



WATERVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 8 April 2024

Venue: The Vale

Time: 7pm

Present: Bill Bowles, Greg Bryksy, Shannon Parker, Steve Hadley & Susan Cunningham

Apologies: Barb Button

1. Minutes of Previous Minutes: Monday 19 February 2024

MOVED: Bill Bowles

SECONDED: Greg Bryksy

2. Business Arising:

- 2.1 Community Social Nights: The last event was 1 March - successful. Louise Haines was putting together Bahn Mi's which potentially helped to bring the crowds in. Brian Rogers has been in touch to book the Vale for the next one, 26 April. This is the night after Anzac Day. Susan has sent a message to Brian to see if they want to change it to Anzac Day.
- 2.2 Defib pad replacement- Email has been sent to Bowling Club seeking invoice for reimbursement,
- 2.3 Playground development: Shannon has been trying to get in touch with Judy Giles. Heidi Hodge is looking into applying for a grant that would combine both a new play area and the grandstand refurbishments needed before cricket will take the lease on.
- 2.4 Clare Council Peak Body Forum- Barb has spoken to Judy and it will be rescheduled for the later part of 2024
- 2.4 Grants: Solar Panel Quotes – Shannon has been getting quotes, sun energy 13 kw/10kw battery - \$23454. There are opportunities for finance which would be approximately the same as what we are currently paying in electricity. We will look into grants first though.
- 2.5 Grandstand Upgrade: The cricket club are still holding off until the refurbishments are completed before signing a lease.

3. Chairperson Report:

Playground development and solar panel quotes as per above.

4. Treasurer Report: (profit and loss statement attached) None supplied

5. The Vale:

- 5.1.1 Bookings are a bit light on going forward. We might need to look at some promotion if this continues.
- 5.1.2 Maintenance- LPG Gas Supply. Shannon has been looking into an alternative gas supplier. Elgas have quoted \$1 per Litre rental versus the current \$1.70 we are paying with Origin. We will have a rental service for the 210 cylinder of \$150. Shannon Parker proposed we accept this quote. Seconded by Steve Hadley. All voted in favour
- 5.1.3 Steve Hadley is going to get a quote on spider spraying. We also need to reinstall rat baits.
- 5.1.4 Business Plan- This is difficult to consider as we are not fully aware of our financial situation. The Community drinks are helping to bring in some money.
- 5.1.5 Promotion- need to think about this.

6. Governance:

Nothing to report until AGM

7. Any Other Business:

- 7.1 ANZAC Day: Working bee happening today. Cadets are booked in. Clare band is coming. Due to musical commitments Leonie is not able to be the main MC at the ceremony. Steve will liaise with Leonie about alternatives.
- 7.2 Solar lights for carpark – these will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 7.3 Suggestion box – lots of suggestions – will read out at next meeting.
- 7.4 Watervale train site. – maybe dept of transport looking to sell some parcels of land.
- 7.5 It was suggested that we approach Anthony Salter from Horrocks CFS about The Vale being a potential staging post if there is an incidence in the region. It probably isn't worthwhile however as Watervale is not deemed a Safer Place or Last Resort Refuge.

Next Meeting: May 6. General at 6.30 followed by a board meeting

Meeting Closed: 9.03