



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting - Minutes.

Meeting date	21 September 2021
Location	by Zoom Topic: VHDPA Committee Meeting Time: Sep 21, 2021 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88249575519
Office holders and committee present	Peter Toet, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Tony Morris, Margaret Monahan, Aaron Whittaker, Robert Yallop Apologies from Ross Hampton and John Starr
Other Attendees invited	Alastair Crombie (items 1, 2 & 5.1 only)

1 Welcome and introductions

Peter opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and acknowledged the Traditional owners of the ACT.

2 Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil

3 General Business

3.1 Review matters including:

- **Bank account details – Collectors Club**

The Committee discussed incorporation of the Collectors Club (CC) and the need to legally effect transfer of the CC funds previously reported in VHDPA accounts. The Committee noted that at its last meeting it had agreed that the funds in the Collectors Club bank account would be transferred to the Hall and District Collectors Club Inc- consistent with the law, as funds may be transferred to like-minded unincorporated associations.

The Committee resolved that the VHDPA should self-report the non-compliance of the bank account to the Registrar and seek advice on resolving the issue.

Motion to refer the matter to the Registrar for advice was proposed by Peter Toet and Seconded by Tony Morris. Motion carried.

Action 11/1 – Treasurer to write to the Registrar and seek advice about removal of the former Collectors Club bank account from the VHDPA accounts.

3.2 President's Report

The President noted he had participated in a radio interview and has been forwarding the information received from parties concerned about the Barton Highway Roadworks.

3.3 Treasurer's Report including: Financial statements Annual Return

The Treasurer discussed circulation of the Annual Return and financial transaction statements. The Treasurer noted he has also discussed the format of future reports with Jan Sinclair.

The Treasurer and President discussed signing and finalising the VHDPA Annual Return report.

The committee noted that the report will then be posted to the VHDPA Website for the information of members and in preparation for the VHDPA AGM.

Robert Yallop advised the Committee that reports must be submitted within one month of the AGM which must be held within five months of the end of the financial year. Extensions of time can be requested from the Registrar's office.

The Treasurer proposed a motion for the Committee to accept the financial reports and ratify transactions from 1 July to 19 September, 2021, with the proviso that future reports will have further detail about what expenses relate to and if possible, will also include a breakdown of subcommittee expenses.

The Motion was seconded by Peter Toet and carried.

3.4 Minutes of previous meeting #10

Peter Toet proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting #10 be accepted subject to further edits recommended by Robert Yallop. Robert noted that the Minutes were titled agenda, and that the word present be included with the record of Committee and office bearers attending.

Tony Morris seconded the proposal and it was carried.

3.5 Update on Actions

Background

Open actions:

Meeting Number	Action Number	Responsible	Description	Updates	Status
4	nil				
7	1	Jan Klaver	The Committee requested the Secretary to invite a TCCS representative and Graeme Bryce to give an update on the playground upgrade project at the next ordinary meeting.		open
8		nil			
10	1	Robert Yallop	Robert Yallop to review VHDPA membership and write to remind members about renewals and the upcoming AGM		
	2	Jan Klaver	seek advice from the ACT tree protection unit about the tree and feasibility of treating some of the roots		
	3	Peter Toet	Contact plumber and obtain quote for drainage work		
	4	Jan Klaver & Peter Toet	write to ACT Sport and Recreation and seek update on repair to Pony Club building; seek copy of the lease		

Committee discussed the actions.

Committee noted that Action 10/1 is complete,

Committee noted that Action 10/2 remains open – Robert Yallop queried whether Kim DeFranceschi could be contacted to have a look at the tree roots affecting the tennis court.

Jan undertook to email Kim and ask.

Committee noted that Action 10/3 is complete – Peter noted he intends to add more soil over the drain works to avoid subsidence and he will patch the concrete kerbing.

Committee noted that Action 10/4 remains open.

3.6 Correspondence

The Committee noted correspondence received since last meeting:

5/8/21	out	EVO Energy	Vegetation clearance on School site
6/8/21	in	EVO Energy	acknowledgement of vegetation clearance correspondence
7/8/21	out	Minister Steele and Vassarotti	Sealing of Merchants Laneway
9/8/21	in	Minister Vassarotti office	acknowledge receipt of letter about laneway sealing
1/9/21	in	Jaimee Thompson	Seeking contact for Rural Fringe
3/9/21	in	Breanna Werner	Floriade 2021 allocation for Hall Village
16/9/21	cc	Kenneth Heffernan	Corro to ACT Roads requesting repairs to the Bicentennial Trail along Victoria Street

The Committee discussed various issues raised in correspondence.

