

**PENSHURST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019**  
**SUPPER ROOM PENSHURST MEMORIAL HALL**

Opened: 1940 HRS

Present: Ama Cooke, Thomas Cooke, Mark Dalla Costa, Marjorie Dalla Costa, Don Adamson

Apologies: Jude Johnston, Shaun McCulloch, Liz Kelly, Nigel Pyne, Mary Stewart, Tony Logan, Elisabeth Siecker

President welcomed everyone.

Previous Minutes:

**Motion to accept the Minutes from 27 March 2019 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**Moved:** Mark Dalla Costa

**Seconded:** Marjorie Dalla Costa

**Carried**

President's Report:

Briefly, the stairs on Mt Rouse near completion. The main Entrance to the Botanic Gardens was started yesterday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. In a week's time the actual build will begin on that site, with the other two sites progressing after it is completed. Warren Steele, the builder, advises that the wall will look like the low wall in front of the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. The project will take around 6 weeks to complete. The replacement of the Children's Playground in the Gardens nears completion. Photoshoots will be organised with Councilors when projects are completed.

A Grant request was sent to Dan Tehan's office for solar lamp-posts in the Gardens, and a solar pump for the tanks at the Public School for use in the Community Garden that the Men's Shed will be creating there. We are waiting to hear the results.

The Hall's stove has been installed and is working fine. The Hall also had an asbestos check and came away with a good bill of health, although there is asbestos in the building in various types of equipment, such as the heaters and sound system.

The PPA committee had a meeting with Andrew Goodsell from the SGSC about the 2041 project that we will talk about later.

Tom and I went to a Visitors Centre Information workshop on the 30<sup>th</sup> which centred around the necessity for a Visitor Centre in town as a focal point for giving out information to both residents and visitors.

Tomorrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Mary Stewart, Marjorie Dalla Costa and I will be visiting Nanette Stanes in Hamilton to receive from her all the information about the Community Markets that she has gathered over the past four years to assist in continuing this activity in town.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Balance of Main Account \$4,477.26    Balance of Market Account \$15.94    No payments to report.

#### **Motion to accept the treasurer's report as an accurate presentation of the financial position of the Association.**

**Moved:** Marjorie Dalla Costa

**Seconded:** Thomas Cooke

**Carried**

#### **Correspondence in:**

Responses from Council – see below.

#### **Correspondence out:**

- 1) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC re: Derelict tables on Mt Rouse, included photos. She asked someone about it but has not replied.
- 2) Email to SGSC re: Updating the Penshurst Brochure which is way out of date. Lachy Patterson replied that he'd sent the email to Mary Macarthur and Simon Logan, who would be in contact. No reply from them.
- 3) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC re: Updating Lease details for 98 Watton Street (old Newsletter building). We have sent them a formal letter advising of the Association's change of name so that they can update their records now the ABN details have been brought up to date.
- 4) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC: re Hard Rubbish Collection for Penshurst. She fwded it to Kylie or Ange. Reply – no hard rubbish collection for small towns, and no intention of creating one.
- 5) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC: re electricity point outside the Hall not being either working, or turned on, so that the Mobile Library can have lights and power. She sent the message through to Lachy Patterson who would look into the problem. Reply – the power point that was malfunctioning has been repaired.
- 6) Email to all members of Association with Minutes of March meeting.
- 7) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC: re Camp Kitchen in the Botanic Gardens. Second email sent to remind her that we have had no contact from 'Infrastructure' about the project.
- 8) Email to Jane Coshutt SGSC: re Recycling Bins in Botanic Gardens & outside Memorial Hall

#### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- 1) Concepts for a Progress association logo were again discussed. Suggestions included a diamond suspended over Mt Rouse 'Penshurst, a diamond in the rough and a design incorporating the 'never fail' spring. President requested initial designs be submitted for consideration.
- 2) The request for a grant to cover Christmas Lights for our Christmas Function proposal in the Botanical Gardens was not approved but we have been told to resubmit it. The President will contact Melanie Russell to arrange an appointment to discuss it. Date to be determined in the near future.

3) Following a number of concerns expressed by various residents that the fire alarm siren cannot be heard in many parts of town, the CFA is to be consulted to affect a solution. Rang CFA awaiting return call from Andy at Hamilton (24/4/2019). Phone call from Richard Burke, head of CFA for region. Siren is not to warn the town but was used to call the volunteers into action. They now have apps or pagers to do this, but the siren has not been stopped yet. I suggested he do something about that so as people are worried about not hearing it all over the town. He agrees it blows away in the winds.

**4) Motion to remove the following names from the Membership Roster as they did not reply to our request for action and so were advised that their names would be withdrawn from the Member's Roster as part of the process of renewing the Association.**

Brown, Peter	Mary Johnson	Munro, Lynn
Burow, John	Kelly, Evan	Nagorcka, Daryl
Byron, Liz	Kelly, Jake	O'Halloran, Cath
Byron, Peter	Kruger, Tracey	Page, John
Callander, Paul	Kruger, Shirley	Rentsch, Ann
Clement, Dianne	Lane, Sharon	Schurmann, Barry
Coleman, Marie	Loria, Catherine	Smith, Sophie
Cottrill, Leanne	McCarthy, Michael	Staff, Maureen
Doherty, Phillip	McLean, Karen	Toyer, Lesley
Dujela, Diane	Mibus, Jill	Walkenhorst, Jill
Jacobs Jill	Mibus, Margaret	Wilken, Sabina

**Moved:** Mark Dalla Costa

**Seconded:** Don Adamson

**Carried.**

### **New Business**

1) Community Plan Review. 2041 was introduced to the meeting and the President explained it was introduced to us by council at the meeting held with Andrew Goodsell. He has been appointed by council to develop community plans with each of the smaller communities within the Shire. Plans will be available to council to consider for future planning and works. The President indicated to members that our community plan was to be developed in two halves. The first to be a watch-list of things we want as a community but which are outside our control and the second to be an Action List to contain the practical things which the progress association can strongly influence and contribute to, and so assist ensure an outcome.

2) Botanic Gardens Master Plan – to be discussed in detail at the May 22nd meeting.

3) Creation of Information Centre subcommittee was discussed. Funding for Info Centre setup is proposed at \$500.00. Centre to be managed by Tom Cooke and ask for volunteers from the town to help run it.

**Motion: to create a subcommittee for the operation of the Penshurst Information Centre and to provide access to \$500 to help with the setup and fit out.**

**Proposed:** Mark Dalla Costa

**Seconded:** Don Adamson

**Carried.**

4) Fit-out of Lion's Club Kiosk to commence asap. Maps, a town photo etc., to be obtained for it. The Mens Shed will refurbish the kiosk.

5) Exploring Peshurst Booklet to be used to locate and clean the Historical Markers around the town. Don Adamson volunteered to clean the markers.

6) President will create a letter from the Association to be included in the New Residents Welcome kit.

**Other Business:**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2040 hrs

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Peshurst Progress Association will be held in the supper room of the Peshurst Memorial hall on 22nd May 2019 at 7:30 pm. This date brings us back to the agreed monthly dates for meetings.