



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 20 March 2019
Location	Hall School Cottage
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, George Southwell, Phil Robson, John Burns, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop
Attendees	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, John Burns, Robert Yallop, George Southwell, Heather Wilford, Graeme Bryce,
Apologies	Peter Howard, Margaret Monahan, Phil Robson

Ginninderry Presentation

The three members of the Ginninderry Group that were present, David Maxwell Managing Director, Michael Pilbrow and Tony Adams provided the committee with a powerpoint presentation (attached) which gave the background of the development and provided an outline of the plan going forward .

The project has been on the drawing board since 2006 and is owned by Corkhill and 4 others plus the ACT Government. 60% of the joint venture is owned by the ACT Government and 40% by Riverview subsidiaries.

Over the years the group has offered all interested sections of the community the opportunity for input. Their attendance at our meeting was an example of their continued consultation process.

In 2016, the ACT section of Ginninderry was rezoned for urban development. Stage 1, which will consist of 350 houses, has commenced construction with the first house frames already appearing.

The NSW portion still requires rezoning which is expected to happen in 2019/20. The first houses to appear on the NSW side of the border won't be until 2032 given cross border specific requirements. Major cross border consultation with 36 Government agencies occurred at a meeting in Canberra two weeks ago with positive results, and

considered things such as safety arrangements, aboriginal cultural values, police, fire, buses and ambulance. John asked the presenters about fire safety measures. The group were confident that they are above current standards and are working with Molongolo and Wallaroo RFS.

In 30 – 40 years there will be 11,500 dwellings in Ginninderry - 6500 in ACT, 5000 in NSW. This will comprise three ACT suburbs which will include four schools, and a shopping centre in an area roughly the size of Weston. The intention is to strengthen Yass and Murrumbateman by increasing the population of Yass by 20,000 and Murrumbateman by 10,000 to help support the population of the Canberra region which is expected to be in the vicinity of one million people by 2033.

One of the areas requiring extensive attention is Ginninderra Falls. The public are very keen for the falls to be opened again. This is expected to happen by 2023.

The project has worked extensively with aboriginal groups and continues to respect the cultural values of the land. Aboriginal Groups are involved in all aspects of planning and have signed an accord with the project. An environmental impact study has been continuously carried out.

A number of exhibitions have been held, including Yass Library, Kippax, and Fyshwick and the group is looking for a suitable location for an exhibition in Hall. The Post Office was raised as a possible venue. The Rural Fringe was also mentioned as another way of providing information to the community.

The VHDPA members thanked the Ginninderry group for their attendance and for providing up to date information on the project. It was agreed to continue regular meetings in the future.

Attendance of Public at VHDPA Meetings.

A member of the public, Graeme Bryce was present at the meeting as an observer.

There had been a motion carried at the previous VHDPA meeting by which all committee members present agreed that going forward all meetings would be closed and open to the public only by invitation and approval of the committee. The President, Peter T brought this to Graeme's attention. Graeme stated that he was not aware of this current restriction as it was not on the website. The committee agreed to update the website asap.

John S explained the reason that the meetings were now closed was as a result of the number of disrupters at previous meetings. This makes it very difficult for the committee to progress its work.

Peter T explained that once things have settled down the meetings will once again be opened to members. Robert stated that he was not a member of the Committee when the decision was made to have closed meetings. However, as a point of procedure, if the Committee had made the decision to have closed meetings, it was not a discretionary matter and the reason for the decision was not relevant as the motion

had been passed and accepted. The decision to have today's closed meeting was not about Graeme or any other person but was implementation of the decision taken by the Committee at the last meeting.

Peter T invited Graeme to stay for the meeting but he refused. He asked that the minutes show that he had been asked to leave. . The matter of Graeme being asked to stay or leave the meeting was not put to a motion or vote and Graeme was not at any stage asked to leave the meeting. However, Graeme left and the meeting continued

1. Minutes of previous meetings.

1.1	<p>Minutes of general meeting – 20 February, 201 Minutes of Special Meeting of 27 February, 2019 Minutes of Special Meeting of 13 March 2019</p> <p>All accepted by John Burns, seconded Peter Toet.</p>
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2. Correspondence

2.1	<p>Peter T explained that a letter had been sent to Stephen Alegria which was not initially tabled as he felt that some of the issues contained in the letter no longer applied. However it did show that we now have the ear of TCCS. The e:mail was sent out prior to the meeting and was subsequently tabled as correspondence.</p>
2.2	<p>John Burns was required, as an action from the previous meeting, to contact Stephen Alegria and apologize for sending out the unauthorized draft VHDPA minutes. John contacted Stephen and apologized and explained that any amendments he had requested would not be made. Stephen reiterated to John that TCCS would deal only with the official contact person at the VHDPA.</p>

3. Presidents report

3.1	<p>Peter T stated that this has been a very busy month, but he was confident that the Committee had progressed a number of issues and that there was a more positive outlook going forward. If the environment continues to be calmer and in the further interest of Hall, the committee would again open up the meetings to members.</p>
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4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p>Tabling of financial statements</p> <p>The treasurer tabled ,electronically, the following documents:-</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transaction report for transactions since the last committee meeting.....All transactions Ratified. Seconded by Tony Morris. 2. P&L FY 19 to date..... Noted 3. Balance sheet to date.....Approved <p>John S reported that all banking issues had been addressed by using the Dickson Branch of the Commonwealth Bank. He proposed that Doug Widdup of Lilley Barnett be accepted as our new auditor. Seconded by Peter. T</p>
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5. Agenda Items

