



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay Sunday 12th February 2017

Opened 11.00am Fran Davis, Chair.

Present 19 J Kobylec, R Sandford, R & F Davis, S Gaskell, C McDougall, G & S Kingston, T Rayner, D & J Boyer, J Dillon, L Webb, R Gobbey, J Riseley, C Sell, J Cameron, J Mahjouri, K Duncombe

Apologies 9 J & L Kumpulainen, H & T Price, M Brinkman, D Gregg, D Welch, M Hansson, K Darby

A presentation was made to the meeting by Pam Gallichan, Corporate Affairs Manager, Huon Aquaculture with the assistance of David Whyte also from Huon Aquaculture. They discussed their plans to install new fish pens in Trumpeter Bay off the north east coast of Bruny Island. They also discussed improved fish farming techniques developed by Huon Aquaculture over recent years.

Previous Minutes Moved G Kingston 2nd D Boyer that previous minutes be accepted – Passed

Business Arising

1. Health Centre Issues – Fran Davis advised she had attended a meeting with Huon Regional Care recently. No further information is available on what services are to be re-introduced to the Health Centre. Contracts are still to be negotiated with any providers of services.
2. DSG and PWS information session re The Neck Development – Fran Davis advised she had attended an information session held recently at the Alonnah Hall which was open to the public. Officers from the Department of State Growth and Parks were present to answer any questions. The neck development will be carried out over the coming winter months of 2017 and is planned to be completed before the spring migration of the penguins.

Correspondence

Out Letter to Tony Ferrier, KC re Public Open Space Fund and the bus shelter
Letter to Huon Eldercare with queries re provision of services to Health Centre
Letter to DSG re placement of guide posts at The Neck
Invitation to Geoff Byrne to make BIRCH report

IN Letter from David Reeve, KC re Bus Shelter – Fran Davis advised that Council have agreed to install a bus shelter at the intersection of Bruny Main Road and Simpsons Bay Road after BICA offered to pay for half the cost of the installation.

Donation request from Cork Club – Fran Davis read out a letter from Trevor Adams requesting financial assistance for the Cork Club which provides assistance to members of the Bruny community. After discussion it was moved by J Kobylec and 2nd by R Davis that BICA provide a \$2,000 grant to the Cork Club every year for the next five years. The need for this grant is to be reviewed annually by the BICA Committee – Passed.

Response from Tony Ferrier re Public Open Space Fund

Response from FONB re BICA meeting attendance for Huon Aquaculture presentation

Response from Geoff Byrne, BIRCH

Copy of letter from Mike Duncombe to KC re ferry contract

Moved J Mahjouri 2nd J Boyer that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled Moved R Davis 2nd J Boyer that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BIAC – John Kobylec reported on the following issues that were discussed at the February meeting attended by Ministers Guy Barnett and Jacqui Petrusma.

1. Huon Aquaculture Leases Trumpeter Bay – David Whyte from Huon Aquaculture made a presentation to the Committee. David outlined his company's plans for new fish farm pens to be installed in Trumpeter Bay off the east coast of North Bruny. He also described the latest advances in technology that Huon Aquaculture was using to improve fish farming methodology.
2. Forestry on Bruny – Minister Guy Barnett spoke to the meeting and answered questions on the future of forestry on Bruny. He said there has been a moratorium on logging on Bruny Island state forests since October 2015. This is to support the research being conducted by ANU staff on swift parrots and their habitat on the Island. A world body has listed the swift parrot as critically endangered. Minister Barnett could not specify a time when this research would be completed. He also stated Forestry roads that have been transferred to Parks are their responsibility for maintenance. It was noted the condition of Coolangatta Road has much improved since Parks carried out some maintenance recently. Minister Barnett said there were no plans to upgrade any Forestry roads on Bruny but they were monitoring the condition of any bridges on those roads. There are also no plans to lock up any of these roads. He mentioned that the fire tower monitoring on Bruny is funded by Forestry and this will continue as normal.
3. New Kingborough Planning Scheme – Council are currently waiting for the hearing findings. Tony Ferrier advised that zoning allocations are an opportunity to safeguard areas from over development.
4. Waste Management Strategy – A draft strategy is due for completion at the end of February and will be open for community comment.
5. Public Toilets at Alonnah – The contract has been awarded and work on the block will start in March.
6. Adventure Bay Foreshore Path – Work has commenced on a path from Quiet Corner to the shop area.
7. Pedestrian Bridge Alonnah Main Road – Trevor Adams questioned Council's estimate of \$330,000 to provide a pedestrian bridge at Alonnah. Trevor believed the estimate was way too high.
8. Bruny Island Community Plan – Tony Ferrier conducted a workshop with the Committee after the meeting. After much discussion it was agreed that the best way for the community of Bruny Island to have their say on the future of the Island is to hire an independent consultant to conduct open community meetings at various locations. The consultant could then produce a report that could be used by both Council and Government to prioritise the future needs of the Bruny community. It was felt that a full blown Community Plan would take a long time to produce and cost a lot of money. It may also not achieve the desires of the Bruny community. Tony Ferrier offered to put together some terms of reference for the consultant for further discussion.

