



Bruny Island Community Association Inc.

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Minutes of General Meeting held at Bruny Bowls and Community Club, Adventure Bay Sunday 9th June 2019

Opened 11.01am Megan Weston, Chair.

Present 17 J Kobylec, D & J Boyer, M Weston, R & D Andrews, S Bastone, L Haigh, G Kingston, L Graham, J Self, R & F Davis, N Weetman, L Champine, K & D Welch

Apologies 10 R Sandford, M Pforr, M & K Duncombe, T Raynor, B Weston, M Wallace L & T Story, S Kingston

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

Business Arising

1. **Contacting vulnerable people during emergencies** – Megan Weston advised there is no formal list or definition of vulnerable people. Megan said she had spoken to Justin Wolfe about this issue and he advised he had his own personal list of vulnerable people to contact in cases of emergency. It was moved by D Andrews and 2nd by L Champine that BICA request BICHSA to pursue compiling a list of vulnerable people – Passed.
2. **Green Waste facilities on Bruny** – Megan Weston advised the subcommittee were working on a strategy for disposal of green waste on Bruny. Councillor Sue Bastone advised that Council were holding a workshop on green waste disposal in the municipality on the 15th of July and suggested BICA make a submission to Council before that date.
3. **Kingborough Public Open Space funding** – Councillor Sue Bastone advised that Council had now voted to pool all the individual Public Open Space money into one fund for the municipality. The combined fund currently has around \$1M in its account.

Correspondence

In

- PMAT media release re developments in national parks and reserves
- Notice on construction work at Roberts Point
- FONB report on recent discussions at DAP meeting
- Richard Mount re decisions made at the recent Bruny Environment Account workshop
- Taswater advice re new Community Engagement Officer
- Cassy O'Connor and Rosalie Woodruff re presentation of Alternate Budget 2019-20 in parliament
- Marg Graham re maintenance and painting of Adventure Bay Hall – Councillor Sur Bastone said she would investigate what money has been allocated in the budget for works at the Adventure Bay Hall. Sealing of the car park at the hall was also discussed.

Out

- Nil

Moved D Boyer 2nd G Kingston that corro in be accepted and corro out be ratified – Passed

Financial Statement

Tabled - Moved D Boyer 2nd J Self that it be accepted – Passed

Reports

BICHSAC – Megan Weston advised Lifeline had attended a meeting to discuss some programs that would be trialled on Bruny. Jeff Self advised that training of volunteer community visitors was in the planning stage.

KCCF – Fran Davis reported on a recent meeting she had attended. Some of the issues discussed that were pertinent to Bruny were the requirement for a footpath at Alonnah, the erosion around the Bruny Island Boat Club at Alonnah and traffic issues at Kettering over the Easter period.

Library – David Boyer advised they would be holding their AGM this year in conjunction with BIA.

Men's Shed – David Boyer said they were having discussions with Kingborough Council about building extensions on their site. David advised that Peter Thompson is the new President and they will be holding their AGM on the 19th of August.

BIFRG – Lindon Haigh advised there had been no recent meeting and discussion took place about some of the recent issues with the ferry service. Discussion also took place about the benefits, or otherwise, of the proposed booking system.

General Business

1. **BICA Auditor** – Megan Weston advised that the committee has agreed to appoint Gerald McAfee as the auditor for BICA.
2. **Request for funding for Celebrate Bruny Day** – Megan Weston discussed the funding application from Claire Perrin to help stage a Celebrate Bruny Day. It was moved by L Graham and 2nd by R Andrews that BICA provide a grant of \$1,000 towards the staging of Celebrate Bruny Day – Passed.
3. **Funding application from Bruny Island Boat Club** – David Boyer spoke about a funding application he has received from the Bruny Island Boat Club to help with putting on the fireworks display at their Winter Solstice celebration. It was moved by D Boyer and 2nd by J Kobylec that BICA provide a \$500 grant to the Bruny Island Boat Club to help stage their Winter Solstice celebration – Passed.
4. **BICA submission re the 2019 bushfires and concerns about future incidents** – Megan Weston advised that the subcommittee of Nick Weetman and Lachlan Story are progressing on this submission.
5. **Erosion at the Bruny Island Boat Club site** – Fran Davis read out the following report prepared by Tammy Price about erosion at the Bruny Island Boat Club site at Alonnah.

