

ADVANCE PENSURST
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27th February 2019
SUPPER ROOM PENSURST MEMORIAL HALL

Opened: 1930

Present: Ama Cooke, Tom Cooke, Mark Dalla Costa, Marjorie Dalla Costa, Mary Stewart, Cheryle Casey, Josh Hewitt, Don Adamson, Marcus Rentsch, Val Rentsch, Brian O'Brien, Tony Hogan, Shaun McCulloch

Apologies: Sue Jellie, Jeff Jellie, Nigel Pyne, Margie Eales, Judy Drane.

President welcomes everyone.

- Correspondence and phone calls in: Various discussions with individuals from Council regarding Botanic Gardens Entrance, Mt Rouse steps, dumped mattresses, leaking toilets, valuations of building at 98 Watton St and the Napier Waller plaque on the Mount being moved to a more prominent location.
- Email from Fiona Hermon of Penshurst Public School regarding the community garden proposal.
- Thank you emails from Standing Tall and Hamilton R&R following the donations made on behalf of Peter Cook as a thank you for his contribution to our Australia Day ceremony.

Correspondence out:

- Letter to council regarding Andrew Curtis and the excellent state of the Botanic Gardens on Australia Day. Andrew was complimented by the Shire CEO as a result.
- Letter to council thanking them for their action to enable the repairs to Bell St. Copy sent to VicRoads and we have had no response at this stage.
- Grant application to SGSC to purchase Christmas lights for the Penshurst Christmas Festival.
- Letter of support to the Penshurst Memorial Hall committee in their gaining a grant for a new stove in the supper room kitchen.

Previous Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from 23 January 2019 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mark Dalla Costa

Seconded: Mary Stewart

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report showing an end balance of \$4,763.73 in the AP Main account and \$15.94 in the Market account was tabled.

Motion to retrospectively approve the payments of accounts and accept the treasurer's report as an accurate presentation of the financial position of the Association.

Moved: Marjorie Dalla Costa

Seconded: Mary Stewart

Carried

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1) Change of name for the Association

Voting result – Total votes 18, Yes votes 18, No votes 0

Therefore, the change of name is agreed and the following changes are to take place.

Motion to approve the following changes to change the Association name and identity -

a) register 'Penshurst Progress Association' with CAV – registration costs \$28.90 with copy of New Model Rules

b) accept changes to the Model Rules – updated Name of Association and Purposes

c) review Vision, Mission and Purposes statement

d) Purchase of new domain name - suggest 'penshurstprogress.org.au' cost \$24.00 for 2 years through Host Geek who host the town website.

e) creation of new email addresses

- president@penshurstprogress.org.au

- secretary@penshurstprogress.org.au

- treasurer@penshurstprogress.org.au

And any other email addresses as are required, with approval of the Committee.

f) advise Bendigo Bank of changes and provide documentation to prove this to change the bank accounts. Order new cheque and deposit books

g) advise Council and all other relevant bodies of the changes, eg. Post Office & Australia Post, Grangeburn etc.

h) update the town webpage specific to PPA

i) create Facebook page for the Association

j) amend all Association documents including the lease on 98 Watton

k) review new PPA logo for addition to documents

l) and whatever other changes are needed that come up from time to time with approval of the Committee and/or Association

Moved: Marjorie Dalla Costa **Seconded:** Brian O'Brien

Carried

2) Motion to welcome new members to the Penshurst Progress association, viz:

● Joy Doherty

● Cheryle Casey

● Josh Hewitt

● Tony Hogan

● Shaun McCulloch

Moved: Mary Stewart **Seconded:** Brian O'Brien **Carried.**

3) Motion to acknowledge the resignation of the following members of the Association (previously Advance Penshurst):

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| ● Peter B Brown | ● Phillip Doherty | ● Lynette Munro |
| ● Paul G Callander | ● Janet Kelly | ● Maureen Staff |
| ● Diane Clement | ● Evan Kelly | ● Robyn Starling |
| ● Gillian Jacobs | ● Jake Kelly | ● Paul Sutherland |
| ● Mary Johnson | ● Sharon Lane | ● Leslie Toyer |

Moved: Mark Dalla Costa

Seconded: Mary Stewart

Carried.

