

PENSHURST PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27th March 2019
SUPPER ROOM PENSHURST MEMORIAL HALL

Opened: 1930

Present: Ama Cooke, Tom Cooke, Mark Dalla Costa, Marjorie Dalla Costa, Mary Stewart, Cheryle Casey, Josh Hewitt, Nigel Pyne, Tony Hogan, Shaun McCulloch, Elisabeth Siecker

Apologies: Margie Eales, Don Adamson, Brian O'Brien, Liz Kelly.

President welcomes everyone.

Previous Minutes: Secretary read the minutes for the meeting held 27th February 2019.

Motion to accept the minutes from 27 February 2019 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mark Dalla Costa

Seconded: Mary Stewart

Carried

President's Report: The President reported as follows:

- The new Association name has been registered with Community Affairs Victoria and the name has been changed in every instance.
- All web pages have been updated with the new details.
- Bank accounts cannot be updated until the ABN has been changed to reflect the name change and changes of office bearers. Paperwork must be submitted by post and documents were sent 1st April 2019. We were also required to await paperwork from the ATO to affect the same changes. Awaiting documents from them.
- New Facebook page for Penhurst Progress Association has yet to be created, awaiting update of ABN.
- The lease for 98 Watton Street has yet to be amended.
- A new domain name penhurstprogress.or.au has been purchased from Host Geek. Email addresses reflecting the new name have been provided for the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Lions Club has given their approval for us to update the Penhurst Lion's Kiosk, opposite the supermarket, as we see fit.
- The leaking female public toilet discovered following our last meeting was reported to Council and repaired immediately.
- The dumped mattresses reported at our last meeting were removed by Council who advise the matter has been resolved.
- At the Council visit to Penhurst on We advised that the line painting required at the basketball hoop had not been done, and they have agreed to attend to it quickly.
- 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.

- The grant application to South West Community Grants for the Community Garden did not proceed however the Australia Post assistance is still available. The Community Garden proposal is now a Mens Shed project.
- Council have been advised that the field beside the Primary School, originally proposed for the garden, requires slashing as it is deemed a fire hazard.
- A new area to build the gardens has been discussed with the school, then, further discussion between the Principal and Tom and Ama had led to a return to the original site, beside the school, near the tap and sheds. Water will be pumped from the various tanks around the school.
- 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.
- It was noted that old playground in the botanical gardens has been removed. We are expecting the new one to be constructed soon.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report showing an end balance of \$4,573.42 in the AP Main account and \$15.94 in the Market account was tabled (see attached).

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

Correspondence in:

- Email received from Joy Doherty regarding the logo.
- Email received from Joy Doherty expressing her regret that she was no longer able to attend meetings and resigning from the association.
- Email from Brien O'Brien offering apologies for this meeting and discussion on the ant logo.
- Email from Liz Kelly offering apologies for this meeting.
- Letter from Council requesting feedback on the report they had commissioned on planning in the shire.

Correspondence out:

- Minutes of our last meeting distributed to all members.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Suggestions for the new **logo** for the Association were discussed. Concerns were raised about using the ant and President provided feedback she had received. Tony Hogan advised the meeting that before a logo is chosen, we should determine what elements should be in it and gave direction on the process. President requested all members to consider this and bring ideas and examples to the next meeting.
- The meeting discussed the **Vision and Mission** statement provided by the Secretary and proposed one addition to the purpose and values list – "research the needs of the community".

Motion to approve the Vision and Mission Statement as amended.

Moved: Mark Dalla Costa Seconded: Marjorie Dalla Costa Carried

New Business

- 1) **Community Plan Review.** President outlined feedback received on the community plan and presented a matrix of the results gathered at the Community Market. The priorities matrix was discussed, and members were requested to examine it with a view to establishing priorities and it will be progressed at our next meeting. President is to email a copy of the matrix to all members for their consideration.
Cheryle Casey emphasised the importance of ensuring that the list is realistic and achievable rather than just a wish list. The final plan needs to be practical, 'doable' and consider foreseeable contingencies.
Members were asked to consider all items for the draft plan to be discussed at our next meeting.
- 2) **Draft Planning Scheme Review.** The meeting considered the draft Planning Scheme review provided by Council. Members were requested to read the document from page 13 until the end and provide any feedback by 1 April 2019.
- 3) **Botanic Gardens Master Plan.** President suggested we needed to set up a meeting with council to discuss the implementation of the master plan and particularly to determine a time line. There appears to be a lot of talk but no action on it now. Tom Cooke, Mark Dalla Costa, Marjorie Dalla Costa, Mary Stewart and Josh Hewitt all indicated they would like to be involved in such a meeting and the President stated she would organise one at a date and place to be advised.
- 4) **Raffle Drawing.** The raffle held for all those who participated by providing feedback sheets relating to the Community Plan was drawn by Shaun McCulloch and the winners were Marjorie Dalla Costa and Sue Morgan.

Other Business

- 1) **New Members.** Applications to join the Association were received from Elisabeth Siecker and Judith Johnston. Both applications were accepted.
- 2) **Doctor at Hospital.** Nigel Pyne suggested we should lobby to obtain a full-time doctor at the Penshurst hospital. Cheryle Casey explained the detailed reasons as to why this was not possible and outlined the details of what was in place to cover the gap.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2100.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Penshurst Progress Association will be held in the supper room of the Penshurst Memorial hall on 1st May 2019 at 7:30 pm.