



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Peter Toet.

VHDPA Committee Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	7:00pm Wednesday, 15 April 2020
Location	Phone Hook Up
Committee Members	Peter Toet, John Starr, Tony Morris, Olga Minion, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Ralph Southwell, Phil Robson, Heather Wilford, Robert Yallop, Yvonne Robson.
Apologies	Phil Robson

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

1.1	<p>Minutes of committee meeting 18 March 2019 Minutes accepted as true record. Moved by Peter Toet. Seconded by Peter Howard.</p> <p>Robert requested a follow up on the initiative by Bill Pearson to help and support elderly people living in Hall during the Corona Virus. Margaret mentioned that many people were being neighbourly and helping out elderly members of the community. The Committee agreed to contact Bill and see if there was anything they could do to support this initiative. Also to re-iterate that the Committee is prepared to support the delivery of documents into Post Office boxes.</p>
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Correspondence

2.1	<p>Report from Hall Honeys</p> <p>The Committee discussed the report from the Hall Honeys which included a letter dated 19 March from TCCS Manager, Stephen Alegria. The VHDPA is responsible for the Environment Grant and it was felt that there has been very</p>
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	<p>little feedback or information on its progress. The letter from Stephen Alegria showed that the Honeys will be meeting with two people from City Presentation, Brian Butler-Kemp and Carma Sweet and also noted the desire of the Hall Honeys to expand the scope of the project from Victoria Street. The Committee decided given our responsibility with acquitting the money received from the ACT Government that we should be represented at any meetings. A VHDPA representative will be decided at a later date. A letter will be sent to the Hall Honeys advising them of the VHDPA engagement.</p>
2.2	<p>Hall Park Upgrade – Grant Application</p> <p>The Committee discussed the grant application that was submitted to the ACT government by the VHDPA on behalf of the Hall Park Upgrade. It appears there was no date notified for grant approvals so we will wait and see if the application was successful. The Committee re-iterated the VHDPA contribution to the park upgrade at \$10,000 plus \$10,000 from the Hall Ball.</p>

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Presidents report

3.1	<p>Peter Toet report</p> <p>Peter felt the Committee was working well given the difficult times. He mentioned that given the COVID-19 situation there would be no General Meeting in May as planned. It was agreed that Peter would provide a report to the next Rural Fringe, providing updates on Progress Association activities and information on the Hall Honeys and Hall Park grants.</p>
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4. Treasurers report.

4.1	<p>Tabling of financial statements</p> <p>Treasurers Report,</p> <p>Treasurer, John Starr tabled electronically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Transaction report for transactions since the last meeting for ratification <p>John S moved that all transactions and the Profit and Loss statement be ratified. Seconded by Peter Toet. Approved by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the presentation of Assets and Liabilities and the inclusion of sub-group balances as assets but not as liabilities giving the impression that the VHDPA has a larger available balance of funds. John and Robert will explore options for the presentation of accounts and report to the Committee.</p>
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5. Agenda Items

5.1	<p>Rural Fringe – COVID-19 Response</p> <p>Prior to discussion of this agenda item, Robert Yallop declared the potential for a perception of conflict of interest and absented himself from discussion of this agenda item.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the proposal submitted by Jo Hall in relation to the risk to the <i>Rural Fringe</i> from the impact that COVID-19 is having on business subscribers to the newsletter. Currently new advertisers pay a full rate and regular advertisers receive a 20% discount. Jo has suggested for this financial year and possibly next, the Fringe set a COVID-19 discount at 40% which means that regular advertisers would receive a total discount of 60%. The Committee noted the risk to the operations of the <i>Rural Fringe</i> posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and fully supported the continued operations of this important community newsletter. The Committee agreed that the <i>Rural Fringe</i> may operate at a loss for two financial years, drawing in the first instance on its own reserve of funds, but if necessary, drawing on general VHDPA funds in 2020/21. The Committee asked the Editor to report to the Committee on a regular basis so the Committee can monitor the situation. Moved by Tony, seconded by Margaret.</p> <p>The Committee commended the leadership that Jo Hall has shown as Editor of the Rural Fringe for many years, under very difficult circumstances. This was supported by the entire Committee.</p>
5.2	<p>Hall Carpark – Centenary Trail</p> <p>Peter Howard and Tony Morris met with Mark Rodden from ACT Roads to discuss the people parking on the corner of Hoskin and Hall streets whilst utilising the Centenary Trail. There were up to 70 vehicles parking at the corner on the weekend. Two local homeowners also joined the meeting. The Government will review the situation and come back with recommendations. This may result in up to 20 car parks being built. There will be “No Parking” signs placed on the residential side of the streets impacted.</p> <p>Once a plan has been proposed it will be shared with all immediate residents including those on Palmer, Hall and Hoskins Streets. The plans will not progress without community approval. It was felt that the Government would communicate by mail to residents. Regardless the VHDPA will ensure consultation with residents and other village stakeholders.</p>
5.3	<p>Hall Precinct Security Upgrade</p> <p>Daintree Security has reviewed the site with Peter T and Tony. A quote for the work has gone to ACT Property Group. Peter expects the work to be done in the next couple of weeks. He will notify the Committee when this is to be done. Ralph questioned the use of cameras on the precinct as further security. Peter T is still investigating this.</p>

6. Sub-group reports.

6.1	Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre.
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	The Centre is closed, however some individual work is still being undertaken. Work on the Southwell archive is still going on.
6.2	<p>Hall Rotary Club</p> <p>The Hall Farmers Market will continue with social distancing being very much at the forefront. The Hall Rotary Club is keeping a close eye on attendees and also distances of stalls. It is expected that the financial impacts of the virus on the Rotary Club will be severe. The club is carrying out meetings by Zoom.</p>

7. General business.

7.1	<p>Solar at Men's Shed</p> <p>The Men's Shed Foreman has raised the question of Solar panels at the Mens Shed as there is a Grant available. The Committee discussed this topic and decided not to proceed with an application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low electricity usage at precinct • Mens Shed only part of total site • Heritage site • Flat roof • Would require a separate switchboard and meter • All lights have already been changed to LED during precinct upgrade. <p>Peter T is to draft a note to the Men's Shed foreman advising them of the VHDPA Committee decision.</p>
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8. Action Items

No	Current Status	Next Action	Who	When
1.1	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<p>Improved night time lighting</p> <p>Peter T 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. Peter H will contact Mark Rodden from ACT Roads who was the contact for the Centenary Trail Car Park and get back to Peter T re next steps.</p>	Peter Toet	May Mtg

Next Meeting. 20 May, 2020

VHDPA Sect. Olga Minion