Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.



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Committee Meeting – Headmasters Cottage Wednesday 7:00pm, 3 Dec. 2014.

Minutes

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Hazlehurst, Bob Richardson, Tony Morris, Phil Robson, Peter Howard, Dean Crowe, Barry Huckstep, Rod Barnes, Paul Porteous.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Received and accepted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. IN.
- a.i. Letter from a Hall resident affected by the Mr Fluffy asbestos issues. Agreed to write a letter in support to ACT government to preserve other another heritage building on the site not containing asbestos, to preserve trees on the perimeter of the site and to have the work in Hall done at the beginning of the five year program.
- a.ii. Letter from Hall and District Collectors Club seeking support for the Club to take responsibility for installation and maintenance of the Innocuous Gun purchased through a donation from Hall Rotary. Agreed, subject to confirmation of the ownership and insurance arrangements, formal approval from the ACT Government and the Collectors Club meeting any ongoing costs.
- a.iii. Letter from Wallaroo Bush Fire Brigade. Seeking requesting financial support for improvements to their facilities. Agreed to reply welcoming their approach and indicating we will consider their request in the first quarter of 2015 along with other proposals.
- **4. Future of the School site.** Tony and Phil reported on discussions between John Kenworthy (Hall Rotary) and David Dawes (DG, Economic Development, ACT Government), and further work of the joint VHDPA/Hall Rotary working group. Draft letter to Chief Minister to be circulated for comment and then sent before Christmas.
- **5.** School Bus Interchange. Considered the proposal developed by Peter Howard , Dean Crowe and Barry Huckstep, and the comments and alternative proposal from Sean O'Connor. Agreed to write to ACT Government confirming the following preferred position:
 - a. the whole of Hall Village be made a 40km/h zone.
 - b. level and hardstand the area between the Victoria St Bridge and Gladstone St and sign for buses only.
 - c. install barriers and signage to prevent parking/stopping on the Oval side of Victoria Street.
 - d. build a new hardstand parking area on Gladstone St. further west of the existing car park with In and Out entrances.
 - e. Request installation of timed, solar flashing school bus signs.

It was understood that the Government would then consult with the community on the proposal. It was agreed that this was a modest set of improvements and that the community could then see whether they were effective or whether further, more intrusive works were required. Several of Sean's points were taken on board in revising the proposal, but the alternative of locating the interchange in the area surrounding the Pavilion was not supported. It was agreed this would be very

expensive, but more importantly, would dramatically alter the character of the area, as substantial roadwork would be required.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT. \$ 45,000 in investment fund. \$3000 in operating account. Committee noted the intention to consider options for returning a percentage of funds back to the community in the first quarter of 2015.

7. SUB-GROUP REPORTS (by exception)

- a. **Pavilion management.** New fee schedule in place no noticeable difference in bookings. Furniture upgrade still being investigated. Floor repairs to be undertaken by the Men's Shed. Tony and Phil to come up with a list of maintenance tasks that will be needed for the Pavilion and showground over the next couple of years which can provided to Sport and Rec for inclusion in their maintenance program and also for the Association to draw on in seeking grants.
- 8. Next meeting. Wednesday 18 February, 2015. 7pm. Headmaster's Cottage.

Bob Richardson, Secretary, VHDPA.