



Village of Hall and District Progress Association Inc.

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2023/2024

VHDPA Committee Ordinary Meeting # 2 – Minutes

Meeting date	13 December 2023
Location	Hall School and by ZOOM
Office holders and committee present	Robert Yallop, Jan Klaver, Phil Robson, Peter Toet, Tony Morris, Aaron Whittaker, Toni Makkai, Lee-Ann Brodrick, Margaret Monahan; Ralph Southwell
Apologies	Tony Morris

1. Welcome and introduction

The President opened the meeting, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we met, and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Notice of any conflicts of interest re agenda items

No conflicts of interest were identified.

3. General business

a. Approval of the Minutes of 15 November

It was proposed that the minutes of the Committee Meeting of 15 November, 2023, be approved.

Moved: Peter Toet

Seconded: Lee-Anne Brodrick

Agreed unanimously

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Reports and all financial transactions for December. The Treasurer noted that outgoings exceeded incomings for December– mostly due to expenditure against grants and the bills for Pavilion gas, electricity and water. Expenditure of \$1100 was also made for the toilet block repair. Bills were also presented for the Rural Fringe.

It was proposed that the Financial Reports for December be accepted.

Moved: Phil Robson

Seconded: Aaron Whittaker

Agreed unanimously

It was proposed that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Moved: Phil Robson

Seconded: Margaret Monahan

Agreed unanimously

c. Actions

Robert Yallop discussed actions allocated to him. Robert advised that some matters were in progress. Meetings about Pavilion still in prep, and response to MLA Castley will go in new year.

Email provider will proceed in new year.

d. Correspondence

Date	In	Out	With	Subject
16-Nov-23		X	Castley	Libs Suburbs Initiative
17-Nov-23		X	Luke Halpin	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
18-Nov-23	X		Zhiwen Zheng	ANU Research on Community Participation
20-Nov-23	X		Luke Halpin	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
20-Nov-23		X	Luke Halpin	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
22-Nov-23	X		Ben Cranston	Solar Farm submission responses
23-Nov-23	X		Castley	Victoria St Parking
23-Nov-23		X	Castley	Victoria St Parking
23-Nov-23		X	Ben Cranston	Barton Hwy speed limit
24-Nov-23		X	Chris Doyle	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
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26-Nov-23		X	Judy Roberts	Barton Hwy speed limit petition
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26-Nov-23		X	Greg Palethorpe	Hall Cemetery Expansion
27-Nov-23	X		Greg Palethorpe	Hall Cemetery Expansion
28-Nov-23	X		Ben Cranston	Barton Hwy speed limit
04-Dec-23	X		Alexandra Martyniak	Public Liability Insurance for school site
06-Dec-23		X	Alexandra Martyniak	Public Liability Insurance for school site
06-Dec-23	X		Luke Halpin	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
06-Dec-23		X	Luke Halpin	Sports Ground Stakeholder meeting
06-Dec-23		X	Kat McGilp	Environment Management Plan
07-Dec-23	X		Kat McGilp	Environment Management Plan

The President raised additional correspondence received since circulation of the agenda and minutes.

- Julie Bocking asked for lease of old pony club building. Has been referred to Luke Halpin.
- Rosemary Blemings advice received re land conservation activities.
- Contacted Wade Young as Parks and Conservation contact responsible for clearing Cootamundra wattles near head of trail and Palmer Street/Hoskins Street.
- Kat McGilp sent in some info on conservation corridors around Hall.
- Minister Tara Cheyne contacted.

4. Reports of VHDP Subcommittees

a. Hall Heritage Centre

Last day tomorrow and will reopen on 11 January. Museum volunteers will meet with Minister Vassarotti about U3A history activities. School groups finished for year. Museum general tidying up is continuing including storage. The NLA conservation grant has been acquitted.

b. Hall Men's Shed

Christmas Party last week was very successful.

b. Hall Facilities – Pavilion and Cottage

Aaron raised discussion on the possibility of obtaining a grant for air conditioning in the Pavilion, noting that Government will eventually support removal of gas connections. It was noted that the Electrical box outside Pavilion needs a new cover and it would be useful to check more broadly.

Committee discussed updating the fridge in the Pavilion kitchen.

It was proposed that the kitchen could be moved to the storeroom and a new fridge purchased. The drinks fridge currently in the storeroom could be retired.

Moved: Jan Klaver

Seconded: Aaron Whittaker.

Agreed unanimously.

5. Other Business

a. Wallaroo and region update

Toni – recapped concerns raised in community about Highway speed and safety of the Wallaroo/Barton intersection. (Discussion continued under next item.) Solar Farm proposal received c.150 submissions in opposition, including Yass Council. Submission is not proposed to be changed by proponent.

Toni noted the recent storm had caused considerable damage and clean ups were continuing.

b. Barton Hwy speed limit petition

See above, Toni suggested emailing regional contacts to see if a petition would be supported.

Committee agreed that an email would be prudent and could be sent out at the end of January.

c. Cottage internet connection

Phil has spoken to Paul Howarth, as wifi booster did not work. There is an outlet at Cottage and an ethernet line can be run down there. Committee noted that this will occur in the new year.

d. Halls Creek and Open Spaces Management Plan GCG

Kat McGilp provided a draft prepared so far. The officer preparing the plan has moved to a government role.

Committee agreed that the VHDP should maintain oversight of this joint project.

Committee noted that 33 responses had been received to the Management plan survey including views on dog exercise. (cf 60 plus responses were received about stormwater.)

e. VHDP charitable status

Phil reported he has started the online application for charitable status – link has been passed to Robert for review. Phil thinks the VHDP would meet criteria.

Committee noted that charitable status would give us access to certain trust grants, receipt of donations and GST exemption.

Committee noted that Robert and Phil will meet further to discuss specifics.

f. VHDPA email system

Robert noted that discussions are continuing with CHIRP for a dedicated email system via Google.

g. Victoria Square DA

The Committee resolved to submit an objection as per updated draft circulated. Copies to be sent to Rebecca Vassarotti and Chris Steel.

h. Leanne Castley – Libs Suburbs Initiative

Committee noted that the President will respond to the proposal in the new year.

i. Rosemary Blemings and land care activities.

Robert recommended that the VHDPA become aware of their activities, and draw them into the overall management plan being drafted by GCG.

j. Tara Cheyne.

Robert noted that a number of suburbs are getting an extra green bin, to clear up after storm activity, however Hall is not included. Other suburbs are also getting a skip to clear away debris. However, as per radio program response, the Chief Minister said Hall could be included. Robert noted a bin will be placed on the reserve. Item will be placed on Facebook to alert community. Will be here until Wednesday next week.

Robert will write to MLA Tara Cheyne to outline the matters currently on foot in the portfolio, and seek her continued and timely attention, support and response.

k. Expansion of cemetery.

Committee noted the correspondence article in the Rural Fringe. It remained an option for the Committee to write to the responsible Minister (albeit noting the planning changes had happened a considerable time ago). L.

l. Mow school grounds

Committee agreed to mow the grounds.