The President stated that the incumbent members of the association would like to thank those who have gone before us and done their duty on the committee and various sub committees that existed over the decades that Advance Penshurst has been operating. This was applauded by all present.

4) Verbal reports as follows were received by the meeting:

- Lions Club visit by the Committee on 19 February 2019
- Australia Day Ceremony

New Business

5) Updating our Penshurst Community Plan

The President advised the meeting that the Community Plan was out of date and requested members advise the committee of preferred changes and any additions required. To that effect she handed all present a copy of the current draft plan to assist. Changes already identified include the addition of the Community Hall, removal of the Mens Shed initiative (completed) as well as the inclusion of the Botanical Gardens Master plan previously agreed with council. The community will be invited to input via a letter drop and comment sheets which will be available at the Market on 16th March next. Members were asked to return their comments to the President by the 14th of March next.

6) New plans for the Penshurst Christmas Market/Festival. The President and the Chair of the Events Subcommittee presented the ideas so far collected to enable a Christmas Market and Festival to be held in the Botanical Gardens in lieu of the previous street market. Members were requested to provide any feedback by the 14th March next for inclusion in the community plan. Discussion at the meeting included the need for new street decorations, solar lighting, a special chair/throne for Santa and inclusion of the local school children by way of carol singing or similar, as well as their individual creations of Christmas Reindeer to be displayed at the Festival. Both schools are delighted to participate in the Reindeer project.

7) Re-purposing buildings in our care

- 98 Watton (infant welfare building). President requested any suggestions be provided by members at the next meeting of the Association.

- tennis court building. The committee noted the building was currently not used for any purpose and consideration should be given to ensure it becomes a community asset again. Ideas included a camp kitchen for the caravan park and members were requested to consider this before the next meeting.

8) Added to Peshurst Victoria webpages –

New - <http://www.peshurstvictoria.com.au/PeshurstMensShedInc.html>

- Christmas Festival webpage being constructed

- Peshurst Art Exhibition site will be migrated over once the 2019 Exhibition is over.

- Peshurst Memorial Hall site is under construction – needs activity photos

9) Little library lockbox project. Suggestions include having a library/swap box in the Lions kiosk in Bell St and possibly another in the new Information Centre which will be located in the Community Hall foyer.

10) Reported to council - Seal on toilet in Infant Welfare building was leaking and has been replaced. Mattresses tossed into the quarry by one of the workers on the Mount Rouse steps. Council followed up this afternoon.

11) To be reported to Council. The rubbish bins in the caravan park should have lids as the birds are scattering the contents. Query the lack of any hard rubbish collections for Peshurst.

12) Reported from Council – the renovation of the Mt Rouse Steps is delayed to the end of March due to contractor not being on site more than one week in two. Botanic Gardens construction was meant to start 25th Feb but will start in the middle of next week, if no other problems crop up. Still chasing the lines for the basketball court.

13) The President outlined the Community Gardens initiative to the meeting. Garden is to be constructed next to the public school on their land. Children from Public School and St Josephs will use it as part of their curriculum. Construction and maintenance will be the responsibility of the Mens Shed however the garden will be open to all community members. To cover expenses a grant request are to be submitted to South west Community Grants and AusPost, initiated by John Brennan, Peshurst Post Office, and in this way we can create a garden of raised beds and a small orchard. After robust discussion by the members present the President requested everyone to consider the proposal and it will be further discussed at our next meeting.

There is some concern that the field, in its present state, is a fire hazard and needs to be slashed. We were told by Marcus Rentsch that fires come into town from that direction. Fiona Hermon advised the President that the SGSC no longer has any interest in the field as the newcomers interested in farming there have moved on to Coleraine as the land is too rocky. President to

contact shire over slashing the field. President to talk to CFA about also talking to SGSC about the danger of the field in its present condition. Otherwise, the fences around the block (at the back) need to be repaired so that sheep can be returned to the field.

