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| VHDPA_Logo |  | Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc. VHDPA Inc.  PO Box 43  Hall ACT 2618  [www.hall.act.au](http://www.hall.act.au)  **President:** Robert Yallop. |

2021/2022

**VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 1 – Minutes**

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| **Meeting date** | 08 December 2021 |
| **Location** | Hall Cottage |
| **Office holders and committee present** | Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Tony Morris, John Starr, Margaret Monahan, Aaron Whittaker, Peter Toet, Heather Wilford |
| **Other Attendees invited** | Judy Roberts |
| **Apologies** | Paul Newall |

1. **Welcome and introductions**

Robert opened the meeting at 7 pm and welcomed attendees.

Robert acknowledged the Traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is held.

1. **Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items**

Nil

1. **General business**
   1. **Provisional approval of AGM minutes**

Proposal to give provisional approval.

Moved: John Starr

Seconded: Margaret Monahan

Carried unanimously

* 1. **Approval of the Minutes of 20 October, 2021**

Proposal to approve minutes of the meeting held 20 October, 2021.

Moved: Margaret Monahan

Seconded: Olga Minion

Carried unanimously

* 1. **Bank accounts and signatories**

The Treasurer raised that he has prepared relevant paperwork ready for signatures. Papers were circulated and signed by relevant committee members.

* 1. **Appointment of Public Officer**

Robert discussed appointment of the Public Officer and proposed that John Starr take on the role. John Starr indicated he was willing to take on the role.

Moved: Robert

Seconded: Tony Morris

Carried unanimously

* 1. **Treasurer’s report – including November financials**

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports and advised that there was an error in the version circulated earlier. i.e. A figure of 15,390 referring to income had missed including the Grant monies. Consequently the net balance is only minus $301.00.

There was general discussion about the level of detail in reporting and whether individual transactions of the subcommittees should be listed.

The Treasurer proposed that the accounts to be ratified and transactions accepted.

Moved: Phil Robson

Seconded: Tony Morris

Carried unanimously.

* 1. **Actions (see schedule)**

Committee discussed the action updates.

* 1. **Correspondence (see schedule) –**

Committee reviewed correspondence and in response to the email about the bike trail, recommended further follow up with ACT Government regarding repairs to the trail from the Barton Highway along Victoria Street.

Action arising Meeting 1/#1 Robert to arrange meeting with Nadia to review Trail upgrades.

1. **Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees**
   1. **Hall Museum and Heritage Centre**

The President noted the positive feedback received from the National Library about the Gillespie collection grant. Committee briefly discussed the cancellation of the Christmas Carols by the Church group.

Committee noted that there was a visit last week by National Trust representatives planning for a visit next year. National Museums and Galleries will also visit in February. The subcommittee advised it was engaged in cleaning up facility at the moment and reorganising the education areas.

* 1. **Hall Mens Shed**

Still working on sugar glider boxes, fairly busy overall.

* 1. **Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage**

The subcommittee advised that chairs (40) were on loan to Rotary for a pavilion opening in Gungahlin by the Hon Andrew Leigh, MLA. Receipt of the new oven was discussed and it was proposed to seek a quote for installation by local trades. Rubbish disposal after events was raised, including desirability of bins to separate recycling.

Committee advised the subcommittee to seek commercial cleaning of the Pavilion as needed.

* 1. **Rural Fringe**

Committee noted that the Rural Frings was delivered on time last week and was delivered toroadside mail boxes by Committee volunteers.

1. **Other Business**
   1. **Acquittal of the Stronger Communities grant Round 6**

Committee noted that the acquittal was submitted and advice re completion was expected soon.

* 1. **Application for funding by the Stronger Communities grant Round 7**

The secretary advised that an application was made for installation of gutter guard at the School site buildings, and for a mower for the grounds. Advice was received that the mower would not be considered.

* 1. **Pavilion Lease Renewal**

Robert advised that he is liaising with ACT Government (Ross Burden) about renewal of the Pavilion Lease agreement and has requested an electronic copy so that any suggested amendments can be annotated.

* 1. **Hall Reserve**

Olga raised that she met with Robert and a local resident who has raised concerns about condition of the Hall reserve in Victoria Street. Committee agreed it would be worthwhile investigating whether improvements could be made, particularly to clean dead brush and organize refreshed plantings. Difficulties in mowing the area due to obstacles were noted. Committee was concerned to learn that ACT Government mowing staff had recently been verbally abused by Hall residents.

Committee agreed that Olga, Margaret and Aaron would investigate the Reserve needs and Step 1 could be to talk to Kim DeFrancheschi.

* 1. **Update on the Yass Valley Council LGA election and recent approvals for soil disposal in the Wallaroo area.**

Judy Roberts referred the Committee to Paul’s report, which was noted.

* 1. **Barton Highway**

Judy outlined her thoughts on the section of highway, including the Wallaroo Road, Gladstone and Victoria Street intersections, which has had a temporary speed reduction to 80 kmph. The section is used by buses who need to merge across, and the entry from Wallaroo Road is also quite dangerous - due to speed and visibility.

Committee agreed that the matter could be raised by the VHDPA with Roads ACT.

Action Meeting 1/#2 – write to Minister Chris Steel and copy to other MLAs. Also get details of the bus company for Robert to speak to about the issue. Committee notes it was a matter of relevance to the wider community and could be included in a General meeting, potentially, in the first quarter of 2022.

* 1. **Laneways**

Committee discussed the condition of the rear laneways. It was agreed that Robert will contact Gary from ACT Roads and renew the conversation about maintenance of the lanes.

* 1. **VHDPA Brochure**

Committee notes that the Brochure needs revision following the 2021 Rules change that revised the Association objectives.

Robert sought views on updating the brochure. Committee agreed update was needed and also preferred the brochure to direct people to the website for up to date information and remove committee details, to incease its lifespan.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm