

Boolarra Community Development Group

Meeting Held 7pm 14/3/2012. at Boolarra Memorial Hall.

Present:- G Mills, A Merhan, J Simmonds, S Webster, T Donegan (Latrobe City) , T Anderson, D Black. Chelsea Stewart

Apologies:- C Brick, P McAllister, R & M Herni, G Pither, J & V Henderson, P Dodds, Cr D White, L Emond, M Cooke, R Northe MLA

Minutes of precious meeting:- Amendment cost of coffee is 60c not 80c.

Actions arising:-

- Tour by Russell and Darren Chester around town with Colin Brick-Pleased to see the progress on a range of projects underway at present in the community.
- Gazebo dirt is organized.
- Meeting with John Harris-still to happen. Refer Community Bank Forum below.
- Person to organize ANZAC day, Tracy and Colin spoke to Roz. She will organise this year's event, and the BCDG will attempt to identify an organiser for next year.

Minutes accepted, moved A Mehran. Sec. S Webster. Carried.

Correspondence:- List gone through, and people allowed invited to read relevant correspondence. Correspondence accepted, moved T Anderson, Sec G Mills, Carried.

Finance Report:- Read through relevant questions answered .
Finance Report accepted, Moved G Mills, Sec. A Mehran, Carried.

Sustainable Boolarra (SB) report by Chelsea Stewart :-

- SB has approx 20 members.
- Is interested in Sustainability projects within township.
- At present primarily concentrating on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) issue.
- Latrobe City did some investigation of CSG, but did not uncover a lot of information.
- CSG issue has many potential problems.
- Best local solution is to stand united as a community and say we don't want CSG.
- Poowong declared themselves CSG free, done by majority of towns people signing petitions/surveys opposing CSG.
- Once an area is declared CSG free, it is very difficult for the mining companies to proceed.
- Survey of Boolarra township is being conducted.
- Survey possibly has more power than petition.
- Status of licences for this area unknown.
- Current moratorium on "fracturing". Survey for moratorium not completed as yet.
- SB requests a "Start up Grant" to cover phone calls, internet, photocopying, DVDs, stationary, petrol. etc.
- Discussion re best ways to collect signatures.
- Letter drop suggested, Social media, setting up a free webpage.

General feeling of meeting that BCDG should not at this point commit finances, but rather help with flyers etc, 500 double sided A4.

BCDG may be prepared to give more assistance in future, depending on what and if SB desire further assistance.

Latrobe City :-

- Minor Capital works grants-I/H C Brick.
- Community Safety Forum being planned, possibly for April.
- Community Group Training forums, possibly during volunteer week in May.
- Community & Business partnerships.
- LCC "whats on" webpage, available to be used.
- Multipurpose building upgrade, still on track to finish within allotted time.
- Upgrade of paths around town has been completed.

Meeting expressed concerns that new paths will not stand up to rain.

S Webster identified need for more paths around the town.

Existing paths need maintenance. Suggested that this be taken up with LCC.

Community Bank Forum:-

- Thursday 18th of April for a community forum, to identify and prioritize community projects.
- Boolarra & Yinnar to identify projects.

BCDG reports:-

- **Gazebo-** lights are on all night, causing some concern, brightness of lights and use of energy.
- Suggested that lights be put on a sensor or time switch, DB to contact Matt Clough.
- **Koffee Cart-** Going well \$1074 profit on Folk Festival day.
 - Need for more volunteers.
 - Successful day at School Sports.
 - Further training at end of April.
 - Invited to set up at "Nitro Circus", \$500 site fee, decision to go ahead with "Nitro Circus"
- **Boolarra Youth & Space-** No info available.
- **Art project/Sculpture:-** Not happening, as grant application was unsuccessful. Refer correspondence
- **Community Art Show:-** I/H A Merhan.
- **Open Gardens Day-** Possibly 10/November, still more gardens being looked for.
- **Men's Shed:-** Up and going, still setting up work to be done, MS needs men.

General Business:-

- Opening of Morwell River Falls 22/3/2013.
- Election Day- Possibility of Community Information Day, Market Stalls etc.

Meeting closed at 20.55 (Tracy is claiming this as a record. Possibly, but I think we may have finished earlier in the past. Certainly, the common denominator is that Rob Herni is an apology-Note from Colin)

Thanks very much to Doug Black for taking and writing up the minutes so promptly.

**Boolarra Community Development Group: Correspondence
March 2013 Meeting**

Ref	To	From	Date	Subject	Comment	Action
201303.01	Treasurer BCDG	G Pither/G Mills	7-Mar	Increase in hire rate for the Coolroom. To \$35 per day and \$60 per normal weekend		
201303.02	BCDG	Regional Arts Victoria	12-Mar	Unsuccessful in application for Small Towns Transformation project		
201303.03	Media Release	Russell Northe, MLA	13-Mar	Parliament House Open day, Sunday 24th March		
201303.04	Colin Brick, BCDG	Latrobe City	March	Invite to opening of Morwell River Falls		
201303.05	Media Release	Russell Northe, MLA	4-Mar	Foundation for Young Australians "Change it up" program		
201303.06	Media Release	Russell Northe, MLA	5-Mar	When you post or share its there for life. Dangers of social media		
201303.07	Wendy H., latrobe	Treasurer BCDG	1-Mar	Invoice for Australia Day celebrations		
201303.08	BCDG	Boolarra South Landcare	March	Twilight talk at Old Mill site		Distributed
201303.09	"Bryan"	Colin Brick	13/3 & 27/2	Query re viability of a pharmacy in town	I sent a response with my views.	Distributed to committee
201303.1	Media Release	Russell Northe, MLA	March	Publicity re community visit to Boolarra		Distributed, and copies put up at PO and shop.
201303.11	Wendy H., latrobe	Treasurer BCDG	25-Feb	Acquittal for Christmas Grant		Sent to Wendy, and acknowledged as OK
201303.12	Colin Brick, BCDG	Historial Society	20-Feb	Photos of Pooyong Historical timeline	Jeff H and Colin attended the Historical Society to discuss involvement of the BCDG and Men's shed in the time line project.	Distribute to committee
201303.13	Flyer	Mirboo Nth Foundation	25-Feb	Lasting gifts workshop, March 6th		Distributed
201303.14	Regional Arts Victoria	BCDG-Abbas	21-Feb	EOI-Small towns Transformation		
201303.15	Tracy & Colin, BCDG	J Harris, Mirboo Nth Community Bank	15-Feb	Preliminary meeting to organise a community forum		
201303.16	Salvation Army	Treasurer BCDG	17-Feb	Invoice for Boolarra youth and space activities		
201303.17	BCDG-Abbas	Latrobe City	Feb	Partner confirmation letter, Small towns Transformation project		
201303.18	BCDG	Roz Carstairs	28-Feb	ANZAC Day	Tracy & Colin have had discussions with Roz	