



## **WATERVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC General Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2022

Venue: The Vale Community Hub

Time: 7pm

Present: G. Bryksy, W. Bowles, S. Parker, J. Giles (CGVC), B. Schutz (minute taker), L. Moore

Apologies: S. Cunningham, S. Hadley, K. Bunfield, OT students Jess, Deanna and Phoebe (UNISA), B. Button

Minutes of Previous meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

MOVED: B. Schutz

SECONDED: W. Bowles

### **1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- 1.1 WCA Noticeboard at General Store- ongoing
- 1.2 Watervale Institute- Email response has been sent to Council. J. Giles commentary around the 'gifting' of the Institute to the WCA. Storage options for the historical assets were discussed at council level, who recommended that the historical society speaks with the Adelaide library. It was mentioned that Auburn is seeking to do a similar thing with their gifted building, hoping to run an information centre. J. Giles and A. Christiansen require a letter from the WCA to confirm that the WCA intends to continue to monitor and review the use and future viability of the institute during the coming 12 months. At this stage the WCA is in no position to take on the management of the building.
- 1.3 Memorial and Cemetery Gates- There were not enough members present to decide on the best option for the memorial to be installed at the cemetery. We need to advise council when the memorial option is selected and also choose the positioning at the cemetery. Cemetery gates quote was forwarded to J. Giles, who was made aware that this issue has been ongoing many years. The current options are funding from the local RSL group to complete the work, or community asset grant, available to apply in July- to be actioned.  
Quote has been received to install the cement work to mount the memorial arch
- 1.4 Pine Tree removal (Council)- has been completed, but stumps not yet removed. J. Giles to investigate and report back to WCA.
- 1.5 Grant ready projects (planning day date needs to be set)- Currently gathering garden and cement quotes
- 1.6 Peak Body Funding- 20-21 acquitted and money received. Need to apply to roll over the 21-22 funding so that we can be credited prior to the end of FY. Brett to action
- 1.7 Bank SA credit card- complete and auto pay has been set up. Need to apply for the BankSA regional community grant to fund the garden once the quote has been received from J. Murray.
- 1.8 Peak Body Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- A successful presentation and evening held. Thanks to Barb for presenting our achievements and plans to the group and to Steve for his assistance
- 1.9 Watervale Hotel Septic- SA Health have redesigned the system and 5 additional riser pods will be installed. Unfortunately, council has not been advised of a required completion date

- 1.10 Request to Council for funding for cemetery gates project- Email was sent to CEO at Council. Unfortunately no funds are available and suggested to apply for Council Asset grant when they become available- July 2022.
- 1.11 Red Cross support to Community Resilience sub-ctee- Some discussion was held on a regular newsletter or meeting place. J. Giles mentioned the government incentive offer of free legal advice to communities on insurance cover in the event of a natural disaster. J. Giles to forward marketing information that can be distributed throughout the community.
- 1.12 It Takes a Village update- Reference Group representative and survey results (results attached to agenda). OT students were absent due to COVID. They will forward a summary video with the project findings to the committee.
- 1.13 Riesling Trail project- Trail committee have been quoted \$40,000 to perform the realignment and tidying work to the trail itself and are currently gathering letters of support to apply for grant funding through Landscape SA. Council will not be involved with planning and drawings to redevelop any part of the site. Any objections to the work itself that is planned by the committee need evidence-based arguments rather than hearsay. L. Moore will investigate the potential of an environmental impact study with DPTI, highlighting her concern for the Echidna population. It was stressed once again that the WCA and council have no jurisdiction over that area and that the trail committee is only concerned with the Riesling trail/railway line itself.
- 1.14 Flying Doctor have two bookings, which S. Cunningham has successfully negotiated rates for due to their charity work
- 1.15 Dream KAJAH filmed outside The Vale 23/24 February successfully we believe.
- 1.16 ANZAC Day services- The bugler needs confirming, L. Moore to action. 50x service guides to be printed. Most other arrangements are in place. Pauline Garrard has been offered the opportunity to play the NZ national anthem on keyboard. W. Bowles to forward 'acknowledgement to country' text to L. Moore

## **2. Board Report: Chairperson**

See item 3 below

## **3. The Vale" Community Centre Update**

### **3.1 Loan from Council for Carpark and Carpark update-**

Carpark is complete as is line-marking

Loan fully received and have paid the Quarry for preparation works and Topcoat for the asphalt

