



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bowls Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 11th June 2017

Opened 11.05am Fran Davis, Chair.

Present 16 J Kobylec, R & F Davis, J Self, J & D Boyer, J Kumpulainen, D Grace, G & S Kingston, H Neske, J Mahjouri, R Gobbey, Bob Elliston, Bob Graham, D Welch

Apologies 4 L Kumpulainen, M & K Duncombe, R Sandford

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd D Boyer that previous minutes be accepted – Passed

BIEN Presentation

Bob Graham addressed the meeting and tabled a paper on BIEN's position on the Destination Action Plan process. Bob advised the paper would be brought before the BIEN committee next week for ratification. Bob advised there had been a rapid increase in visitation to Bruny Island (75% in 2 years, from 84,000 to 143,000). The action plan had many good things in it and was worthy of support.

However, Bob said we perhaps overestimated the capacity of DAP to deliver results on the ground. There are a large number of DAP plans across the State but the process is not part of any broad based Government agenda. As time went on we got the feeling that little would come of the process and that the community and the local environment were not a central concern in the process. Bob emphasized this is not a criticism of DAP itself, but the fact that it was oversold by the Government as a means of addressing issues associated with visitation.

Both BICA and BIEN had resolved privately to withdraw from the DAP process and at the last DAP meeting in May delivered an ultimatum to that effect. However, we also stated that we would join with DAP in a unified approach to the Premier to get the Government to focus on the lack of capacity on Bruny Island to cope with the dramatic rise in visitor numbers. That was discussed and agreed to. It was also agreed that there should be a joint meeting between the DAP consultants, BICA, BIEN, Council and Tourism to agree on the questions to be put to the Premier.

Neither that meeting nor the meeting with the Premier has eventuated and Bob said he would be recommending to the next BIEN meeting that BIEN formally withdraw from the DAP process.

Fran Davis said that BICA had already formally voted on withdrawing from the DAP process previously. Fran said she would get together with Bob after the BIEN meeting to provide a united front when formally announcing their decision to withdraw from the DAP process.

Business Arising

1. Nil

Correspondence

Out Letter of reply to Tony Ferrier, KC re Health Centre query from Senator Lambie to Mayor Wass

IN Letter of reply from Miles Hampton, Chair, TasWater re Bruny Island Potable Water Supply – Fran Davis advised that TasWater will be undertaking a study into the options for the future of the current Bruny Island water supply system at Kellaway Road Adventure Bay.

Letter from DPAC advising grant to Men's Shed successful

Letter from Chair BICHSAAC requesting a nomination from BICA for representation on Committee – Fran Davis advised she is currently the Chair of BICHSAAC. They are seeking seven representatives from community organisations to be on the Committee. The first meeting of the new Committee will tentatively be held on the 4th of July.

Letter of reply from Daniel Smee, KC re Glensyn Independent Living Units

Letter from Michelle Allen, KC re Glensyn Independent Living Units

Correspondence from Bob Elliston re Bruny Island airstrip – Bob Elliston addressed the meeting and advised it has come to his attention that Kingborough Council has offered the Bruny Island Airstrip for sale to the current lessee. Bob said he was in doubt whether the airstrip is Council's to sell. As he understood it the land for the airstrip was given to the people of Bruny Island for their convenience in perpetuity. Discussion took place and concern was expressed that the airstrip land could be sold to a private buyer. It was agreed the airstrip was a valuable asset to Bruny Island and that Kingborough Council must continue to be responsible for its maintenance. It was resolved that BICA write to Council to express our concerns and clarify what is the situation with the proposed sale of the airstrip land.

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

Financial Statement

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

Reports

BIAC – John Kobylec reported on the following issues that were discussed at the June meeting. The meeting was attended by the Mayor Steve Wass and General Manager Gary Arnold.

