

Those items in purple are decisions made

Those items in red are action items

Buchan, Gelantipy and Districts Renewal Association (Incorporated)

Venue: Zoom

Date: 5.5.20

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present:

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

Council Representative: S Healy

Guests: R Steenholdt (Hub Coordinator), A Carey (BRV)

Gallery: M McCole

Apologies: L Moore

Moved K Pearce and Seconded M Wheeler that apologies be accepted. Carried.

Minutes: Moved A Henderson and Seconded K Pearce that minutes of the meeting 21.04.20 are a true and correct record. Carried.

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

IGEM- Sub-committee K Pearce, D Mraz, K Hodge, and co-opt S Edwards (GBNC). McCole submission shared with the group. Group submitted to IGEM. Suggested that K Hodge follow up and ask re documenting case studies to inform enquiry. Several submissions from the district were submitted. Positive feedback to be provided to IGEM re ease of participating in the process.

Action K Hodge

Incorporation: - Now completed

Moved D Graham and Seconded A Henderson that K Hodge be reimbursed costs of incorporation as presented. Carried.

Moved K Hodge and Seconded A Henderson that an ABN be acquired and the Business Name be registered. Carried.

Email: The email address has been setup now. bganddra@gmail.com . Those with access are K Hodge, K Pearce, A Brewer and D Graham.

Volunteer organisations: Questions around whereto from here with information of farmers and volunteers. The need to protect farmers and the vulnerable was discussed. Potential for a website with an option for things but needs to be user friendly. Won't cover all but may help. Trying to access support from BRV re website. Need to be mindful of how and why we gather information to ensure that the information is only used for the purpose it was collected. The Hub will provide access to a computer and some assistance to use that

for grant applications, potentially logging offers of help into the website and matching with requests for assistance.

Protocol re information sharing to be documented.

Action K Pearce

Organisational capacity:

Moved D Graham and Seconded M Wheeler that we request BRV support us with organisational capacity. Suggest administrative and website assistance. Carried. Prefer local employment, employed by either BRV or EGSC. Needs further discussion involving the employing parties.

Action K Hodge and copy S Healy and BRV into the request.

Red Cross Mentor: S U'Brien- from NSW. Volunteer but there is a small proposal at BRV waiting for signoff, currently with the CEO. There was some discussion that this is one mentor but there are other options available and that we could take up more than one offer of mentorship to ensure maximising opportunities.

Dump point: there will be a meeting in Buchan Thursday with the EGS project team representative. Suggestions for consideration of the dump point – 1) at the Rec reserve between the Neighbourhood House and the river, near the change rooms, near the chestnut tree, 2) Main st toilet block, 3) Bluff. Suggestion to look forward to town toilet and hall toilet for upgrade as betterment within this project. G Brick to participate in the meeting, to look for other options for sites, troubleshoot via group, time to be advised for this meeting

Action S Healy. D Graham has requested to attend the meeting as well.

Volunteer base camp: trying to source toilet and shower blocks (some from BRV), power connected to the site, waiting for update on water. GROCON expect to finish here mid-June. All to continue and is moving in the right direction.

Zoom Pro: just waiting on bank account to be in place properly before moving this forward.

Action K Hodge

Rotary fencing offer: 72 names put forward but only 16 will receive offer. To feedback that Rotary should sort out the problem as it is not for locals to sort out. We welcome the offers but there was clearly misunderstanding of the need within the community by Rotary. They have applied for further funding, but the outcome is not yet known. Action K Hodge

General Business:

Planning: A recovery/renewal plan is required

Debrief on the event- how are we to be prepared, bores, recreation reserve, etc.

Mallacoota have done a snapshot survey. This will be considered.

Fencing: Blazeaid continue to work in this space

Moving forward: what does our community look like moving forward? Discussion around roadside debris and if it is likely to be cleaned. What preparation is required moving into

the next fire season? Consider sending letters to get that moving –roadside- EGSC, VicRoads, others.

Action WHO???

Concern about the roadside with trees and debris, potential for trees falling onto the roads for the next 5 years or more, roadside maintenance needing to be attended, spraying now to optimise the work already done, attention to waterways also a need.

Survey- request for copy of Mallacoota and Sarsfield survey

Action S Healy

Sub-committee to make one up for us- A Brewer, D Mraz, M Wheeler, K Hodge, S Healy. EGS to send out to everyone a hard copy and a return envelope.

Bank Account: need to sort bank account. Bank account discussed.

The Committee resolved that a Business Extra bank account with Internet banking be opened at the ANZ Bank, Bairnsdale. The name of the account to be “Buchan Gelantipy & Districts Renewal Association Incorporated”. Signatories on the account are Anne Brewer, Katherine Hodge, Donald Graham, Kirstin Pearce and Margaret Brick- with any 2 of 5 to sign. Moved J McCole and Seconded G Brick. Carried.

Action listed people.

Grants and funding: need financial strategy to include things like- writing letters of support, identifying grants, assist in writing of grants, information sharing and to encourage doing. Do we reach out again and ask for input into the plan? Emails to go out to groups and the survey as previously mentioned. S Healy has a lot of the information that is required to access groups. If the information request/survey goes out then this group can act as a conduit for information on potential funding opportunities. Need to collate global information from around the catchments- ask for pictures/ words from each group. S Healy working on impact profile that could be used for funding applications.

Redevelopment of the rec ground: need process to move forward. Look at whole of ground redevelopment and at the same time ensure capacity to be a refuge/safer place.

Community members need a space and sooner rather than later. Maybe consider potential alternative sites- eg Rogers flat and turn current area into a water park/ tourist area.

Generators, water, etc needed before summer. Unlikely to have any site ready for this summer however needs progressing with what can happen for this year.

To get a list of names, user groups together and bring back to next meeting to get this moving forward. It is 18 months since the Rec Committee started to look at how to move forward. Check if flooding plan has been done or is being done. May need to engage a Rec Reserve planner. Earthworks may fix part of a flooding problem but need to involve CMA (levy, water undercutting banks, etc). Rec committee needs to come up with a plan and come to a meeting with all parties. Need to involve all potential stakeholders early in the planning process. **S Healy, J McCole, A Brewer, K Hodge, P White (CFA), S Cummings (DELWP), to meet and discuss what may be required for this summer to enhance community safety and preparedness.**

Action ???? Plumbing etc might be required.

Other business:

- Local camping at the bluff?
- Wulgulmerang is RV friendly
- Refill water and electricity and free camp and RV dump point, etc. Little herb gardens at dump points
- Protocols and understanding operating procedures
- Discussion re community of interest next time
- Letter to community started and will go out with survey

Things to keep on agenda:

- Telecommunications-D Graham
- Buchan Recreation redevelopment-K Hodge
- Tank Placement
- Playground-D Mraz
- Camping Access- C Cooper (DELWP, Parks, RV parking, in town, in bush)

Meeting closed ~ 9pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th May 7pm via Zoom

Meeting closed.

Minutes written by: A Brewer

Chairperson: K Hodge

Signed: K Hodge

Date: 19.05.2020