



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting #7- Minutes.

Meeting date	19 May 2021 at 7 pm
Location	Hall School and by Zoom Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85047005737 Meeting ID: 850 4700 5737
Office holders and committee present	Peter Toet, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Tony Morris, John Starr, Robert Yallop, Margaret Monahan, Peter Howard, Aaron Whittaker (also representing the Men’s Shed). Apology – Phil Robson
Other Attendees invited	Kathryn McGilp, Bob Richardson – Collectors Club

1		Welcome and introductions
		The President welcomed attendees and acknowledged Ngunnawal elders past present and future.
2		Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items
		Nil conflicts were noted.
3		Introduction to the Ginninderra Landcare
		Deferred until next meeting
4		General Business
	4.1	Minutes of previous meeting #6
		Peter Toet noted the minutes had been circulated and moved that they be accepted. Robert Yallop seconded the motion, and it was carried.
	4.2	President’s Report
		The President referred to the many activities occurring in the district and noted it was taking some effort to settle operation of the new security system. Persons accessing the

		premises are encouraged to undertake training. The President noted he had been called on to attend the alarm most evenings since its installation.
4.3	Treasurer's Report	
		The Treasurer was unavoidably detained and sent an apology. Robert Yallop noted the financial reports had been made available to the Committee by email and proposed that the Committee should ratify the transactions and note the Treasurers report received. Committee noted that the finances were still impacted by the COVID requirements which limited hire of the Pavilion. Peter Toet seconded the proposal, and it was carried.
4.4	Update on meeting with Special Interest Groups 5 May	
		Robert Yallop noted that various actions arose from the last meeting such as the provision of the foundation documents and an updated statement of objects and activities of each of the Special Interest groups. Robert noted he had received relevant information from and relating to all SIGs. Robert explained he had reflected the information received in a revised version of the Association Rules which will be discussed under the next item 4.5.
4.5	Revision of rules and/or handbook	
		<p>Robert Yallop spoke to the item and explained that after review of the documents provided by the Special Interest Groups, he recommended the Committee should focus upon changes to the Rules (rather than the Handbook).</p> <p>Robert tabled and talked through each of the proposed changes as per the draft circulated with the agenda and a later email.</p> <p>There was general discussion about the need to book a General Meeting – and it was noted that Michael Sinclair recommended the Association to have the changes made before the end of the 20/21 financial year.</p> <p>Committee concluded that the revised Rules and an explanation of the need for the changes should be shared with members along with notification of a General Meeting within the next 6 weeks.</p> <p>There was general discussion about the membership terms of VHDP and Special Interest Groups. The Committee reflected on the Reviewer's recommendation that the Association should be able to demonstrate governance/oversight of all Association activities to a third party (such as an Auditor or Insurer) including SIG activities, and that oversight should extend to Committee endorsement of appointments of SIG officials.</p> <p>There was general discussion about point 12 of the Rules, introduced relatively recently, which specifies maximum 3-year terms for officers of the Association. It was noted that the rule also applies to Officers of the SIGs but is very difficult for the SIGs to comply with, given the limited number of available office holders. There was discussion of various forms of wording, including whether the Rules could state that the 3-year limit should not apply in the absence of nominations for a position, however, it was agreed that the simplest solution was to remove the clause in its entirety.</p> <p>Tony Morris proposed that the 3-year limit be removed. This was seconded by John Starr and carried unanimously.</p>

		There was general discussion about the notification of General Meetings and how far in advance of the meeting nominations for Office Holders needed to be lodged, to enable relevant documentation to be prepared for the meeting. It was noted that the timeframe for receipt of nominations can be stated by the Association when the Notice is given.
4.6		Appointment of Independent Auditor
		Michael Sinclair's request to be a Reviewer rather than Auditor of the Association was raised. Peter Howard proposed that Michael Sinclair be appointed as a Reviewer of the Association's finances. The motion was seconded Tony Morris and carried.
4.7		Update on Actions
		Action updates were noted. Aaron Whittaker updated the Committee regarding value of the mulch at \$300 dollars to be reported as in-kind support of the Bee Friendly gardening grant.
4.8		Correspondence
		There was general discussion about the role of the VHDPA regarding the Playground/Park upgrade. It was noted that the currently proposed murals on the park facilities are funded by ACT Government. Peter Toet noted he had received an email from Stephen Alegria apologising for not updating the VHDPA about activities in the Village, as previously promised. Committee noted the request from Graeme Bryce for transfer of funds held by the VHDPA to the G and K Bryce personal account which was refused by the Treasurer. Committee agreed that the VHDPA should continue to pay for upgrade activities by invoice or reimbursement of receipts, provided the expenditure related to the previously agreed plan of works (which had been subject to community consultation). Action #7/1 - The Committee requested the Secretary to invite a TCCS representative and Graeme Bryce to give an update on the project at the next ordinary meeting.
5		Reports of VHDPA Special Interest Groups
5.1		Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre
		It was noted that the Muse has been circulated.
5.2		Hall Men's Shed
		Aaron noted that the Men's shed members had spent a bit of time compiling the information requested by the Association relevant to the Rules amendments.
5.3		Hall Collectors Club
		Peter Toet noted contact from Sean O'Connor about laying a concrete slab adjacent to the pony club building. Peter advised he would seek further details as providing a letter of support relies on understanding what is actually proposed.
6		Other Business
6.1		Future management of the Pavilion
		There was general discussion and a motion of thanks raised for Tony and Margaret's management of the Pavilion for such a long time. Tony noted that just the bookings generally entailed an hour a day on the computer.

		Peter Howard queried whether the Men’s Shed may be able to take on some of the maintenance. There was general acknowledgment that the need for a new management regime needed to be widely communicated and acted on.
6.2	Proposed MLA visit on 17 June	Robert Yallop noted the Meeting with MLA Leanne Castley had been confirmed.
6.3	Update on repairs to Victoria Street paving	The President noted the updates already provided about the paving repairs via the Rural Fringe (next edition) and the Hall website.
6.4	Resignation of Peter Howard from Committee	The Committee thanked Peter Howard for his time on the Committee and wished him well.
6.5	Street Party	Tony Morris noted that Hartley Lifecare were no longer pursuing operation of the Hall Street Party, however, there was some community discussion about the feasibility of a car display.
6.6	General Meeting	Robert Yallop asked the Committee for views on timing of the General Meeting to resolve the Rules amendments. It was discussed that notice of at least two weeks is needed. Robert updated the Committee after the meeting that notice of three weeks is needed, hence the date of 16 June will now be worked towards.
6.7	Hall Polocrosse	
		Margaret Monahan advised the Committee that she was aware that the Polocrosse club was struggling with memberships and the lack of events. Margaret asked for an item on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss land and facilities management in case the club ceases to operate. (It was noted that Margaret and Tony Morris have been managing cleaning and maintenance of the amenities there also.)