14) Penshurst Community Market. President advised the market will continue under PPA and that we have a volunteer to manage it ongoing.

15) Discussion was held on naming either the building at 98 Watton Street or part of the Memorial Hall in honour of Mervyn Napier Waller. The feeling of the meeting was that it would be most appropriate to rename the supper room in the hall. Discussion to be taken to the March meeting.

16) President advised the meeting that the foyer of the Memorial Hall was currently being redecorated and will be used as an Information Centre. Included in this will be a sign directing visitors to the Volcanoes Discovery Centre, and well as the purchase of a 'non-accredited' "I" (blue & white) sign to be placed between the Hall and the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. The President requested that Brian O'Brien, President of the VDC Committee of Management, ask for a Letter of Support from his committee to be written to the SGSC so that the Information Centre can also have the glossy brochures of the towns in the SGSC region.

17) Shaun McCulloch advised the meeting that he was currently in discussion with VicRoads to provide flashing 40 KPH warning signs for the schools in Penshurst. Funds have been requested, and we should hear about this in June or July. This was welcomed by all present.

18) Cheryle Casey expressed concern over the abuse of the basket ball hoop in the Gardens. Older children are lowering it completely and swinging off it. A discussion on how to solve this brought up the suggestion of raising it to a suitable level and removing the winder. Marcus Rentsch advised that the stand is built like a tank and should be able to survive the abuse. President to talk to Council about this matter.

19) President to talk to Council about a 'hard rubbish' collection once a year. Cities have it, but we don't, and rubbish tip fees are far too high for lower income people.

20) A review of the Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values of the renewed Association has been moved forward to the March meeting.

21) Tony Hogan asked where excess food, from bumper summer crops, could be left for collection by people in Penshurst who might need, or could certainly use, it. The Information Centre can become a resource site for projects like this. Ama Cooke advised the group that there are three churches in Hamilton that provide food parcels to people in need in the Penshurst Community, suggesting the Uniting Church as one of them.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2050.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Penshurst Progress Association will be held in the supper room of the Penshurst Memorial hall on 27th March 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Advance Peshurst Inc Treasurer's report

As of 27th February 2019

AP Main Account

Opening balance		\$6501.67
Income:		
Dividend Cheque/market money	\$15.20	
Deposit Cash – Coins & Book		
- Peter Cook	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$ 55.20</u>
Total Income		\$6556.87
Expenses:		
Host Geek Webhosting 2019 www.peshurstvictoria.com.au	\$272.80	
Peshurst Community Market (Transfer of grant from SGSC)	\$500.00	
Spectator – Nov 2018 AGM notice	\$ 95.04	
Peshurst Community Market Top-up	\$ 20.00	
Donation on behalf Peter Cook (Australia Day Expense)	\$100.00	
- Hamilton District R&R \$50		
- Bainbridge Col - Standing Tall \$50		
Warrnambool Locksmiths Infant Welfare Building & part of Office in Hall	\$342.45	
Peshurst Post Office A/c	\$100.75	
Grangeburn IT A/c	\$ 97.10	
Peshurst Post Office	<u>\$135.00</u>	(credited)
Australia Post Box 66 Peshurst (Paid to A Cooke's Credit Card)	\$130.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$1793.14</u>
Balance 27/02/19		\$4763.73

Advance Peshurst Inc Treasurer's report

As of 27th February 2019

AP Market Account

Opening balance 5 Dec 2018	\$121.08		
Income:			
Grant Sgsc	\$500.00		
Transfer from			AP
Main	\$ 20.00		
Total Income	\$520.00	\$641.08	
Expenses:			
Peshurst Post Office A/c	\$421.55		
Peshurst Supermarket	\$203.59		
		\$625.14	
Balance		\$15.941	

Awaiting an account from Lion's Club for Australia Day.