

Brooklyn Community Association, Inc
General Meeting
Saturday 28th May 2016 10am-12pm
Brooklyn Meeting room
Minutes

ADMINISTRATION

1. Welcome and Attendance

- Welcome BCA members and guests as per attendance book , Hornsby Action Group and Hornsby Councilor Nathan Tilbury
- Apologies from Di Bowles, Miriam Maloney, Terry Sands, Merv Collins, and Pat Wooley

2. Association Administration

- Minutes of the previous meeting were moved to be accepted by Brian Neary and seconded by Anna Jones

3. Treasurers Report

Treasurers report as at 28th May 2016 – Bank Balance \$750 including \$250 fund raising by Bob Davis. A \$20 donation was made to the medical centre and a \$200 donation to The Brooklyn Fund Raising Assoc. for Baden Powell Hall

KEY BROOKLYN ISSUES

4. Housing and Development

- Following a talk from Hornsby Action Group regarding housing development around railway stations it was decided that we should aim to create the community we want without resisting development. Housing and development in Brooklyn should be with a sense of community and respect for heritage and the character of the area.
- A strategy to liaise with council as an active group was discussed. It was suggested that a letterbox drop and face book communication would be helpful in giving a community voice.
- There is a need for an action group to liaise with council and developers

5. Brooklyn Master Plan

- The meeting was addressed by Hornsby Councilor Nathan Tilbury . McGregor Coxall has been appointed as consultants for the Brooklyn Master Plan. They have experience with Maitland, Byron Bay, Shellharbour, Springwood, Shipwreck Coast, Geelong and Riverside Quay Melbourne. These developments can be viewed if you Google McGregor Coxall Master Plans. The Brooklyn Master Plan covers the area from Kangaroo Point to Brooklyn and includes Long Island. The need for the Master Plan is for improved facilities and to do this we need some future developments

- The BCA is to submit an invitation to McGregor Coxall to discuss the Master Plan at a future meeting to be facilitated by the BCA. Motion was moved by Mathilde Kearny-Kibble and seconded by Nancy Davis. Peter Davis moved to be referred to BCA president

6. Council Amalgamation

- The amalgamation of Hornsby Council and Ku Ring Gai Council is subject to a court hearing. Proclamation will be after 8th June and if the amalgamation is to proceed an administrator will be appointed. Hornsby council is in favour of the amalgamation for a larger council with combined resources which will also result in cost saving of Senior Staff
- In consideration of both sides of the river and the river communities to come under one council. The preference is for all to be included in Hornsby Council. Hornsby and Gosford councils would have to agree with this. We need to decide how we can prepare for this. It has been suggested that after proclamation we set up a River Community Committee to work in with the new larger council. Nathan Tilbury will assist with this. We need to find out what effect this would have on the Peat Island development if all the river communities came under one council.

7. Miscellaneous Business

- The litter situation was raised again. Council need to look at the positioning of bins, with consideration being given to the River Residents who deposit rubbish into the bins resulting in them overflowing. Is it the council's responsibility to clean up and maintain Brooklyn? (this may be covered in the Master Plan)
- Karen Arnold is to email Nathan Tilbury regarding fishing and the impact on our wildlife. It is hoped that the council will run an education program
- High Tea is being served in the Community Hall on July 3rd. This is being organized by The Management Advisory Committee of the Health Centre Music 60, 70, 80. time 2-5pm. Admission is a gold coin
- We need a volunteer to work with Di Bowles on the Community Assoc Face book Page

8. Meeting closed at 12 noon