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2021/2022

## **VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 5 – Minutes**

<b>Meeting date</b>	18 May 2022
<b>Location</b>	Hall Museum and by ZOOM
<b>Office holders and committee</b>	Robert Yallop, Olga Minion, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, John Starr, Aaron Whittaker, Paul Newall, Heather Wilford, Margaret Monahan
<b>Other Attendees invited</b>	Jonathan Palmer - “Hall Together” presentation only

1. Welcome and introductions

The President opened the meeting and acknowledged Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is held, including Elders, past, present and future.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

Nil conflicts declared.

3. Presentation on ‘Hall Together’– Jonathan Palmer

*Break*

4. General business

a. Approval of the Minutes of 20 April, 2022

Committee considered edits to the minutes of 19 March, 2022 and the draft minutes of 20 April, 2022.

Committee resolved to accept the minutes of 19 March, 2022

Proposed – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Phil Robson

Carried

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Seconded – Aaron Whittaker

Carried

b. Treasurer’s report

The Treasurer tabled the Treasurer’s report advising that there was nothing exceptional to observe. He noted that Pavilion income was improving and overall there was a slight profit. The Treasurer mentioned he has been getting some advice on improving the formatting of the Xero reports and there was general discussion about presentation of the accounts.

The Treasurer advised that two of three ineligible memberships have been refunded, one refund was pending provision of an active credit card account.

There was general discussion about invoicing users of the school site for building use and utilities. It was agreed that the Men's Shed could better provide in-kind community services, such as repairing the pedestrian bridge at the showground, however Rotary would be invoiced an agreed amount of \$1000 for the 21/22 financial year.

The Treasurer asked the Committee to accept the report and ratify the financial transactions and the Committee resolved to do so.

Resolution to accept the Treasurer's report

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Aaron Whittaker

Carried

Resolution to ratify transactions

Moved – Robert Yallop

Seconded – Margaret Monaghan

Carried

#### c. Actions

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| 4/1 |        | Check/ locate gas connection at Cottage                  |
| 4/2 | Yallop | Seek update from ACT Sports and Rec about Pavilion lease |
| 4/3 | Robson | Treasurer to refund ineligible membership                |

Committee discussed actions arising from previous meetings.

Phil Robson identified that the gas supply charges relating to the Cottage were for the hot water service. -

Robert Yallop noted that there had been no further update on the Pavilion lease renewal.

Phil Robson noted that he had been able to refund 2 of the 3 ineligible membership payments.

#### d. Correspondence

Committee considered correspondence received and issued. Committee noted that resolution of water ingress to the demountable building remained an issue and that no response had been received regarding the redevelopment of the Hall Farm Supplies site. Robert Yallop advised he would respond to the correspondence from the Gungahlin Community Council regarding NBN services.

### 5. Reports of VHDPA Subcommittees

#### a. Hall Museum and Heritage Centre

Phil Robson advised that Minister Vassarotti visited the museum 3 weeks ago and signage for the Dellwood Tanning Pit has been installed.

#### b. Hall Men's Shed

Doug noted the ongoing work to repair the pedestrian bridge at the showground was hoped to complete before June 30. Work was also underway to repair the picnic tables at showground. Payments have been received for 25 bird boxes – which was work done jointly with Kaleen Men's Shed.

Men's Shed members were continuing to deliver the Rural Fringe, cognisant of safety.

Doug noted that the meeting with the Yass Valley Men's shed was postponed as Doug had been ill, the proposal now was to meet on the first Thursday in October.

Doug noted that Jonathan Palmer/ Rotary have been contacted by Ethos to provide community help and it was likely that they would tidy up Victoria Street and produce boxes for tulips. The Men's Shed will cater and cut timbers for the tulip boxes. There was general discussion of a similar clean-up of the Victoria Street Reserve.

c. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Committee noted that the Pavilion was fairly busy with bookings. Jan Klaver thanked Tony and Margaret Morris for their continued assistance and tidy up of the storage area.

Olga noted she had inspected the Art Class in the demountable and that the mould had gone. Peter Toet noted he had also looked at the building but noticed the carpet was still very wet and there is still water ingress from the roof leak. Peter noted that Property Group could be asked to replace the flooring due to the damage from water, but the roof needs to be fixed first.

There was general discussion of the costs of running the buildings and safety of the demountable. Committee noted that no rent has been received for the Karate use, pre or post COVID, however the classes were not free. Committee noted that all users of all facilities should be treated equitably and agreed to ask Property Group about further repairs to the demountable. Committee recommended that users of the Pavilion, Cottage and Demountable should be advised that hire fees are being reviewed, however discounts will be applied to community uses where classes etc are free for users. Olga queried why the Museum should not be billed for its use of the facilities. Robert explained it was part of the VHDPA.

New arrangements would take place from 1 July. Nominally a discount of up to 80 % could be applied. The review clarifies who is using the buildings for the purposes of VHDPA insurance (noting that this is not insurance of the activities themselves.) Olga Minion noted that the Marching Girls should also be billed for use of the Pavilion.

Committee resolved to revise and renew use arrangements of the facilities managed by the VHDPA, pending outcome of the building assessment of the Demountable building.

Action 5/1 – organisers of the Marching Girls is to be alerted to changes in use conditions and that a contribution will be needed for utilities (Jan Klaver)

Moved - Robert Yallop

Seconded - Aaron Whittaker

Carried

6. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region updates

Paul Newall noting that rural dumping issues continued, and activities seeking preservation of heritage trees and vegetation related to the Barton Highway upgrade were continuing.

Paul noted there was a new grant scheme announced for NSW landholders to seek up to 20k for revegetation and habitat improvements.

Yass Shire Council has just announced that there are a suite of new planning documents for public comment. Paul noted he would forward relevant links to Robert for placement on the website.

RY noted that he had received a very prompt response to the Barton Highway correspondence from the NRMA.

b. Pavilion Lease Renewal

No update

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

Robert noted that he and Alastair are keen to get a small group together to plan for the 2023 lease renewal. Robert nominally indicated that Alastair, Phil and Tony, Doug, Aaron, Margaret and Jan could form a working group.

d. Hall Reserve – Victoria Street

Olga noted that the ACT government has made some tidy up improvements. There was general discussion about a clean-up day in late June. It was agreed that Olga and Robert would continue to organise.

e. Hall Stormwater issues

Committee noted the receipt of numerous pieces of correspondence about the stormwater and laneway issues, but that ACT Government appear to be confusing the issues of laneway maintenance with the more fundamental underlying issue of stormwater drainage.

f. Bike path

No update.

Other business:

NBN

Robert noted he met with Peter Elford, GCC. The GCC is in the process of getting the 2020 commitment of fibre to the premises from the Federal government extended into other areas of Canberra. Most of Gungahlin was now done, bar Casey- now being done. Hall had previously been included. but not much interest was expressed.

Key issue for Halls is that all telecommunications are overhead connections and there is limited underground conduit to be accessed.

Farm Supplies DA:

Committee agreed it would make a submission.

Hall Together – Committee agreed to participate in the Hall Together initiative on the provision that participation be open to all groups and on the understanding that any proposals from the meeting will be subject to the decision-making of the participating organisations.

Public Officer

Committee discussed the vacancy of the Public Officer position and resolved fill the position. Committee proposed to nominate and appoint Phil Robson to the position.

Moved- Robert Yallop

Seconded - Peter Toet

Phil accepted the nomination and agreed to take on the role.

Carried.

Cottage Pergola

Doug mentioned that the Cottage pergola needs new flashing. Peter noted that the pergola is part of the building and provided with a photograph, he can raise the matter with ACT Property Group.