to be able to stay strategic. Keep plan flexible.

Need to keep all people accountable to do what they say they will do- government, minister, etc.

Demonstrate to us how GROCON is employing local people. **Write letter (No-one allocated this)**

Link road this side of the mountain to the other side, seal Barry Way, plan to show staged approach, what is the context of the plan from BRV, have local plan already but need to extend it bigger. **A Brewer to get copy of most recent plan.** It is available on the EGS website. Reference back to Rob Gordon and the need to get community input following his talks to forming the community plan.

Agenda item- Community plan

Current community plan to be made into a one pager. Action A Brewer & D Graham.

New community plans are based on the Ideas theory. Imagine, define, develop, etc then come up with actions.

Government will come to us once we have priorities and plans. Need to get some things done.

Take away- canvas all groups and organisations- what is needed, wanted, short, medium and long term goals, get all documented.

A Brewer suggested that no meeting go longer than 2 hours-all agreed.

K Hodge to tighten meeting framework.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th 7pm at the CFA/SES shed.

Meeting closed 9.35pm.

Minutes written by: A Brewer

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 16 April 2020