

SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and GENERAL MEETING Saturday 30th January 2021 @ 10.00am

Held at the SANDY POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Chaired by President of Sandy Point Community Group: Anne Kinne. Official procedure of re-election of Office Bearers and Committee was conducted by Di Cooper.

Present: **Financial members:** Anne Kinne, Frank Schrever, Judy Schrever, Di Cornwell, Phil Cornwell, Ray Henderson, Peter Slifirski, Doug Brown, Liz Brown, Di Cooper, Diana Zlatic, Sally Gibson, Tony Cornish, Peter Kinne, Michelle Jelleff, Cathy Fraser, Peter Fraser, Michael Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy, Heather Bassed, Chris Harvey, Lucas de Jong, Nicky Thurlow, Rob Giles. Caroline Williams and Barry Peachey joined online.

Non/unfinancial members: Michael Pearson, Christine Neaves

Apologies: Joyce Wright, Wacek Lipski, Libby and Ian Hore-Lacy, Susan and John Stanecki, Rob McGauran, Cath Giles, Ian and Greta Fullager, Rick Martin, Sam Taylor, Etta and Reuben Stewart, John Doward, Debbie Lombardo.

Minutes of Last A.G.M. held on 30th September 2019

Moved: Di Cornwell, Seconded: Ray Henderson that:

The minutes be accepted as an accurate account of that meeting.

Accepted unanimously.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

President's Report:

(The President's Report is attached at the end of this report)

The following items were presented.

- **Events**
- **Road surfacing within township**
- **Traffic calming**

- Caravan Park land sale
- 24 hour Access Defibrillator
- Telstra Mobile Phone Service
- Town signage project
- Koala Action Project
- Skate Park proposal
- Community Garden
- Waratah Way
- Community Power Group
- Membership fees
- Thanks

Treasurer's Report

(The Treasurer's Report is attached at the end of this report)

Vice-President Frank Schrever presented the Treasurer's Report.

Total Cash Funds as at 30/06/2020: \$22,841.37

Membership Report Phil Cornwell advised that currently there are 159 financial members, up from the 149 registered last year.

Election of Officers and Committee of SPCG:

Di Cooper Chaired the Election of Office Bearers and thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work throughout the year and encouraged members present to join the new committee.

As there was only one nomination received for each Committee position and no further nominations from the floor, no election was required. As there was no nomination received for the vacant Secretary position Anne will be continuing as official Secretary and sharing responsibilities with Di Cornwell.

The nominated Committee members were accepted and congratulated.

President	Anne Kinne
Vice-President	Frank Schrever
Secretary	Anne Kinne / Diana Cornwell
Treasurer	Rick Martin
Committee	Diana Cornwell
Committee	Phil Cornwell
Committee	Ray Henderson
Committee	Joyce Wright
Committee	Doug Brown
Committee	Liz Brown
Committee	Peter Slifirski

Committee**Judy Schrever**

The meeting closed at 10.40 am and was followed by a General Meeting to provide a further discussion of current projects and to take any questions from the floor.

GENERAL MEETING**SANDY POINT COMMUNITY GROUP
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A general meeting commenced after the completion of the AGM.

Topics discussed were:

New slide

Lucas de Jong asked whether there had been any safety/maintenance issues with the new tube slide in the playground. He had heard previously of problems with a similar one at Bairnsdale and was concerned about the selection of one for use at Sandy Point. No one at the meeting had heard of any problems and several commented that it was very popular with are young users.

Removal of illegal and unsafe shack in sand dunes

Lucas de Jong asked whether this had been removed yet and Ray Henderson advised said that the Foreshore Committee had done so recently.

Road resurfacing

Rob Giles asked if had had any further information from Council re the issue of poor resurfacing of our roads within the township. Peter Slifirski told the meeting about the discussions that had been held with Council's Engineering Coordinator, Paul Challis, on Friday 30th January. Paul Council acknowledged that Council was very disappointed in the outcome and current state of roads but they had no redress under the contract with the resurfacing contractor. Paul explained that as the original road surface was deteriorating and pot holing was occurring, they decided to redo the entire road surface. The original A Grade level Avon River aggregate used is no longer available and to achieve the light colour finish we requested, the contractor had sourced and used a B Grade product.