Richard Tappin to install bollards to stop vehicle access around the southern side of the toilets

Garden quote coming from J. Murray

Council is installing an individual water meter for The Vale so that water can be accurately measured

Tennis club are working on getting the retaining wall built

Gary Easthope has an option for retaining wall installation around the lower ends of the playground to

stop access by children under the safety fence (ongoing for at least 19 years now). There is an

opportunity to view the same retaining wall material in Mintaro

### **3.2 Bookings- a few received- RFDS as above and also the Landscape SA Board**

## **4. Finance Report: Treasurer Update**

\$60,000 loan received from council, large items have been paid for as above, balance currently

\$14,274.88 in cheque account. Peak body funding for 2020/2021 FY has been remitted and received.

Loan begins at 2% p.a, variable, with payments due twice annually.

\$7,774 BAS GST refund is due in the coming month. Outstanding invoices \$495 for line-marking and

\$250.80 for Flick sanitary bins.

B. Schutz recommended a balance of \$10,000 be kept in the cheque account during the first 12 months

of operation once the major build items are complete, until we know the feasibility of managing costs

associated with hire.

**5. Membership:** No new membership

MOVED: N/A

SECONDED: N/A

**6. Governance:**

5.1 Governance Statement- Acknowledgement to country has been received from the Primary School. The meeting agreed that it is sufficient for our association and will be added to the governance statement (subject to board approval) prior to the board AGM later in the year.

5.2 Child Safe Environments- nil to report

**7. Council Report:**

The sport and recreation officer will be reintroduced to our district, shared between CGVC and Goyder. Council will apply for government funding to support this position. Heidi Hodge will be working with B. Button in the interim 3 months.

**8. Watervale Bowling Club Report:**

Preliminary final was lost to Clare

**9. Watervale Cricket Club Report:**

A-grade finished 4<sup>th</sup>; B-grade lost the grand final to Lower Nth. U16 won the Div2 grand final against Blyth at Blyth. Hit-a-six and Div. 3 and 4 had a successful year with good skills improvement and plenty of interest. Rainfall has been good for the oval, as the bore pump again needs replacing. The club hoping to replace with a solar pump.

**10. Watervale Tennis Club Report:**

Senior grades did not make the grand final. Plenty of junior involvement with an estimated 30 children in the club. Div 1,2,3 and 5 played in finals with some success had amongst them.

**11. Watervale School Report:**

Walks and talks event was good. S. Cunningham reported being disappointed with the number of locals that attended. Well wishes of the WCA committee go to Mrs Bunfield who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**12. Watervale CFS Report:**

Hoping to commence training/meetings again next week. Most of the brigade have been occupied with vintage operations and unable to attend CFS. Trainings are still optional due to the nature of COVID infections and isolations occurring currently.

**13. Mt Horrock's Historical Report:**

NIL

**14. Community Resilience sub-committee-**

Committee is losing interest due to the low level of interest from the general community. The committee was commended on doing a good job trying to engage others.

## 15. General Business:

- 15.1 Adelaide Guitar Festival- Did Barb and Susan meet with Aaron from the festival committee?
- 15.2 Can council investigate off-peak water opportunities for community organisations? Green, welcoming ovals and townships are impeded by the cost of water borne by small volunteer committees and groups. A large improvement can be made by enabling off peak water supply to these groups as is similarly available to primary producers. J. Giles will do some investigation through council, but it may be a good opportunity to present the issue to Penny Pratt.
- 15.3 Watervale STEDS development. S. Parker raised the issue of town expansion and the increasing costs borne by developers due to the lack of a STEDS system in town. It is feared that many potential new residents are put off from moving and building in many CGVC small towns due to these large costs. Does council have any long term plan that considers this important part of urban growth outside of Clare? J. Giles will discuss with A. Christiansen and advise what the WCA can do to best raise this issue prior to the next board meeting.
- 15.4 Ken Dolan is moving on from the CGVC. The WCA thanks Ken for his contribution to projects within Watervale throughout his time at council. His position is yet to be advertised.

### Next Meeting:

- General meeting- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Board meeting- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Meeting Closed: 20:35