

GOOLAWAH COMMUNITY MEETING

2nd December 2017

Chairperson: Peter

Minute Taker: Nityama

Attendance: Wayne, Belinda, Dennis, Ralph VH, Justin F. Cynthia, Mick, Alby, Julica, Trinh, Al, Roger (D), Lexie (D), Kevin (D), James (D) Rob (D) Rebekah (D). Tarrik.

Visitors: Wendy, Jim, Cindee, Noemi, Clint (+Polly, Emery + Selah.)

Apologies: Tony + Louise, Rose, Bron, Alicia.

1 proxy form received.

Commenced: 9.05 am.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting 4th November 2017.

Proposed: Ralph Sec: Roger Agreed Unanimously

Business Arising:

Voting Rights

Peter explained the rules as they stand.

Rule 28 clearly explains that one membership has one vote including joint members. Discussion followed. Rebekah raised the question that if a joint member was the owner of a separate share, + paid another joining fee, then would that entitle the member to another vote? Ralph + James to do research with Fair Trading re this matter.

Inactive Members - If you are in arrears with your levy payments, you are ineligible to vote at meetings. Treasurer sends an up-to-date list of inactive members, to the Secretary + Chairperson prior to each meeting. We will be enacting this policy from now, so please be aware of your financial position when it comes to voting.

Complaints Resolution Team.

- After display on the website, feedback received + incorporated, + recent meeting with community, Lexie brought the latest draft for discussion.
- Rob makes the point that when this policy is approved the community will elect a team to manage the process.
- Discussion followed on the time frame for lodging a complaint. As it stands its 14 days, but flexible depending on circumstances.
- During this discussion, Rob made some offensive comments to another member, and Peter requested that Rob apologise, which he did.
- Lexie suggests that we have a formal community meeting devoted to ironing out the details of this procedure. Possibly in first part of January.
- Denise's article on complaints management to go up on the website.

Incident Book.

In the care of Kevin .When anything untoward happens please go to Kevin, so that your Incident can be recorded in the book.

Shares coming up for sale,

Discussion about how this can be managed fairly.

Proposal to go to January GM:

A member wishing to sell their share is to inform the Secretary, who will inform all members via the members section of the website,+ the phone tree.

To be Proposed by: Tarrik Sec: Nityama

Discussion regarding a 7 day time period elapsing before any possible negotiations would be made re this share. It was deemed too impractical. Salty to consult further on this.

Membership Policy

Proposal to go to January GM:

The following amendments to our existing membership policy as follows:

(a) that prospective members meet with their membership guide, another membership committee person, + a community member, at the end of their first weeks stay on the community.

Rationale: A more beneficial time for people to get info + answers to their questions.

To be Proposed by: Nityama Sec: Tarrik

(b) That we allow prospective members to get info re sites for sale during the first week of their stay on the community.

Rationale: People want to know what is possible for their home - and they find out soon enough anyway, after a few days of meeting more people.

To be Proposed by: Tarrik Sec: Nityama

Tarrik suggested that the 7 day camping at CK, required in the membership application process could be split between CK + the Last Resort

Good idea, but not enough amenities yet at LR. And Rebekah reminds us that CK is the official camping ground in our DA.

Pizza oven roof

Wayne reports that it's on the way. Water tank is being moved, + will be re-connected. Work is in progress.

'Industrious' Community Space for Non-Residential Activities.

Kevin + James are brainstorming on this subject. Kevin to put ideas on the website.

Rule change for Work Levy.

Special Resolution for January GM.

A Work levy is imposed on all membership of the co-op, at the amount of \$180 per annum, to be reviewed periodically at a GM. The levy is dischargeable by work hours contributed to the Co-op, in accordance with the Approved Job List, at a rate of \$10 per hour. A completed "Work Claims" form is to accompany claims, presented at a monthly community meeting for approval.

To be Proposed by: Ralph E. Sec:

Treasurers Report:

- No questions/discussion and adopted.
- *Proposed: Ralph Sec : Al Agreed Unanimously*
- The meeting reiterated that the treasurer is following agreed community policy in our debt collecting activities, and has the full support of the community.
- It was requested that the Treasurer give out statements of what has been paid + then a balance of what is still owing by individual members. John has previously explained that he will be able to do this next year, when the new accounting software is installed, + all of our data has been transferred on to this new system.

Work Claims:

Proposed: Roger Sec: Ralph VH Agreed Unanimously

Secretary's Report:

- Red Hill logging truck incident - awaiting statement from truck driver involved.
- Dave VM visitor with black dog. All sorted.
- Aliya + Crows joint membership paperwork needs to be finalized.

