



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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President: Robert Yallop.

2021/2022

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 2 – Draft Minutes

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| Meeting date | 16 February 2022 |
| Location | By Zoom |
| Office holders and committee present | Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, John Starr, Margaret Monahan, Aaron Whittaker, Paul Newall, Heather Wilford |
| Other Attendees invited | n/a |
| Apologies | n/a |

1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Hall region who are custodians of the land on which we meet. The President recognised their elders past present and future.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil.

3. General business

a. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 08 December, 2021 were raised for approval. The Minutes were approved subject to inclusion of Heather Wilford as present.

Motion proposed – Peter Toet

Seconded: Aaron Whittaker

Carried subject to inclusion of Heather as attending.

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer noted that there was nothing out of the ordinary to mention. The balance sheet was prepared as at today. The Treasurer noted that activities were picking up in relationship

to facilities managed by the VHDPA, with increases in advertising payments to the Rural Fringe; and new Pavilion and Cottage bookings.

Motion proposed to accept accounts and ratify transactions and receive Treasurer's report: Phil Robson
Seconded: Tony Morris
Carried unanimously.

c. Actions (see schedule)

The Secretary outlined open actions.

Committee agreed that the Secretary should invite Graeme Bryce and TCCs to give an update on the Playground upgrade.

Robert Yallop mentioned his discussions with Nadia Rhodes and intent to follow up further with her about the bike path along Victoria Street.

d. Correspondence (see schedule)

The Secretary noted that the Committee had received a table of correspondence with the snapshots of actual correspondence for review. The Secretary invited the Committee to raise any matters for discussion.

Peter Toet asked where the Pavilion lease renewal is up to. The Secretary advised that latest correspondence received from the ACT Government (Ross Burden) indicated matter is under consideration and will progress soon.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Phil Robson noted that there are some visits coming up Australian Museum and Galleries Association on 23 Feb. Students coming in from Uni Canberra next month – visit with view to internships. The Centre is planning logistics and advertising for the band concert on 27 March. The Centre has registered with the ACT Heritage Unit for the Heritage Festival in April, when it is proposed to open the Brooklands exhibition. Attractions for kids with activities in the Museum are planned as part of the Heritage Festival. Currently members are doing a lot of work to revamp the education centre and make it cleaner, tidier and larger. The room is being painted and objects are being prepared.

Phil noted that that visits to the Centre on Sundays are continuing – groups have turned up recently but the average number is around 6 visitors.

The Centre is reviewing its offerings against the school curriculum elements of Then and Now.

Committee discussed the need for mowing of the School grounds before the concert, Peter Toet undertook to liaise with the mower to ensure the areas surrounding the pizza oven are included. [**Action** 2/1]

b. Hall Mens Shed

Aaron noted that there are a couple of environmental projects happening: Ginninderra Catchment Group work on frog enclosures and a landholder request for 30 glider boxes. Payments have been received from the ANU for the last batch of glider boxes. The Mens Shed has settled delivery of the Rural Fringe with its volunteers. Aaron noted that the storm damaged carpet has been removed and will not be replaced, instead the wooden flooring will be cleaned for use.

The Committee thanked the Mens Shed for taking on the Rural Fringe roadside deliveries.

Aaron noted he had also looked into options for recycling cans and bottles for users of the Pavilion. The Green Shed is able to install containers in which case it will collect the recycling, or otherwise the VHDPA can install cages and manage collection.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Jan advised that bookings were going well and hirers were appreciative of the refreshed facilities. It was noted that the old oven needs to be removed.

Jan noted that there is a loose light fitting in the accessible toilet and requested permission to have an electrician fix it. Peter Toet undertook to raise with sport and rec and also get an electrician if needed. [**Action** 2/2]

d. Wallaroo District

Paul Newall noted that new Mayor McGrath is taking a public and prominent role in community issues. Greens got 30 percent of votes but only 1 position. Policy for trucks on roads will be reviewed in 6 months. In relation to the regeneration proposal previously mentioned– there is to be a policy framework proposed for use of surplus council lands. When there is a framework in place Paul will brief the VHDPA regarding opportunities for environmental enhancement. Green Triangle including Hall, Nanima, Spring Range and Wallaroo is still a desired objective.

