

Huskisson Woollamia Community Voice - Minutes
General Meeting - Monday 8 October 2018
 Chair: Garry Kelson - starting 7:00pm



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Apologies: Cllr Jo Gash, Leslie Lockwood, Sue & Eddie Smith, Alan Burrows, Gabrielle Brine, Graeme Curnick

Previous Minutes

Minutes of 18 June 2018. Minutes moved accepted (Mark Wareham/ Penny Davidson)

Attendance: 38, incl. Mayor Amanda Findley, Councillors Greg Watson, John Levett, Mark Kitchener ; Chamber reps Danny Payne & Abe Mehmet ; Jervis Bay Tourism reps Ben Hutchings & Kate Broadhurst ; and potential land owner Stephen Bartlett.

Treasurers Report

Geoff Barlow provided a statement.

Opening Balance 10 Oct 2017: \$2,210

Plus income: \$1,533 (incl. \$500 from Shoalhaven City Council)

Less expenditure \$978 (incl. \$546 on dog tidy bags)

Closing Balance 8 Oct 2018: \$2,765

A special thank you to Mark Wareham, who donated his triathlon volunteer earnings to the HWCV.

Report moved accepted (Jan Bruck/Greg Clarke)

Special agenda item - former Anglican church - Hawke St, Huskisson

Shirley Fitzgerald spoke, moving the following motion:

“The HWCV calls on the SCC to do everything in its power to preserve the Holy Trinity Church building in its present position and endorses the community petition requesting the SCC to reconsider the heritage listing of the church and its grounds.”

Hard copy petition in Huskisson/Woollamia has 1,000 signatures. Just seeking via the requested Interim Heritage Order, to take a breather, and consider the future of this building and land. It does not prohibit sensitive re-purposing, just asking for considered treatment. Concepts of village green and sense of place.

Paul Sutton spoke, moving an amendment to the motion (seconded Greg Watson): *“To work with Council and the new owner of the land and the Church Group to save the church in conjunction with the development.”*

Evan Christen spoke against the amendment, saying don't blur the intent of the central motion.

The amendment was lost on a show of hands.

Penny Davidson spoke in support of the motion: DCP2014 and Shoalhaven Tourism Master Plan note the desired retention of Huskisson as a tourism hub, and character and atmosphere. Feedback from visitors is they don't want a 'mini-Cronulla'. The new 3-storey building opposite the bakery in Currambene St has not attracted many plaudits.

Stephen Bartlett spoke: contracts have been exchanged on sale of the land to himself, he informed the meeting of his offer to re-purpose the church building and retain it on site, although it may be slightly re-located to the Hawke St corner. His intention would be to seek a Business re-zoning to 3-storey like the rest of Huskisson commercial core. He would retain a central open square, 50% site building coverage, retain some view corridors, activate the laneways, but need to remove many trees, especially if arborist assessed as dangerous, or in the way of the church building. Graves will be fenced and protected. Asbestos in the old building will need to be removed.

Greg Watson spoke: there is an opportunity to work in conjunction with the land owner to achieve a compromise where everybody gets something. The land owner has noted a willingness to re-purpose the church and retain it on the land. Council paid a lot of money to save 59 Owen St car park, and can't afford to keep spending on such projects.

Tim Peach spoke: via the Interim Heritage Order, we just want a chance to save the old church. The IHO also refers to the graves on site.

The motion was put unamended:

Yes: 21 votes

No: 6 votes

Danny Payne spoke: he abstained from the vote, as he both understands the wish to protect the old church, but also believes that sympathetic development could work in this location.

Correspondence

Huskisson Triathlon Garry said the tri-group met with Shannan Perry-Hall, SCC Events specialist

An Event Advisory Unit meeting was held last month with Police, RMS, Traffic and Elite Energy to table-top draft plans, identify concerns raised by the stakeholder group and problem solve.

Elite Energy is now finalising traffic management documents based on feedback from the stakeholder group and the Event Advisory Unit.

Council plans to come back to community representatives once they receive formal traffic management documentation. This has not occurred yet due to a hold up at RMS.

The event will then follow the standard approvals process (as per the Events Policy POL16/266). Elite Energy are aware of the process and the time frames for assessment and formal comment from Police, Traffic, RFS and RMS.

HWCV has been concerned at the delay in handling these matters.

Danny Payne said the Chamber is writing to SCC, concerned that many local businesses have no option but to close during the February triathlon, due to disruption with crowds and access. Additionally SCC have withdrawn traffic management support for the NYE fireworks.

Kate Broadhurst said it's not just about traffic management, there are many other concerns to be addressed, e.g. parking

SCC requested list of works requests - Garry supplied, joint site inspections will follow.

Council Coastal Hazards review - noted

Fox baiting Huskisson-Vincentia – from SCC - noted, see HWCV website

Visioning workshop, St Georges Basin-Sussex Inlet study area - Penny attended the initial meeting (on Fathers Day) and will keep the HWCV updated on progress of this study

Redhead Villages CCB - correspondence about pace of development - noted

Alcohol Free Zone at Huskisson sports oval - from SCC - during the summer carnival months, - noted, no objections

Owen St – Sydney St - Roundabout design stage - underway, SCC funding – noted with pleasure

General Business

HWCV working group on Huskisson residents' expectations for the future - Penny spoke, has agreed to meet with Bruce McKenzie of Vincentia to discuss the way forward.

Dog Tidy Bags - Paul spoke - the bags are a success and seeking approval for purchase of 3 new dispensers & 3 cartons of tidy bags - approved by meeting

Jervis Bay Rd – Hwy intersection - 7 November public meeting at St Georges Basin Country Club, noted on HWCV website

Urban design policies NSW - Cllr John Levett spoke, and will supply further info

Motorcycle parking spots Owen St - Maureen Noonan spoke, need more spots. Danny Payne said Chamber is seeking an overall review of parking arrangements

SCC Sustainable Futures & Floodplain Committees Mayor Amanda Findley spoke, concerned at the disbanding of these committees. Support of renewable energy. Write to Council if you wish reinstatement of these committees. A motion was put: does the meeting endorse this view? 'Yes' vote carried (moved Jan Bruck/Kate Broadhurst)

Meeting closed: 8:30pm.

Next meeting: 12 November 2018