Report to the Bruny Island Community Association Friday 6th June 2019

Background

- The Boat Club holds a lease arrangement with Kingborough Council to maintain the Pontoon area, and the Club rooms sit on the Asset register of the Council – and therefore are insured under the council's insurance policy.
- The BIBC have been in discussion with Council for over three years regarding the loss of land due to erosion. With 2 metres lost over the past few years – up until 2 weeks ago – and then another 1.4 metres was lost with the combination of high tides and strong winds.
- Representatives of the Club have had meeting after meeting on site with Council representatives – all with promises made – and nothing ever comes of it. Councillor David Grace has been a fantastic advocate – not only for the Club – but the whole island – but he – like the local Council employees on the island are trying their best to help – but are stifled by management – and things have to change!
- Council have told the Club there is no suitable rock on the Island – which is confusing given then used local rock in the recent upgrade to the road and facilities at the Neck.
- When the Club first approached Council a few years back, they commented that there were stack a stones available and they were left over from the redevelopment of the Dru Point area at Margate. This was another promise that went dead – and we understand that material ended up at the Margate tip.
- The Boat Club has raised funds over the last few years and has offered these funds to council to assist with the cost of materials. In all discussions – these funds have not been acknowledged – let alone accepted!
- The Council installed toilets at Alonnah a couple of years ago after lobbying by the Club and the community – and we are very grateful for their construction. However – visitors pull up and use the toilets and then access the beach over the dunes – rather than using the formed paths (which are

maybe 50 metres further down the road). This has contributed to the issues – and something that also needs to be addressed.

Emergency remedial works

- After yet another round of promises two weeks ago – and more commitments from Council Management not being met – a team of committed volunteers – with the assistance of a couple of local businesses installed large logs on the beach as emergency repairs to prevent further damage. Volunteers then tidied up the area, and transplanted pigface into the area in the hope that it will take hold and help with the temporary measures. What the Club achieved in 3 hours was truly amazing and is testament to the commitment of the Bruny Community.

What needs to happen now?

- We need to reclaim around 2 metres of area that has been lost and put a longer term permanent solution in place.

Developments w/e 7th June 2019

- An application for a permanent solution had been submitted to Crown Land Services by the BIBC.
- An onsite meeting was held with David Reeve (Manager – Engineering Services) and Darren Johnson (Works Manager) on Wednesday 5th at 3pm with members Mark Brinckman, Tammy Price and Harry Price.
- Council outlined that the issues we are dealing with are not isolated and there are a number of issues in the municipality.
- Discussion was held about issues to date and future options. David undertook to send a summary of discussions and milestones for moving forward by Friday 7th (however at time of writing this report (3pm) – it had not been received)
- Council consider the construction of the Boat Club at its current location to be contributing to issue. It was pointed out that Council would only allow construction in this area – and they issued the DA – and therefore must stand by this and address the wider issue.
- Council’s position is that it will only undertake works that directly affect their assets – ie Pontoon Road and the Toilets.
- Council consider the relocation of the Boat Club as an option! This was strongly objected to – as the issue of erosion would continue.
- Council agreed to engage a Coastal Engineer from the University of Tasmania to provide a report for the Alonnah area.
- It was discussed that rock is not a preferred option. BIBC members raised the use of large industrial machinery tyres filled with concrete. This is possible – and could be a low cost option – but approvals would need to be granted.
- The BIBC advised that funds had been raised to assist with the project, however at no point had council acknowledge this – or even asked what amount we were likely to contribute.
- Council requested that sandbags be placed in front of the logs installed to provide additional washout protection and agreed to provide sandbags, but BIBC needs to seek approval from Crown Land Services as to placement and obtaining sand. Request was submitted to CLS on Thursday 6th June.

The BIBC will continue to pursue the issue to reach an acceptable outcome for the community and the environment.

Tammy Price

Secretary – Bruny Island Boat Club Inc

Councillor Sue Bastone advised a question on notice has been submitted for the next Council meeting asking what Council are doing to prevent erosion at the Bruny Island Boat Club site. After further

discussion it was moved by F Davis and 2nd by L Haigh that BICA write to Kingborough Council advising of our support to the Bruny Island Boat Club in trying to find a permanent solution to the erosion issues at their site at Alonnah – Passed.

6. **Bruny Potable Water Supply** – Lindon Haigh suggested that extra water tanks could be installed at public buildings on Bruny to help supplement the potable water supply. After some discussion it was agreed that Jeff Self and Lindon Haigh would work on a proposal for this initiative and present it to the next meeting for discussion.

Other Business:

1. **New cruise ship coming to Adventure Bay** – Megan Weston advised she had been contacted by a David Sinclair who advised that a new 200 passenger cruise ship would be calling in to Adventure Bay in November 2020 & January 2021. He advised they will not be staying overnight but will be anchored in the bay for approximately eight hours. Passengers would be ferried to the jetty to go on walks, catch Bruny Island Cruises trips or be bussed around Bruny Island on sightseeing tours.

Meeting Closed 12.50pm.

Next meeting will be at 11.00am on Sunday the 14th of July at the CWA Hall, Barnes Bay.