

Linden Citizens' Association
Minutes of Meeting
Held Thursday 21st September 2017
At the Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Rd, Linden

Opened: 7.36pm

Apologies:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes were displayed on the noticeboard and on the LCA website www.lindencitizens.asn.au

Minutes confirmed, moved: Phil Moss

Seconded: Jon Rickard

Carried.

S1 account

Opening balance:

Closing balance: 2258.90

S8 account

Opening balance:

Closing balance: 2787.71

Amendments:

President of meeting Jeremy Leather

Date of Vine and Verse 28th October

Matters arising:

Update on road speed campaign

Cllr Romola Hollywood says lobbying needs to move to MP Trish Doyle since RMS is in charge of speed limits. Some residents of Leura are also agitating around speed limits. Speed limits and speed camera are state government issues. Councillors are in support of LCA but urging advocating to state government.

Romola suggests following up with Trish about those issues and inviting her to a meeting. Jon reports the petitions were not framed in the accepted wording but with bureaucratic support, a way forward was found and the petitions were forwarded by Trish Doyle.

Sian has been in touch with Leura, Blackheath and Mount Victoria. Blackheath is looking for 50km zone which is considered more achievable. Their campaign is in a similar place to LCA.

Jon suggests writing to Trish emphasising our campaign and thanking her for her support. Suzy suggests asking Trish to bring along the correct format for petitions.

Romola let us know the format is also available in the NSW parliament website.

Jon notes it was residents' initiative that started the petition.

Ken found the format template on the Parliamentary website.

Sian will write to Trish this week inviting her to the next LCA meeting to present an update on the progress of the petition.

Jon asks if the traffic groups could meet and Sian has suggested a regular forum between the groups.

Update Cox's Rd, Dawes Park

Cllr Romola Hollywood notes there are a wealth of issues around these which affect a number of streets. Gate posts went in 18 months ago. Gate went on this week. Not able to be locked yet.

Originally this was NPW stopping illegal dumping. There has been an increase in gates across the mountains. Caley Lane residents are accustomed to back access to their properties. NPW feel strongly that the gate needs to go on. It will prevent illegal dumping and preserve historic sites

which are being damaged by four wheel drives, parties. Council officers tried to negotiate for residents that council could hold a key for residents.

Romola has put in a request to find out how that negotiation has progressed. With regard to ongoing negotiations, Romola notes access issues, carpark issues, heritage issues, intersection between NOW are and council land as both cover Cox's Rd. It is confusing as to which agency is responsible. Romola is continuing to negotiate for an outcome. Earlier this year council officers said they had a meeting set up with NPW and invited Romola to raise the residents' issues on our behalf. Jon and Jeremy were invited as representatives.

Susan asks why no one from Caley's Lane was included. Romola explains council did not want residents en masse but preferred representatives. She emphasises decisions were not made and that she spoke for us as an elected representative. Jon says he and Jeremy were adamant that community consultation must happen and no decisions should be made before consultation had taken place.

Jon agrees that the key was important and should be held in perpetuity. He emphasises agreement was largely reached on the day but the problem became that a new leader for the area was coming and it would take time to introduce him to the issues and have him form a view. Community consultation was emphasised as ongoing. Susan asks if the list on the day can be viewed. Romola is going to run through it. Access points were raised and the gate was non negotiable. The key was considered a possible compromise. Access to PP should not be promoted via Linden but through Bull's Camp. NPW said no, only through Linden as its shorter and less work required on the track. They felt people would make the choice to go through linden regardless so they were simply trying to make it safer. Romola feels council needs to tweak signage to make it more consistent. NPW has marked the track steep and difficult. Council and NPW agreed there were many issues by the end of the meeting. They agreed there needs to be a full conservation management plan so council applied for a grant of 10k which enables the appointment of someone to do a proper conservation management plan which has far more resident input.

Parking is a huge issue as Caley's Lane is absolutely unsuitable to general parking. Railway Parade parking currently uses private land to park and turn. There is a car park plan which NPW needs to organise. Susan notes Caley's Repulse needs a great deal of thought as people park there inappropriately. Romola feels the conservation management plan will be very helpful in this continuing process. She acknowledges residents have felt left out of any processes around these issues. Billboards have been installed by NPW advertising PP without consultation or consent. Romola feels it's positive that the signs are at least clear that entry to the park should only go down the track.

Suzy and Susan express that residents are experiencing walkers going through their properties. Suzy suggests considering stopping foot traffic at all because Cox's Rd. Jon says RFS has discovered the gutters of significance have been protected by some bush clearing done in preparation for now cancelled HR. Susan and Suzy clarify they don't need constant access to their properties but they do need very specific occasional access.

Caley's Lane residents are feeling very left out of all these processes. Romola clarifying that it is paid council officers and NPW who are more appropriate points of contact with issues so LCA is a useful place to contact.

Romola did not know the gate was going on but now does so she can start on the key again. She was unaware the NPW billboards were going up. Susan asked about toilets and garbage bins. Romola says the signs say the nearest toilets are at Bull's Camp.