A complete road resurfacing cannot happen in the near future as the tar used needs time to harden before it can be replaced. Council is working with industry to source a suitable alternative aggregate. The area in front of the shops will be a priority and depending on the availability of contractors, work is hoped to commence within several months.

Peter has suggested we advocate with Council to treat the area in front of the shops as an urban renewal project, similar to those underway in Leongatha and completed in Foster. This will bring economic benefits from increased tourism.

Council will keep us informed of progress and emphasized that they are committed to work with us for a satisfactory outcome.

Tony Cornish suggested we need drainage pits in certain areas to avoid water pooling and eroding the road surface.

Traffic Calming

Lucas de Jong asked if there was more that could be done to decrease the amount of speeding on our roads eg speed humps. Frank Schrever said that he had requested the insertion of a chicane on Beach Parade near the corner of Park Rd, but we've had no success with council on any of these ideas so far. The group has also asked for flashing 40kph signs to be installed in busy times particularly along Beach Parade. However, Council has insufficient numbers of these devices so we were unsuccessful in getting them installed. Paul Challis advised that we could look into hiring one over the summer holidays.

Peter Kinne said that he was surprised at the lack of police presence over the busy holiday period and felt the regular police visits could encourage the wearing of bike helmets, keeping to speed limits etc. and create more appropriate responses to our shared roads.

Incidents and issues urgently needing attention from Council

Di Cooper told people that there was an app "Snap Send Solve" that can be used to alert Council of issues that need attention.

Caravan Park land sale issue

Heather Bassed asked why Council had approved the sale of housing blocks in the Caravan Park and felt this land could be used for benefit to the community. Heather was concerned over the lack of parking during peak times and had counted 70 cars in the area near the access to the main patrolled beach.

Council could purchase these blocks and make them available to the community. Heather has contacted the Council and spoken to the Planning department who said they could not do anything about it. Suggested she contact the Assets department and was told the Shire does buy land if it gives value to the Shire.

Peter Slifirski said the land may already be contracted so insufficient time to do this. He said that in other parts of Victoria, Councils have asked for a community contribution when land like this is sold and Chris Cope has suggested this may be possible. Peter suggested we write to Council about this and reiterated that

Council should have a more robust consultation process with the community in future.

Peter also mentioned that rising sea levels will affect applications for subdivision in the future. Heather requested that SPCG send a letter to council regarding this issue.

Sandy Point Community Power

Chris Harvey gave a talk and power point presentation on their work and achievements so far. He advised that the SPCP is now an incorporated entity so can apply for grants etc.

Chris discussed the purchase of additional hardware including the purchase of batteries and electric vehicle recharging points for the Community Centre and Men's Shed buildings.

They are trying to establish a trading scheme that will be viable for the community but are still working on this.

The benefits of such a scheme would be:

- Increased feed in tariff
- Reduced number of brown outs as more houses have panels
- Reduced daytime rates
- Funding more community projects.

They are developing a Community Power Portal online. This will enable people to join the scheme and see how much power they are using and putting into the grid. As yet they have not found a scheme that will be financially viable but are continuing to work with a particular power company and are optimistic it will eventually be achieved and then they will open it up to communities around Australia. The La Trobe Valley Authority is providing funding for a study. They want to do a 20-25 property trial to test the scheme. More details will be forthcoming.

Waratah Way

Di Cornwell asked what was happening now with the project. Michelle Jelleff, who has taken over the role of coordinating the project said that we will be working with Council and DEWLP to upgrade the environmental report and cultural heritage report and seek funding for the project.

Frank Schrever said that the group involved with the Marinus Link, an electricity cable that makes landfall from Tasmania in Waratah Bay was interested in helping out with community projects and it would be worth discussing with them.

Meeting closed 11.40am.