



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at CWA Hall, Barnes Bay Sunday 11th February 2018

Opened 11.02am Fran Davis, Chair.

Present 22 J Kobylec, R & F Davis, M Weston, G & S Kingston, R Sandford, J Self, C McDougall, D Grace, T Rayner, S Smit, M Smit-Vereijken, L Haigh, C Sell, L Story, K & M Duncombe, T Adams, L Graham, D O'Byrne, J Marsh

Apologies 9 J & D Boyer, K Darby, D & R Andrews, J & L Kumpulainen, D Welch, T Story

Visitor: David O'Byrne, Labor candidate for Franklin – Fran Davis advised that David O'Byrne is attending the meeting and will be available for questions afterwards or at the meeting.

Previous Minutes Moved J Kobylec 2nd M Weston that previous minutes be accepted – Passed

Business Arising

1. TFS Safe Places, Adventure Bay – Fran Davis said TFS have advised that it is not their policy to erect signs indicating safe places and that this matter has been passed on to BIAC. Rosemary Sandford responded saying she asked a question on notice for the BIAC meeting. The TFS have stated their biggest concern with signage identifying Nearby Safe Places is that people will then rely only on the NSP as their survival option. NSPs have been assessed under catastrophic conditions criteria to give people set back from radiant heat as the fire front passes. People are still exposed to smoke and embers so there is a degree of risk related to these places. Leaving early before the fire front is in the area is the safest and best option as a bushfire survival plan. Emergency Assembly areas are a totally different site with its own criteria and are not related to bushfires. They are often part of a building/structure fire evacuation plan to assemble people safely well away from the burning structure. The key message is that Nearby Safer Places identified in the plans are places of last resort. They are often outside in open areas such as golf courses, cricket ovals etc. and are not emergency assembly areas. David O'Byrne suggested contacting the regional TFS officer to come and speak at a BICA meeting on these issues. It was resolved to do this.
2. Submission to State Growth re Bruny Island Ferry priorities – Fran Davis read out the BICA submission on ferry priorities for the new contract and advised it will be published in the next Bruny News.
3. Public Meeting on Health Centre issues – Fran Davis said a meeting to discuss Health Centre issues has been set down for Saturday the 17th of February at 1.00pm at the Alonnah Hall. Invitations have been sent to THS, H.C., H.R.C., Premier, relevant Ministers, political candidates, Mayor, BIAC, BICHSA, BICAL, BIEN, FoNB, and media. The BICAL report will also be officially launched at this meeting.
4. Bruny Island Airstrip – Fran Davis said she had received an email from Tony Ferrier from Council which advised that Council is considering alternate management options for the Bruny Island Airstrip. As such Council is now seeking Expressions of Interest from interested parties and the closing date for submissions is Friday the 9th of March. John Kobylec advised the document is available on the Council website and a full history of the site and relevant background notes are included in the document. Some discussion took place expressing concern as to what Council might do with the site. It was agreed to monitor the outcome of the EOI and discuss this issue at a future BICA meeting.
5. DAP progress report – Fran Davis said she had received a media release from Destination Southern Tasmania on the progress of projects being carried out on Bruny Island. It states over \$40,000 has been invested in upgrading the track to Grassy Point on the Fluted Cape Track. The Dennes Point Interpretation Trail coordinated by Friends of North Bruny is progressing well and the plan is now for a

February installation. The beachside car parks and road entrances at Hansson's Beach and Two Tree Point at Adventure Bay have been upgraded. Picnic furniture and an historic interpretation panel are to be installed at Barnes Bay. Improved beach access and restoration work has been done at the popular Quiet Corner end of Adventure Bay. The funds for this work have been provided by Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, Kingborough Council and the State Government.

Correspondence

In

- Letter from PMAT requesting assistance as per our Alliance. Suggested assistance has been considered by BICA Committee and it has been decided to recommend a donation of \$1,000 to the advertising campaign. After discussion it was moved by M Weston and 2nd by R Sandford that BICA donate \$1,000 to PMAT to assist in their advertising campaign – Passed.
- Letter from Lindon Haigh re Health, Safety and Environment issues.
- Request from Perri Bottomley on behalf of Bruny Island Primary Industry Group for donation of \$1,200 to help with the cost of running the Easter Carnival. After discussion it was moved by M Weston and 2nd by J Kobylec that the Bruny Island Primary Industry Group be given a grant of \$1,200 to help with the running of the Easter Carnival – Passed.
- Various responses to Public Health Meeting invitation.

