



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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2021/2022

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 3 - Minutes

Meeting date	9 March 2022
Location	Hall School and by ZOOM
Office holders and committee present	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, John Starr, Aaron Whittaker, Paul Newall, Heather Wilford Margaret Monahan gave her apologies.
Other Attendees invited	n/a

1. Welcome and introductions

Robert opened the meeting and acknowledged Traditional Custodians and their elders past present and emerging, and welcomed attendees.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil conflicts raised

3. General business

a. Approval of the Minutes of 16 February, 2022

Proposed: Peter Toet

Seconded: John Starr

Carried:

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his report to the Committee.

The Treasurer noted costs for supporting users of the School site total \$5134; and overall there is an operating deficit of more than \$6000.

The Treasurer noted the Association had been scammed via receipt of a fraudulent account for \$1800. The process to recover the funds from the ANZ bank has commenced.

The Treasurer noted an invoice was received from ACT Property Group relating to air conditioning at a cost of \$990. Peter Toet undertook to raise the invoice with Property Group.

Meeting #3/Action 1.

There was general discussion about operating costs – noting that an electricity bill for \$1000 was received for the Cottage and Tin Shed, which are on the same meter. It was noted that the Facilities subcommittee would meet soon.

The Treasurer proposed that the reports be accepted and transactions ratified.

Seconded: Tony Morris Seconded

Carried: unanimously

c. Actions

Previous action - Park upgrade – Committee agreed that expenses for the upgrade will be paid upon presentation of receipts and noted the intention to invite the Upgrade group to the April meeting.

Action 2/1- liaison with mowing contractor

Peter advised that he contacted the mower. Dennis Greenwood is doing some mowing around the pizza oven. Tony agreed to ask for a separate quote from another business seen locally. Mowing is needed in the next two weeks.

Action 2/2 – electrician to check Pavilion lights in toilets

Tony Morris advised he has fixed the lights in the Pavilion toilets.

Action 2/3 – see 5 b

School grounds lease renewal.

Action 2/4 – see 5 f

Contacts register.

There was general discussion about the leaking bubbler on the School site. The shut-off valve is buried and it is no longer possible to get parts to repair it. During a previous inspection a plumber sealed the bubbler as much as possible. The Association is waiting for an update/report back from Property Group.

d. Correspondence (see schedule)

There was general discussion about correspondence received.

4. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

- Hall School Precinct Gutter cleaning

Committee noted that the gutter/ roof cleaning. Has been completed and will be repeated 6 monthly. There was general discussion about available devices to divert leaf litter and gutter guard.

Phil reported the visit from AMAGA went ahead successfully. Last week an ANU group of 15 attended from its Museums faculty. It is likely that there may be some interest in internships. (Their theme for the semester is looking at the capacities of various museums to do their jobs and do comparisons at local, regional and national re resources and achievements.) Planning is occurring for the band concert and then the ACT Heritage Festival in mid April. The education program is proceeding and the education rooms are being revamped. Majura Primary School will visit at the end of March.

It was noted that the 2022 heritage grants program has opened and the museum is likely to put in an application. The museum has also applied for monies to upgrade the museum entry c. \$3000.

Committee noted that the museum volunteers are interested in obtaining a defibrillator for the work spaces.

Committee discussed purchase of a defibrillator and agreed that the VHDPA should purchase one to the approximate value of \$2000 for use of volunteers and visitors and the regional community noting it should be installed in an accessible location.

Proposed: Aaron

Seconded: Phil

Carried.

b. Hall Mens Shed

Aaron mentioned the Mens Shed was responding to a call for tools for north coast NSW flood affected areas, otherwise no big projects were underway.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

The Secretary outlined a request from Janine Linklater about use of the facilities for a heritage trade fair.

Update to hire rules for Cottage

Robert noted that information on the website about hire and use of the Cottage has been updated advising that any activities after 6 pm must be quiet i.e. not parties. Committee noted that some residents had complained about noise from a teenage birthday party recently, however, the when the booking was made it had not stated that a party was planned.

Committee noted that the Facilities subcommittee will meet before the next Committee meeting and will consider the Dojo rental, use of the Dojo building for the local Art group as well as Rotary use of the building and storage of gear.

Cross Border activities

Paul Newall suggested the VHDPA should invite people to identify where defibrillators are located and develop a Village and Close Area list to be made available for emergency response.

5. Other Business

a. Pavilion Lease Renewal

Robert noted his correspondence to Ross Burden including Ross' advice that the old Pony Club building is being fixed. Robert noted his intention to follow up on the Pavilion lease again.

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

Robert noted his intention to meet with representatives of the VHDPA Committee, Museum and Mens Shed to discuss and form a relevant subcommittee including a couple of women representatives from the VHDPA Committee.

c. Hall Reserve

Olga noted the group had not met yet.

Robert noted he had spoken with Kathryn McGilp of the Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) following an enquiry about communicating through the Rural Fringe. He noted that they had some activities planned, including a clean up of Halls Creek east - along the Polocrosse area.

Robert mentioned Halls Creek Aboriginal sites sensitivity to Kathryn.

Committee noted that the VHDPA has interests in common with the GCG including the Victoria Street reserve and agreed to invite her to the May meeting, noting that a previous invitation was overtaken by COVID events.

d. Hall Stormwater issues

Robert outlined his understanding of the current situation being that some local Yerrabi MLAs, Milligan and Castley (and staff), are working to get the attention of the Minister, Chris Steel, on Hall stormwater drainage (not fixing the lane surfaces).

Leanne Castley visited last week with staff and met with Robert. Robert provided all the background info and storm water drainage maps (road drains), concrete gutters, earthen drains etc. They are putting info together and they will share it with VHDPA.

e. Bike path

Robert noted he is still chasing up Nadia Rhodes for an update on the bike path along Victoria Street.

f. Contacts register

Development of a contacts register was discussed and agreed.

g. Tagging and testing

Committee discussed the various contacts made with Property Group about tagging and testing of equipment. Tony noted that the tagging and testing has been completed. Committee agreed the order of contact for future enquiries to Property Group should be through Tony, then Peter or Aaron

h. Grants and agreements protocol

Committee considered the protocol previously circulated by Robert and it was agreed to place the information on the website and circulate to the subcommittees.

The Protocol clarifies that it is the VHDPA entity that enters agreements and consequently any agreements need to be executed by the VHDPA. A subcommittee may be authorised to execute an agreement on a case-by-case basis and any such agreements will be ratified at the next available meeting.

Other Business

Aaron noted that a tree limb had fallen into the Peace Garden, and he will chip it.

Robert noted that the VHDPA Brochure has been reprinted. It can be picked up from the Hall Shop.

Robert noted his appreciation for Gail Condy who did all the work on the update.

The Meeting closed at 9.18 pm