Adoption Proposed: Roger Sec: Rebekah Agreed Unanimously

DA Report

A meeting was held on 13 November with Robert Scott and Shane Reinhold at KSC. Roger, Peter, + Ralph attended, along with our road engineer Mike Dutton.

Robert Scott agreed that Nevertire Road upgrade can be a “staged development” with “Type 3 elements”, rather than the original requirement of a full 6m sealed solution. He requested that Mike Dutton prepare a road design with gravel on low section, passing places (every 250m) and 4m wide tar in front of neighbour residences. Robert Scott said unequivocally that council would never approve a road that did not have the possibility of total seal in the future.

It appears that Robert Scott wants to ignore our outstanding S96 + proceed within the framework of our existing DA consent conditions. The discussion with him about reaching an appropriate threshold of vehicle movements (vehicles per day- VPDs) to trigger further sealing developments into the future seemed to be agreed also, with a bi-annual review. Those thresholds have not been set at present, but Council has since set up vehicle movement counting devices on both Nevertire + Illa Langi.

We also reminded Council of Mark Dunn’s infringement on the Crown Road Reserve of Illa Langi, and Reinhold promised to inform the Dept of Industry/Lands.

Following review by the DA Committee, Mike Dutton’s response to Robert Scott was

adjusted and sent to Council along with the appropriate road design. We now await Robert Scott's response.

Road Report:

- Recent pot-holing carried out by working bee,+ much appreciated
- It was suggested that next time we plan to do maintenance on Illa Langi Road, that we make a proper application to the Dept + do it 'legally'.

Fire Report:

- November 15th was the deadline to have your block slashed before the summer gets into full swing. Any empty blocks that need slashing?
- Ralph vH used his gurney,+ cleaned up the fire striker- (Thanks Ralph)

Machinery Report:

- Mechanic found that oil filter was very dirty on our tractor. Now working,+ new filter ordered
- Universal joint on old slasher needs replacing. Waiting for part. The meeting expressed thanks to Roger for his dedication.

Membership Report:

An overview of membership enquiries during the last 12 months:

- Approximately 24 enquiries, mostly coming through our wonderful website. A few come from friends of existing members, or other personal connections, + a few come on to us from Cyndis ads.
- resulting in 2 new memberships
- 18 were casual enquiries (3 visited + 1 was a media enquiry.)
- 4 pending/in process.
- On average then 2 enquiries per month need responding to.

Cindee + Jim have almost completed their membership application process.

Clint + Noemi also going thru membership application.

Aaron going through his membership application too.

Wendy is here making her first visit.

Peter reminded the meeting of the primary importance in the membership process of the essential "legal" requirement of members to have Goolawah Co-Op as their 'principal place of residence'. They sign a declaration to that effect during the process, + it should be considered an important approval criterion.

Shares for sale .Cyndis 2 shares, Carmels corner site, Rodney's site. Tim+ Bev's.

Proposal to accept David Browngedge (aka Dharma ,Mohinis dad) as a Guest of Member.

Proposed: Nityama Sec: Kevin Agreed Unanimously

General Business:

1. Julica reports that Larry would like the community to decide about food on NYE. To pizza or not to pizza? We decided that as it will probably be hot, then we'll do a summery, potluck buffet.

2. Wayne requested that people remember that our deck at the Camp Kitchen is a designated no smoking area. Please move outside a good 4 metres when you want to smoke.

3. Tarrik raises the issue of the Tibetan prayer flags which he had hung up at the Redhill entrance to Goolawah. Some members had objected ,so he took them down + apologized. He is now seeking approval from community to put them up again. Discussion followed ,on religion ,weatherproof material ,making our own prayer flags, etc. It was noted that Tibetan prayer flags weather very fast, so don't last a real long time! Vote on re hanging prayer flags at Red Hill entrance.

For : 8 Against: 4 Abst: 2

Carried.

4. Reminder from Roger re **Resolution for GM** in January

To replace Rule 96 Disputes with DFT Marked-Up Rule “Disputes + Mediation” dated 11/7/14 . This was previously detailed + discussed at September meeting, but was left out of the proposals that went to October GM.

5. Dan reminds us about crowdfunding for disadvantaged people, being carried out by Lauren, an ex Woofer from Larry. Please drop off any donations to Larry.

6. Ralph vH would like to use a couple of solar panels + controller left from the recent solar upgrade at camp kitchen, in lieu of a work claim. All agreed, + much appreciation was expressed for Ralphs contribution, as well as for the expertise + energy of Anne, who managed the project.

Also to Frank + Sattwa for their time + help. Thank you.

Gratitude Round

Meeting ended; 12.30 pm.