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| VHDPA_Logo |  | Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.VHDPA Inc.PO Box 43 Hall ACT 2618[www.hall.act.au](http://www.hall.act.au)**President:** David Hazlehurst. |

**Committee Meeting – Headmasters Cottage**

**Wednesday 7:00pm, 17 September 2014**

**MINUTES**

1. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Crowe, Rod Barnes, David Hazlehurst, Tony Morris, Bob Richardson, Barry Huckstep, Phil Robson**
	1. **Other members: Jo Hall.**
	2. **Apologies: Rose Jovanvic, Paul Porteous, Troy Magyar, Peter Howard.**

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.** Minutes of August meeting tabled and accepted.
	1. AGM minutes are draft only until accepted the following year, but will be posted to the website as ‘draft’.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE**
	1. Hall Ball committee confirmed request to allocate $3500 (approximately half) of Hall Ball net proceeds to the Hall Rural Fire Brigade. This was agreed.
	2. The Committee also agreed to a request to contribute a total of $2500 towards the Brigade’s fire engine restoration project (the original $1000 previous agreed plus the further $1500 for paint).
	3. Alistair Crombie wrote asking whether the Association was continuing with a Heritage Officer, noting the important role the Association has played in the past on heritage issues. The Committee noted that Phil Robson is the current Heritage Officer. The primary focus over the past 12 months has been on the School Museum and the assessment of national significance, along with heritage issues associated with the School site itself. Should other issues arise or be brought to the Committee’s attention the heritage officer will take the lead.
3. **Future of the School site**

David summarised the recent meeting with ACT Property Group who have taken over responsibility for management of the site from the Community Services Directorate (key points attached).

The Committee discussed next steps. It was agreed:

* The joint working group with Hall Rotary would be reconvened to agree a position to be put the ACT Government (the Chief Minister and Minister Barr), building on previous correspondence with the Chief Minister.
* The group will consider peppercorn rent, utility costs, and a more detailed proposal for ROMAC.
* Group will meet with Blue Gum to clarify their plans.
1. **2014-15 priorities**

The Committee discussed and agreed a calendar of priorities (attached).

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
	1. Rod confirmed balances of approximate $45000 (investment account) and $7000 (cheque account).
2. **Other business**
	1. The Committee discussed reconsidering the proposal for overnight stays in Hall. It was agreed this should be considered as part of the proposed new arrangements for ongoing management of the Pavilion.
	2. David to provide Rod with contact details for Gold Creek Primary School Parents Association in order to resolve outstanding request to come under the Progress Associating umbrella.
3. **Next meeting**

Wednesday 15 October, 7-00pm Headmasters cottage. Further meetings to be notified to the website for 3rd Wednesday of November, February, April and June (as per the calendar).

**VHDPA Secretary. Bob Richardson 0407071245.**

**Report of meeting with ACT Property Group, Tuesday 9 Sept 2014**

Tania Shaw, Senior Manager

Carmen ?, Manager

Kate Kennedy

David Hazlehurst

Tony Morris

Bob Richardson

Phil Robson

Key points:

* ACT Property Group has only recently taken on community facilities. It is conducting a review of the properties and policies, and is not yet in a position to provide advice on the way forward.
* But, peppercorn rents are no longer on their table. The standard rent for community facilities is $128 per square metre per year.  Regardless of the condition of the asset. [For the 700m3 we are currently assessed as occupying that’s $89600!].
* Room for negotiation, but that seems to be their starting point.
* Utilities – Checks on water and additional meters for the preschool under way.
* The Blue Gum interest is a matter for the Education Department. Referred to Minister Barr’s original statement that closed school sites cannot be used for educational purposes.
* Canberra Museums operate with direct budget funding.
* Maintenance of cottage raised. Kate to address repairs to roof.
* More detailed explanation/business case for ROMAC proposal likely to be needed.
* Tania asked us to reconsider how much of the site we wish to occupy.