1. Pedestrian Bridge Alonnah Main Road – The meeting was advised that Council does not consider the traffic or pedestrian volumes through Alonnah to be sufficiently high to justify the cost of constructing a footpath and bridge along this section of State highway.
2. Sealing of Harvey Road, Alonnah – The sealing of Harvey Road has been listed for inclusion in Council's five-year Capital Works program and is included in the dust suppressant trial.
3. Fire Abatement Notices – Council's Fire Abatement Policy is being considered for review. Council is working with Tasmanian Fire Service on this issue.
4. Strategic Community Planning for Bruny Island – A meeting was held with the Premier's tourism advisor on 23 May 2017 in order to gauge how the Premier's previous indication of support could be made good. Council was advised that such a Community Plan will affect the functions of a number of government portfolios and that the other Ministers/departments will need to be consulted. Further government support would not be available until after this consultation had occurred. After extensive discussion at the BIAC meeting three motions were passed. Motion 1 was "That BIAC seek DAP support for a Bruny Island Strategic Plan to develop an overall plan in which tourism can develop on a long term sustainable path. The sustainable path is dependent on maintaining the cultural, environmental and social values embedded in the Bruny Island community." Motion 2 was "That BIAC seek DAP support for a request to government departments to assist in the development of such a Strategic Plan as a matter of priority." Motion 3 was "That BIAC request the Premier to continue his support for a Bruny Island Strategic Plan and request all government departments to assist in the development of such a plan as a matter of priority." It was also agreed that this matter should be brought up with Opposition members as well.

Men's Shed – David Boyer said a grant recently received would be used to purchase new tools. A further grant was being sought from the Premier's office and this would be used to upgrade the facilities for members.

Library – David Boyer said a grant of \$350 had recently been received from Kingborough Council. Darry Welch advised that annual subs are due on the 1st of July. The opening times over winter would be Thursdays and Saturdays between 1 and 4pm. Jesse Mahjouri said they were discussing some innovative events to encourage new members to join up.

BICAL (Bruny Island Community Aged Living) – John Kumpulainen advised that a consultant had finally been selected and they would be meeting soon to discuss the survey questions. John also advised they were no longer officially associated with the Abbeyfield group.

Cat Project – Jenny Boyer spoke about the continued strong support for this program from the Federal Government. There was also great support from State Government departments. A Field Officer has now been employed and has commenced gathering data on cats around the neck area. Kayleen Allen will also be consulting cat owners on Bruny about the formulation of the By-Law Council are intending to introduce.

General Business

1. BIEN – Accounting for Nature - Fran Davis mentioned that BIEN have organised Wentworth Group scientist Peter Cosier and Dr Celine Steinfield to give a presentation on “Accounting for Nature”. This would be held on Monday the 19th of June 2.30pm - 4.30pm at the Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay.
2. Bushfire Awareness Session – Fran Davis advised that Belinda Loxley from Kingborough Council is arranging a Bushfire Awareness Session on Bruny Island and wanted to know the best location for it to be held. It was agreed that this would probably be very well attended and that the Alonnah Hall would be the most suitable venue. Fran said she would respond and provide some further information that was requested.
3. Adventure Bay Road White Line – Helen Neske said she had heard that the continuous white line on Adventure Bay Road would be continued to the end of the road at East Cove. She also queried why the broken white line near Hanssons Road hasn’t been painted over. John Kobylec said he has been trying for several years to have the broken white line painted over but State Growth always come up with excuses. John said he had recently taken pictures of the blind corners where the broken line is situated and then sent them to Michelle Allen from Council who was going to pass this information on to State Growth. No response has been received. John said he has also suggested to State Growth several times during meetings that the white line should continue to the end of Adventure Bay Road and not simply stop at Coolangatta Road. After discussion it was resolved to write a letter to State Growth and request the broken line on Adventure Bay Road be painted over and that the line should continue right to the end of Adventure Bay Road.
4. Stray Dogs in Adventure Bay – Darry Welsh mentioned that stray dogs had been roaming around the Adventure Bay area and that wallabies have been attacked and seriously injured. It was resolved that BICA write to Council to find out what their policy is on stray dogs.

Meeting Closed 12.55pm

Next meeting:

Committee Meeting 9.30am on Sunday 11th of June at Lunawanna Hall

Followed by General Meeting at 11.00am