

ADVANCE PENSURST
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23 JAN 19
SUPPER ROOM PENSURST MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Ama Cooke, Tom Cooke, Mark Dalla Costa, Marjorie Dalla Costa, Nigel Pyne, Mary Stewart, Don Adamson, Marcus Rentsch, Valerie Rentsch, Brian O'Brien, John Brennan and Judy Brennan.

Apologies: Liz Kelly.

The meeting opened at 1930 hours. The President welcomed members.

Correspondence in - Nil.

Correspondence out - Nil

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held 5th Dec 2018 were read. Propose Mary Stewart, seconded Nigel Pyne that the previous minutes be accepted as read; carried.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer reported:

- The monthly reconciliation attached was presented.

Proposed Marjorie Dalla Costa, seconded Mary Stewart that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; carried.

Business Arising

The following points were discussed, and actions as listed agreed:

Christmas Market - the meeting noted that the Christmas Market had been very successful and expressed its thanks to John and Judy Brennan for their hard work in making it so.

Christmas Lights Competition - the meeting was informed of the results of the competition as follows:

- 1st prize - Della Walkenhorst, French Street.
- 2nd prize - Sue James, Cobb Street, and
- 3rd prize - Julie Gibbs, Penshurst - Dunkeld Road.

Facebook Page – the town has a facebook page, and a page for the Progress Association will be developed once the name is changed.

Web Pages - the AP web pages have been updated. The President requested that three new webpages be hosted on the town website - Penshurst Hall Inc, Penshurst Mens Shed Inc and Penshurst Art Exhibition (PCAi). These will be single pages

under the town banner with contact information for the various groups. It was agreed unanimously.

Basketball Hoop - President is awaiting call back from Council for this and other matters.

Association Insurances - Treasurer advised all issues with insurances have been resolved.

Australia Day Ceremony - The following points were discussed:

- Citizen of the year nominations have been received and the meeting resolved that the committee make the final choice in camera.
- Marcus Rentsch advised he will be providing the flag, a lectern and the sound system as in previous years.
- Mark Dalla Costa is to raise the flag.

Change of Name for association - The president advised the meeting that under association rules 21 days' notice of a meeting to resolve the name change must be given and that in order to achieve it 75% of the membership who vote must approve the change. She will write to all members and advise them of this and give them the opportunity to vote at the next meeting, send a proxy or indeed resign from the association. Brian O'Brien agreed to forward the most current contact list of members to the President.

It was proposed Marjorie Dalla Costa, seconded Brian O'Brien that the name of the association be changed to Peshurst Progress Association and that the meeting to confirm the change would be held on 27th February 2019 at 7 pm in the Supper Room of the Peshurst Memorial hall; carried.

Bank Accounts - It was proposed Marcus Rentsch, seconded Nigel Pyne that

- 1) a high interest account be opened in the name of the association to receive funds not immediately needed, e.g. the balance of money in the main account less \$1,000.
- 2) that the association create a cinema bank account and that \$500 be placed in that account. The remaining \$1500 previously committed to the cinema is to be held in the association high interest account and remain earmarked for the cinema. Carried.

Events Sub-committee - It was proposed Mary Stewart, seconded Nigel Pyne, that an events sub-committee be formed; carried. Marjorie Dalla Costa has agreed to lead the events sub-committee and is to recruit suitable members from within the Peshurst community to assist her.

Suggests for new events included: a Mountain run, Cent Auction, a community meal based on something like 'Harmony Day' in the Gardens, moving the Christmas Market to the Gardens, Film nights at the Memorial Hall, expanding the Hospital Market on the 16th March to include Peshurst Hair Day and biggest morning tea, plus community plan review for the town, discussions for October Market.

New Business

Renovation of 98 Watton Street - President informed the meeting that a laptop had been taken from the building which begged the question of its security. Rising damp needs to be addressed after which we will consider painting the inside of the building. The meeting discussed the state of the building.

It was proposed Nigel Pyne, seconded Don Adamson that the locks be changed on the building at 98 Watton Street and that three security keys be obtained. One key to be held by council and the remaining two by the association to be issued via a key register as required. Carried.

It was proposed Marjorie Dalla Costa, seconded Brian O'Brien that the formerly missing laptop be given on permanent loan to Gary Starr for the use of the Friends of the Botanical Gardens. Carried.

Don Adamson suggested he remove the screen door on the building as it was not serving well. Perhaps repairs would make it useful again.

Town signage – Don Adamson advised us that he holds all the components of the signs announcing events in town. He will continue to hold them and change the signs as required. The committee thanked him for his assistance.

Involvement with other Community Groups - We will commence other group involvement with a visit to the Lions Club meeting to be held on 19th Feb 2019. Other visits will be advised as details of meetings come to hand.

Update of Penshurst Community Plan - the update of the community plan is to commence at the February Community meeting with community consultation at the market on 16th March 2019. Members were requested to review the plan for discussion of changes at our next meeting.

Bell Street Improvements - It was proposed Marcus Rentsch, seconded Brian O'Brien that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to council, copy to VicRoads, regarding their prompt action in addressing the repairs required in Bell Street which matter was raised with council at the last community engagement meeting. Carried. Secretary to prepare letter for President's signature.

Next Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 in the Penshurst Memorial Hall at 7:00 pm to address the change of name and 7:30 pm for the monthly meeting.

Meeting was closed at 2050