Out

- Letter to Traci Thomas requesting advice as to Historical Society Rep. due to her resignation from BICA Committee.

Moved M Weston 2nd L Story that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

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

Reports

BICAL – Rosemary Sandford advised the official launch of the BICAL report will be at the Health Services meeting on the 17th of February. Rosemary said she will speak about the report at the meeting. Cynthia McDougall said she missed out on completing the survey as she had been expecting to receive one in the mail. Rosemary explained that Morven Andrews, the consultant had addressed a BIRCH meeting about the survey questions and had spoken to several members individually. People present were asked to contact Morven by phone if they wanted to speak to her about the survey questions. Rosemary said at no stage did Morven indicate to BIRCH members at that meeting that an individual survey would be posted out to them for completion. It was also mentioned the surveys were widely available at various public locations around Bruny Island for people to pick up and complete if they chose.

BIAC – John Kobylec reported on some issues that were discussed at the February BIAC meeting.

1. Dangerous Traffic Movements – A motion was passed for Kingborough Council to request the Department of State Growth to do a Traffic Engineer's report on the suitability of large buses travelling on Lighthouse Road and the North Bruny loop from the CWA Hall at Barnes Bay to Dennes Point and travelling around Killora Road. Lowering of speed limits on certain sections of these roads should also be considered.
2. Waste Management Strategy – Green waste disposal on Bruny Island will be discussed at a workshop with Kingborough Councillors. After further discussion on general waste disposal on Bruny, Tony Ferrier said he will arrange for a briefing paper on the subject to be presented to the next BIAC meeting. It was mentioned that kerbside waste disposal should be considered.
3. Bruny Island Airstrip – Tony Ferrier advised expressions of interest to operate the Bruny Island Airstrip have been sent out to people that might be interested and this closes on the 9th of March.
4. BIAC Report – It was suggested that Council produce a report on BIAC activities to be published in the Bruny News.
5. Destination Action Plan Funding – A question was asked whether Council would match Mr Pennicott's offer of \$50,000 towards projects on Bruny in year 2 of his offer. Tony Ferrier said that no money had been allocated but he would look into the matter. It was noted that Mr Pennicott had offered \$50,000 each year

for three years but only if the money was matched by a similar offer by both Council and the State Government.

Rosemary Sandford also mentioned that a motion had been passed at the BIAC meeting to support the current speed limits set by State Growth on the newly sealed Neck Road. Rosemary suggested that BICA put a question on notice to Council for a response to go on the BIAC agenda requesting that lowering of speed limits on the Neck Road should be considered. Lindon Haigh volunteered to prepare a risk assessment for speed limits on the Neck Road. It was resolved to support this process.

General Business

1. Lindon Haigh's letter re Health, Safety and Environment – Lindon Haigh addressed the meeting. Lindon stated that each of the many issues that have been raised by BICA in recent times e.g. rubbish bins, ferry queues, toilets, potable water, signage, line marking, speed limits etc. are serious Health Safety and Environment issues. These issues must be risk assessed and acted upon by the relevant authorities rather than fobbed off under the banner of budgetary constraints. Lindon said he is willing to help with providing risk assessments to accompany future BICA requests for services to be provided to our community. Fran Davis thanked him for his offer.
2. Labor Party Commitment to Bruny Island – John Kobylec mentioned the recent Liberal Party commitment which was reported to be spent on Bruny Island Main Roads. John has been informed this money is actually two million dollars each year for four years and will be allocated to Kingborough Council for various projects on Bruny Island. John asked David O'Byrne if the Labor Party would match this offer. David offered to pass this request on to his colleagues.
3. Ragwort Disposal – Tony Rayner mentioned there was no bin for ragwort disposal at the Waste Transfer Station on North Bruny. Trevor Adams mentioned this was no longer a priority for Kingborough Council and that landowners would in future be fined if they did not arrange to dispose of their ragwort.

Meeting Closed 12.55pm.

Next meeting Monday the 12th of March at Bruny Bowls Club, Adventure Bay at 11.00am.