Walking Tracks – David Boyer advised that maintenance on the Slide Track had been completed recently by members of the Hobart Walking Club and volunteers from Bruny. David also mentioned that some financial assistance to the drivers to help with the cost of bringing over their vehicles to Bruny had previously been made. After discussion it was moved by D Boyer and 2nd by J Cameron that BICA provides \$100 to the drivers of vehicles bringing over Hobart Walking Club members to assist with the maintenance of the Slide Walking Track – Passed.

Men's Shed – David Boyer reported the new shed has now been erected. The power supply now needs to be wired up and a plumber needs to sign off on the plumbing work. David also thanked Fran Davis for providing a letter of support for a grant application to the Premier's Men's Shed Fund to purchase more tools.

BIEN – John Cameron advised that Bob Graham had been impressed with outcomes from the DAP process which will help with completing projects to benefit Bruny Island. John said that plans have commenced to hold another Bruny Island Bird Festival in 2018. BIEN are having a meeting next Saturday at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay.

General Business

1. Bruny News – Fran Davis said it was critical to find a new editor for the Bruny News. David Gregg and Anne Motson who, with the help of others, have been producing the Bruny News for many years are

planning to spend more time off the Island. If a new editor can't be found then production of the Bruny News may cease. Without income from the Bruny News BICA would lose a great deal of its effectiveness in helping the community of Bruny Island and may also need to look at its future.

2. Rubbish Dumping Area – Fran Davis said that tourists and campers have been asking where they can dump their rubbish. The wheelie bins around Bruny only allow small items of rubbish to be deposited into them. After discussion it was resolved to write to Council again to see if some sort of rubbish bin can be provided to service the needs of visitors and campers that need to dispose of rubbish that won't fit into the current wheelie bins.
3. White Line Adventure Bay Road – Graeme Kingston said that the white line in the middle of Adventure Bay Road had finally been repainted recently but the small section of broken line that finishes at Hanssons Road was not painted over to make it a solid line. Graeme said he had seen drivers overtaking cars on that stretch of road which is before a blind corner and a very dangerous thing to do. Graeme also said he would like to see the white line continue to the end of Adventure Bay Road. Currently it stops at Coolangatta Road. It was resolved for BICA to write to the Department of State Growth and request that the broken line be painted over to make a solid line. Further investigation should also be carried out to see whether the white line in the middle of the road can continue to the end of Adventure Bay Road.
4. New barbeque for CWA Hall, Barnes Bay – It was mentioned that the barbeque at the CWA Hall was in poor condition and that only two burners were working. After discussion it was moved by D Boyer and 2nd by G Kingston that BICA provide an amount up to \$500 to help the CWA buy a new barbeque for their hall at Barnes Bay – Passed.

Meeting Closed 1.40pm

Next meeting 11.00am on Monday 13th of March at Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay
With Committee meeting beforehand commencing 9.30am