



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: David Hazlehurst.

**Committee Meeting – Headmasters Cottage
Wednesday 7:00pm, 18 February 2015**

Minutes

- 1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hazlehurst, Howard, Morris, Huckstept, Richardson, Barnes.
 - a. Others:** Olga and Darrell Minion, Alan and Marg Monahan, Shaun O'Connor, Marion Barnyard, Andrew Wiseman.
 - b. Apologies:** Phil Robson, Gavin Mansfield, Dean Crowe, Paul Porteous

2. Traffic management – Hall Bus Interchange

David Hazlehurst (President) acknowledged the concerns of Gladstone Street residents arising from the previous minutes which indicated a preferred approach would be conveyed to the ACT Government. David explained this had only been the initial position of the Committee and part of a series of interactions with the ACT Government to develop some options which could be put to the Hall community for consultation. David apologized for any distress caused.

Extensive discussion of the problems with the current arrangements and a range of alternative proposals led to the following conclusions:

- The interchange should stay in Hall . It benefits to Hall residents who would otherwise be left without a school bus service for their children. It also benefits the Hall businessesl.
- The growth of the population serviced by the interchange (between Hall and Yass and surrounds) has led to the current and expected volume of buses and children making the Gladstone Street site unsafe.
- While there had been no formal complaints to the Association in recent years, concerns had been raised with individual members of the Committee and many have seen risky behavior and near misses at the interchange.
- These issues have been considered by the Association from time to time over at least the past 10 years. Many options have been considered and approaches made to the ACT Government.
- The safety issues cannot be adequately addressed at the Gladstone St site. An alternative permanent and longer term solution should now be developed.
- Three broad relocation options should be developed with the ACT Government – (a) adjacent to the Hall Reserve on Victoria St; (b) the Pavilion carpark, the tennis courts and Pavilion surrounds; (c) on either of the approaches to the village on Victoria St.
- Short term improvements to the Gladstone St site should include simplification of signage, erection of timing flashing signs and a speed limit of 40km/h through the area. Further consultation should occur with the owner of Hall Stockfeeds on the Government's proposed traffic islands.

- ☒ The Association will liaise with the ACT Government to progress the short term improvements, express a firm view that a long-term solution is required, and develop three options for consultation with the community (drawn up by the Government).
- ☒ The Association would then host a community meeting and reflect the feedback from the meeting back to the Government. Consensus will be the objective, but this may be difficult to achieve given the diversity of views and interests in the Village.

Further documentation is available by contacting the Committee Secretary on 0407071245.

3. ACT Axemen proposal

Andrew Wiseman, Axemen ACT, and Shaun O'Connor presented their proposal for use of some space behind the Pony Club building as a practice ground (seeking the Association's before approaching the ACT Government), and the possibility of affiliating with the Progress Association. The Committee welcomed the proposals in principle. The Axemen will return with a revised map and proposal for affiliation.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Accepted

Business arising

- a.i. Letter from a Hall resident affected by the Mr Fluffy asbestos issues. Letter of support sent.
- a.ii. 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. Still to action.
- a.iii. Pavilion management. 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 be provided to Sport and Rec for inclusion in their maintenance program and also for the Association to draw on in seeking grants. Ongoing. Ten new tables purchased.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence in: Two letters (Monahan and Minion.) providing input on improvements to Hall bus exchange. Letter from Andrew Wiseman, ACT Axemen) on proposal for use of facilities and affiliation with VHDPA.
- b. Peter Howard to Mick Roberts (Sport & Rec) re: timber and fittings for repair of seating Hall Showground. \$2647 funded by Sport & Rec. Peter Howard reported stage one of up-grade completed by Men's Shed.

6. Future of the School site - Advice from ACT Property Group likely to be received in March. Agreed that draft further letter to Chief Minister re-confirming the Association's position be circulated within the Committee for final comment and then sent.

7. License agreement for Pavilion - Input received from David Fussell on standard agreement. David Hazlehurst to pass to Tony Morris for engagement with ACT Government.

8. CFC (cash for cans) scheme for Hall – discussed possible scheme. Concerns about associated rubbish, smell and limited returns mean the Association will not pursue.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT – Bank balances – xxxxxxxxxx. Cheque for \$xx received from St Michael and All Angels, Hall for use of School Cottage.

10. Next meeting – 18 March 2015, 7pm, Headmaster's Cottage

Secretary. VHDPA. Bob Richardson.