

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: 21.04.20

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present:

Committee: A Brewer, J Coates, D Graham, A Henderson, K Hodge, D Mraz, K Pearce

Council Representative: S Healy

Gallery: Laurice Richardson (BRV), Paul Rogers (BRV), Lee Miezis (BRV), Angela Carey BRV)

Apologies: G Brick, M Wheeler,

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

BRV update and Covid19 from BRV representatives present

BRV focus remains on bushfire recovery despite covid19. BRV here for the long haul. Now 100days old. GROCON have commenced the clean-up process-the frustrations are acknowledged. There are 31 crews across fire affected areas. There have been some challenges-assuming every property is asbestos affected, legal requirements, safety requirements, process requirements, etc. There are now 50 properties completed, another 80 properties commenced. Trying to maximise local employment-currently 51% of those employed are local (Class A asbestos workers are maxed out across the state). Hubs are being progressed. There have been some local employment opportunities. Covid19 has impacted the initial idea of how they were to work. They are seeking alternatives.

Community recovery committees will be supported by BRV. Services through hubs is a commitment. Other supports available will be grants, finances, fencing assistance-all about local access.

Clean-up of 46 properties is expected to be completed mid-late June of the Buchan-Bete Belong corridor.

Waiting for an agreement with the recreation reserve committee of management regarding establishing the hub. Hoping it will all be operational first week in May. Planning to lease the Old Post Office for at least 6 months as part of the hub in addition to the huts to go on the Recreation Reserve area. Hub to contain a digital hub for community. Meeting room, etc. Will be able to be used to access grants etc.

Enquiry re Blazeaid and why they can't have huts like the recovery huts. A representative is working closely with Blazeaid re all the covid19 requirements. Recognition given to the importance of Blazeaid for the farmers. Discussion re the need for clear guidance to manage within the spaces.

Clean-up-need to make sure that everyone is registered for the clean-up. Noted that the phones are still coming back on beyond Black Mountain.
BRV and Council are working together and don't want to miss anyone.

Enquiry Re how to get copy of transcripts prior to Dec 30th on the Vic Emergency site that are required for an IGEM submission. BRV will assist in the access.

Noted that there are some people not able to come into the area due to Covid19 that lost housing. Specifics to be given to BRV to assist navigation towards GROCON and clean-up. Provisions for Blazeaid are yet to be progressed but on hold due to Ccovid19, but definitely not abandoned. Concern about what can be done to support those that are here. Preference to provide more robust accommodation for volunteers etc. It was then mentioned that contractors also need local accommodation. **Council representative to keep pushing along with accommodation.** Enquiry re access to Homeleigh for Blazeaid. (This has been mentioned in the last 4 days by Blazeaid leader).

Correspondence

- Rural aid
- Invoices –diesel etc, (Buchan Valley Roadhouse)

Treasurer to write request for payment, President to countersign request and payment.

IGEM report-discussion, need to encourage submissions

Communication strategy: Facebook group, Buchan Fires page

Business arising from the minutes: Moved A Henderson and Seconded D Graham that business arising be dealt with. Carried.

- IGEM- Discussed formation of a sub-committee to ensure all areas are covered. Look at case studies. K Pearce, D Mraz, K Hodge, and co-opt S Edwards (GBNC). **Moved K Pearce and Seconded D Graham that sub-committee be formed.**
- Request for invoices to be paid- **Moved K Pearce and Seconded D Graham that invoices be paid.**
- Dump point- **request S Healy follow up with BBTA.** It is flagged with the EGS project team.
- Stock and Domestic Bore and Tank- needs to be part of whole redevelopment of recreation reserve. No further update as nothing can happen due to covid19.
- Grants- **K Pearce to keep maintain an awareness of potential grant opportunities.**
- **Need to develop an action plan** to enable share responsibility and consolidated approach for grant applications and building capacity.
- Develop email for this Management Committee. (Gmail) **Moved A Brewer and Seconded K Pearce that gmail email be initiated. Carried.**
- Consumer affairs- **K Pearce email address be used for Consumer Affairs.**
- Letter- **K Hodge to formulate a letter to go out via the phone tree** giving an update to community members. This is to let people know progress and where to access the information from our meetings given the Covid 19.

General Business:

- **Email to general members**-need to email the purpose, the members, the executive, etc as soon as email group is setup.
- Sort out who does Facebook, buddies, etc, emails, trying to get information out to people
- Rotary contacted K Hodge offering to donate \$500 at any farmers supply store of farmers choice to assist with fencing. **K Hodge to make up a spreadsheet and send out** to gain what information is required to enable this to be attended. **Required back very quickly-next Tuesday.**
- **S Healy to ask someone from EGS to come to another meeting in relation to redeveloping the recreation reserve.**
- Red Cross has mentors ready to come on board. **BRV will come back with availability of mentor.**
- **To reach out to BRV (via Angela or Loo) for any resources that may be required.** It could be admin or other resources.
- Recovery plan will be fundamental to getting access to grants. **Develop plan with prioritisation included.** This is the vehicle for the grant application so **needs to be prioritized.**
BRV can help to get a website up and running.
K Hodge to follow up admin support via BRV
S Healy to follow up re Red Cross mentor

Things to keep on agenda

Telecommunications

Buchan Recreation redevelopment

Minutes of Executive meeting: Moved D Graham and Seconded K Pearce that minutes as read be accepted.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th May 7pm via Zoom

Meeting closed.

Minutes written by: A Brewer

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 05.05.2020