Suzy and Susan are emphatic that residents must be consulted in the conservation management plan as it is constructed. Romola reminds us that the increase of tourism across the mountains is of concern everywhere.

Jon says all the opinions from consulting residents have been shared but NPW has acted without consulting locally.

Sian undertakes to contact Caley's Lane residents asap when the conservation management plan begins.

Jon suggests a motion. LCA writes to NPW expressing concern that the agreed community consultation has not occurred. Romola agrees reminding them about the key is important and to ask for some information around the planned conservation plan. Sian will write to BMCC & NPWS to request this information and also for community consultation around any further planned action along Caley Lane and Railway Parade.

Motion proposed: Jon Rickard
Seconded: Kenvyn Davies
Passed unanimously.

Business arising from Minutes:

Treasurers Report - \$2,256.90

Departure of LCA Secretary

Janet Fraser has resigned from the post of LCA Secretary effective as of the date of this meeting. LCA Executive and members extend their thanks to Janet for her service.

Sian proposed a small gift of appreciation be purchased in recognition of Janet service.

Motion Proposed – Sian James

Seconded by Phil Moss

Passed Unanimously

Nominations and Election of Secretary:

There are currently not nominations for the post of Secretary. Suzanne asked what the role entailed. Suzanne was encouraged to visit the LCA website where an outline of the Secretary's role is available to all. Sian asked if Suzanne might consider expressing an interest in the role to which Suzanne said she would review the role outline. It was suggested that a letterbox drop could be undertaken to seek expressions of interest in the role.

Vine & Verse

Plans are underway for Vine and Verse which is being held on 28th October at Ken and Christine's home. Thanks were expressed to Ken & Christine for hosting this popular event. A flyer will be created by Ken & Christine to advertise this event via a letterbox drop.

Recognition of Service – Greg North

Jon proposed that Greg be provided with a gift of appreciation for his outstanding work over many years as Secretary of LCA.

Motion Proposed – Jon Rickards

Seconded by Phil Moss

Passed Unanimously

Bob, Olive, Jon & Jackie will consider suitable gifts for Greg

Correspondence Inwards:

Correspondence Inwards received, moved:

Seconded:

Correspondence Outwards:

Leaflets advertising Hazelbrook, Woodford & Linden Garden Festival have proved effective. Phil reported good attendance at Linden gardens in the first week with a total of \$3,000 raised to boost Hazelbrook Public School. It is hoped that the second week of the festival will be as active as the first. Jon reported that the RFS were thrilled with the level of attendance and interest at the sausage sizzle, with the event being a very good community awareness raising opportunity.

Business arising from correspondence outwards:

Application for Public Post Box

Sian has been corresponding with Australia Post regarding the requirements for a public post box in Linden. Sian suggested a location near Linden Park, however this has been rejected by Australia Post because it does not meet the criteria for postbox installation i.e. curb sided area with easy access for public and mail collection. Romola noted that there is a post box in Wentworth Falls which is located in an area without a curb. Romola will provide a photograph of this postbox for LCA information when corresponding further with Australia Post. Phil stated that it would also be useful to have a public post box in Martin Place. Sian will review alternative suitable areas along Glossop Road and Martin Place to resubmit and application for postbox installation in these locations.

Business arising from correspondence Inwards:

Requests to Join LCA Community Watch Facebook Page.

Sian has received a number of submissions for membership to the LCA Community watch Facebook group. All agreed that a criteria for joining this group should be agreed to ensure that members are Linden residents or have positive intentions for joining the Facebook page. Development of the criteria was carried over to the next meeting due to the time constraints of this meeting.

New Business

Raising LCA Profile

Sian presented brief notes taken at an Extraordinary meeting of the LCA Executive to discuss raising the profile and membership of the LCA. A number of suggestions were presented including providing photographs of all LCA executive members so residents could put a face to a name. This was considered a positive initiative. Sian to contact LCA Executive to obtain photographs of those yet to provide photographs.

Social & Community Activity Program

A social community activity program has been suggested. It was unanimously agreed that a Social & Community Activity calendar should be constructed. A meeting of residents interested in social activities has already taken place, The activity calendar will be displayed on the village notice board, Linden website and Facebook page for all residents information. The first community activity, a trip to Mayfield Gardens, has already been agreed, but the date is yet to be confirmed.

Linden Christmas Party

Sian raised the matter of the Christmas party. A suitable date for the Christmas party is to be identified and residents asked to provide information about the ages of the children in Linden to assist in planning age and gender appropriate activities.

Business & Services Directory

The current LCA Business & Services Directory is to be reviewed and updated with current i Linden businesses and services which residents may find useful. The Business Directory will be displayed on the village notice board, Linden website and Facebook page for everyone's information.

Website Update

Sian has suggested a review and update of the LCA website. There was general agreement for this suggestion. Sian has been advised to contact Greg North as he currently maintains the website.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Date and time of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th November 2017 Commences 7.30pm RFS Building