<p>5.1</p>	<p>Hall Park Initiative.</p> <p>The committee discussed the Hall Park Upgrade. Stephen Alegria had provided the committee with the name of a contact person in TCCS – Naomi Lee. As we had not heard from Leonie it was decided that after a week Olga was to contact her and arrange a meeting providing a copy of the communication to John B. However, John B explained that the main proponent was Graeme Bryce and that Graeme had the relationship with TCCS. Robert felt that if John B said that he could not speak to the committee on behalf of what is now known as the Hall Park Upgrade group the Committee should not expect him to represent the group.</p> <p>John B reported that he had met with Stephen Alegria on two occasions, the first time at someone’s house and the second time at the VHDPA meeting. The only other conversation was when he had called him to apologise about the minutes he had sent him. John B also said that he was not part of the Hall Park Upgrade group.</p> <p>Tony stated that there needed to be a meeting with representatives of each group to work on the new project which would be a refurbishment of the park as there would no longer be a bike track. We need to invite Trudy and Graeme to meet with us.</p> <p>Robert agreed it was clear there would be no bike track but a refurbishment of the playground. As the money is in the Progress Association account the Progress Association is responsible and accountable for its use and it would be a matter of courtesy to work with the Hall Park Upgrade group and Hall Rotary.</p> <p>Heather felt we should hold an open public meeting and formulate a committee to progress the work.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the first instance Olga would get in touch with Naomi Lee.</p>
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6. Sub-group reports.

6.1	<p>Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre</p> <p>Tony reported that the Museum is holding a new exhibition with an official opening on 14th April at 11am. This exhibition called “Selected Spaces – Settling the Ginninderra District” covers the 1860s and 1870s when “selectors” chose blocks of land to build homes, farms and communities. The exhibition will include early maps and plans to help show how six pioneering families made Ginninderra home.</p> <p>This exhibition will be followed by the Museum’s annual fundraising concert “A Taste of Brass”. This concert also on 14 April at 1pm features Canberra Youth Brass, Victoria Street Brass, Canberra Brass and a guest vocalist. MC is David Kilby.</p>
6.2	<p>Hall Mens Shed</p> <p>Nil Report</p>
6.3	<p>Rotary Club of Hall</p> <p>As Phil was absent there was a Nil Report</p>

7. General business.

7.1	<p>Tennis Court.</p> <p>Tony reported that the tennis court signs have been erected including a sign showing the list of conditions for using the court. He stated that some people are still not shutting the gate even though the sign asks them to do so.</p>
7.2	<p>George voiced some concern over the closed meeting and asked the period of time they will be closed. Peter said that once all issues, including the Hall Park initiative, are being managed the meetings will open but to association members only.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the fact that in the past the meetings had never been open. They were always closed until a previous president opened them in 2011/2014? There was also a period when meetings were held by e:mail only.</p>
7.3	

Next Meeting. 17 April 2019

VHDP A Sect. Olga Minion

VHDPA Action item register – Meeting 19 December 2018

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1	Village Safety			
1.1	<u>Traffic Calming in Victoria Street</u>	Need traffic lights during fixed period or buses moved to another location. Phil to ask Rotary to send letter about this artificial interchange,	Phil	Feb Mtg
1.2	<u>Street Lighting</u>	Improved night time lighting George to follow up. The issue is related to unlit parking area on Loftus/Victoria Streets. Additional light on each side of lampposts in that area directed onto the parked vehicles should work.	George	Feb Mtg
2	Planning			
2.1	<u>ACT Government submission</u>	Better suburbs call for submissions. Gavin wrote to ACT Government, out of session, listing the priorities for the development of Hall. Deferred to next meeting. Need to obtain copies of any correspondence on the matter.	Peter T	Feb Mtg
2.2	<u>Extension of Centenary trail to Barton Highway</u>	The extension of the Centenary Trail down From Clarrie Hermes/ Barton Highway down Victoria Street to connect with the Hoskins/ Hall Street point is necessary for cyclists/ walkers safety Received site plan for trail from Clarrie Hermes Drive to Bridge. Awaiting environmental reports	Peter H	Feb Mtg
2.3	<u>Hall Rugby Club Rooms</u>	Peter Howard to ring Nigel Page re article in RiotACT. The Committee discussed the RiotACT article on the Hall showgrounds and possible Clubrooms/Grandstand. The VHDPA applauds the efforts of the Hall Rugby Club and wishes them every success in the future. However the Committee agreed that to have additional Clubrooms/ Grandstand/ whatever erected at the Hall Showgrounds or adjacent sites would be totally out of character for Hall as a Heritage Village.	Peter H	Feb Mtg
3	Strategic Planning			
3.1	<u>Develop a VHDPA Strategic Plan</u>	Juanita has conducted an audit of the website and found a number of documents that she wasn't aware of.	Juanita	Feb Mtg

		The committee agreed to a Planning Day one week prior to the Feb Meeting. Juanita to send out information that she has already collected.		
4	Heritage			
4.1	8 Palmer Street	<p>A late e:mail was received from Jonathan Palmer offering comments on destruction of heritage property at 8 Palmer Street in 2017.</p> <p>Following discussion on the topic it was agreed that Jonathan be invited to draft a letter for consideration by the committee. However it was requested that the letter contain no inflammatory, emotive or contentious comments.</p> <p>Ken requested that he be allowed to stand aside on this topic given his role with the Heritage Council.</p>		