5. Other Business

a. Pavilion Lease Renewal

Robert noted that he is following up with ACT Government (Ross Burden).

b. Preparation for renewal of School Site lease – establishment of working group

Committee noted that the lease expires in June 2023 and it is timely to start some research and talk with stakeholders about opportunities for the site. Robert undertook to meet with Alastair and Doug and anticipated the need for a subcommittee to progress things. [**Action** 2/3]

c. Hall Reserve

Olga noted that there has not yet been an agreeable date for Olga, Aaron and Marg to meet about the reserve, however, she had spoken with Kim De Francheschi. It seemed unlikely that the ACT Government would give any approval for wooden barricades or fencing. Kim proposed that the VHDPA should consider how to encourage people to use the area and make it attractive and perhaps the VHDPA could offer some funds and ask for in-kind support from the government. Committee noted that the next step is for Aaron, Marg and Olga to flesh out a plan to present to the Committee.

d. VHDPA IT

Robert Yallop described a number of issues that have occurred over the last couple of months with the @hall email addresses and also around the website itself – backend issues. Robert noted that Duncan Crombie is the most helpful IT person the VHDPA could hope to deal with. Robert has investigated and updated the contacts for the domain name. A future issue may be changing the basis of the email functions info @hall etc as well as the broadcast capacity of emails sitting in the website. A number of internet and mail providers are progressively starting to block the types of system we employ. If so, we anticipate that Duncan will provide good advice, however, there may be particular platforms we need to migrate to and potential costs.

Robert invited anyone to pursue if they have the skills. Phil asked if there are any costs involved? Robert noted the main issue is the web-based emails.

John Starr noted that MS 360 and Google will most likely be relevant. Based on his own business experience say \$130 or so per year.

e. Hall Polocrosse Grant

Robert Yallop noted that the VHDPA response in support of the Polocrosse Grant proposal was included in correspondence. The proposal was broad in its approach and the VHDPA would be willing to assist ensure that any activities were sympathetic to the Hall masterplan intent.

f. Hall Lanes/Stormwater

Robert Yallop drew the Committee's attention to various correspondence on the issue of stormwater runoff and erosion of the rear lanes. Robert noted that his correspondence to Minister Steel and other MLAs had resulted in responses including a proposal to introduce a motion in the next Parliamentary sitting.

It was likely that the motion would call for technical assessment of storm water drainage, design and allocation of funds to address the issue in close concert with VHDPA. Robert has collected and shared available history regarding sealing of roads, sanitation, sewerage etc plus relevant maps.

Robert noted that the VHDPA should be prepared for media enquiries if motions are proposed or questions to parliament are raised.

Robert noted that Olga had passed on a petition organised by Mr Richardson regarding local residents' views, however, the petition included only names and telephone numbers and not addresses. While the petition was addressed to the VHDPA Robert considered it may still be useful to have on hand for raising with ACT Government.

Robert noted he would acknowledge receipt of the petition and provide information on the actions being taken by the VHDPA. This will be done using the Hall website, via the Hall Community Facebook page and broadcast email to VHDPA members and Hall residents. There is already information on VHDPA actions in the Rural Fringe.

g. Bike path

Robert Yallop noted that the bike path been raised in correspondence, however, there had been some delay in the ACT Government response as the VHDPA letter had been misdirected to another department. Nonetheless Robert had received an email from Nadia Rhodes recently and will follow up further.

h. Application for funding by the Stronger Communities grant Round 7

Committee noted the application was not successful and it was generally agreed to keep an eye out for opportunities.

i. Contacts register

Robert raised the importance of maintaining a VHDPA contacts register for business continuity. Jan undertook to develop and circulate a register for the committee to contribute to. [**Action** 2/4]

j. Protocol for contracts, agreements and MOUs.

Robert Yallop noted that he had circulated a revised protocol for Committee's consideration and asked Committee members to review for discussion at the next meeting.

k. Next meeting by Zoom and at the Cottage
Committee agreed to meet again on 9 March, a week earlier than usual as Robert will be overseas. Margaret Monahan noted she would be an apology.

Meeting closed at 9.27 pm