Peter Toet noted that he had been contacted by Access Canberra who advised there is an investigation underway into the sealing of Merchants Lane and the VHDPA will be kept informed. Peter noted that the Heritage listing requires the laneways to be unsealed.

Robert Yallop noted that he had also spoken to an ACT Roads representative who advised there was an approval for the works undertaken in Merchants Lane.

Olga Minion mentioned that the lane behind the Post Office was also going to be repaired according to the Hall Facebook page.

Olga Minion mentioned that the correspondence cc from Mr Heffernan requesting urgent repair of the trail along the east of Victoria Street is in error as the Bicentennial Trail runs along the other side of the road, horses do not use the eastern side of Victoria Street, and the eastern side trail was planned to be a sealed commuter track. Olga noted that she has received at least fourteen requests for the VHDPA to take action on the matter.

Peter Toet proposed a motion that the Committee request the ACT government to seal the track.

Olga Minion Seconded the motion.

Action 10/2- Peter Toet will draft a letter to Minister Chris Steele requesting that the trail on the eastern side of Victoria Street be bitumen sealed.

4 Reports of VHDPA Sub-Committees

4.1 Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre

4.2 Hall Mens Shed

4.3 Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Committee noted that there were no significant items to report and both facilities are subject to COVID lockdown. Events booked for August and September are being refunded and some organisers are rebooking for early 2022. An example of a COVID safe plan has been prepared for event organisers to refer to, and this will be reviewed when lockdown ceases.

A vacuum cleaner was purchased for cleaning the Pavilion and it is now stored in the cleaning cupboard. The Pavilion was thoroughly cleaned on 3 August, 2021.

5 Other Business

5.1 Open grants

Background:

The Committee discussed the scope of funds available under the Community Services Disability open grant program and decided not to make an application.

5.2 Fenner Stronger Communities Grant

The Committee noted that the painting and drainage works are completed and that there is \$1957.00 remaining in the grant funds for replacement of the oven, however this has not yet been organized due to COVID lockdown.

Committee resolved to replace the oven and agree to spend up to \$2900-00 for the appliance purchase, noting this will require a contribution of circa \$950 from VHDPA funds.

Peter Toet proposed a motion to replace the oven to the value of \$2900, noting that approx. \$950 could be required from VHDPA funds. Tony Morris seconded the motion.

Action 10/3: Jan Klaver to forward details to Aaron Whittaker to investigate best pricing for a replacement oven.

5.3 Centennial Trail path

The Committee noted that this item was discussed under correspondence above.

5.4 Hall laneways

The Committee noted that this item as discussed under Correspondence, above,

The Committee also discussed the drainage from the laneways and queried whether the outfall into Halls Creek is blocked. It was noted that works to fix stormwater drainage would require works beneath Gladstone Street.

5.5 Floriade 2021

The Committee noted that Hall was asked to participate in Floriade street displays and has received two planted wheelbarrows and ten flower pots.

Robert Yallop noted that the pots are shallow and may need watering.

5.6 Wallaroo Greening Projects

The Committee noted that Paul Newall of Wallaroo has written to the VHDPA (via Robert) to mention a local project and gauge VHDPA interest.

The project is being developed with Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) which will seek to revegetate 'surplus' Yass Valley Council land. The sorts of objectives for the program include:

- identification of small parcels of Council land of sufficient size to create a long-term wildlife friendly environment;
- linking corridors to Greening Australia/Landcare projects on nearby Terrestrial Biodiversity protection zones;
- links to nearby isolated paddock trees and pockets of remnant Box Woodland;
- the potential addition to the Terrestrial Biodiversity characterisation of the area;
- depending on location, linking corridors to the substantial planting zones on the perimeter of the proposed Wallaroo Solar Farm, should that proceed;
- additional cooler, carbon-absorbing zones to the landscape; and
- enhanced visual amenity to the gateway routes to the Wallaroo wineries and other near-border attractions (ie Spring Range).

The Committee agreed that Robert should respond to Paul and say that the VHDPA is interested in-principle and is happy to provide letters of support, if needed.

5.7 VHDPA AGM

Robert Yallop raised discussion of the AGM noting that with ACT lockdowns continuing, a physical meeting may be unlikely in the near future. Robert demonstrated a polling function available in Zoom, noting that there were a number of items that are required to be voted on

at the AGM. Robert suggested further consideration of the AGM occur in the next ordinary meeting. Robert noted he would seek advice from the Registrar to confirm viability of an online AGM. Robert noted that the Committee could also consider an open air meeting in November, subject to lockdown rules.

The Committee agreed to schedule the next Committee meeting for 21 October 2021 and to tentatively schedule the AGM for 17 November 2021 with arrangements to be confirmed at the meeting on 21 October. In the meantime, Robert will post a “save the date” on the website and ask the Rural Fringe to include if possible.