

North Arm Cove Residents Association: General Meeting
Saturday 10 October 2015 at the Community Hall commencing at 10:30 am
Minutes

1. Welcome

Attendance: 21 members (including committee members Doug and Kath Kohlhoff, Len Yearsley, Gary Sylvaney and Susan Carter).

Apologies: Tony Hann, Craig Saunders, Bob Griffin, Cheryl Yearsley, Trevor Vanderberg, Jim Hunter, Dora Crowth, Peter Chappelow, Moira Hooper, Tracey Farrant (Great Lakes Council)

2. Previous Minutes

Moved: Gary Sylvaney	Seconded: Len Yearsley	Carried
That the minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2015 be confirmed		

2.1. **Business arising** Caravans, containers and other temporary structures – Doug reported that he had written to Council but has received no response. He has also raised the issue with Tracey Farrant but she has been ill. Maureen added that she has sent photos to Council and followed up with a phone call.

Moved: Maureen Kelly	Seconded: Alan Woodrow	Carried
That Council attention be drawn to the number of temporary structures without permits.		

3. Correspondence

From EcoNetwork re <i>2015-16 membership</i>	16/6/2015
To/From Kate Washington MP re <i>Boat ramp and Jetty (background papers)</i> .	16-19/6/2015
To GLC re <i>Caravans/tents etc in Village area</i>	22/6/2015
To/From Ron Hartley GLC re <i>Damage to North Arm Cove Road</i>	22/6/2015
To Glenn Handford, Mayor, Deputy re <i>Site opposite Community Hall</i>	8-13/7/2015
Response from Jan McWilliams re <i>village green</i>	13/7/2015
To Glenn Handford, McWilliams (Mayor), Roberts follow up re <i>Community Land</i>	13/7/2015
From/To Jan McWilliams (Mayor) re <i>Community Land</i>	13/7/2015
To Brendan Guiney, MidCoast Water re <i>Sewerage & Water</i>	18/7/2015
To (x3)/From (x3) Matthew Taylor, Maritime re <i>Dinghy Ramp Project</i>	19-29/7/2015
To Glenn Handford/Andrew Staniland re <i>Village Green concept</i>	21/7/2015
To Andrew Staniland re <i>Dinghy Ramp Project</i>	21/7/2015
To Ian Cook RFS Re <i>Village Green concept</i>	31/7/2015
To/From Tracey Farrant GLC Re <i>Village Green concept</i>	1-3/8/2015
To Tracey Farrant GLC (cc Staniland, Roberts) re <i>Dinghy Ramp Project</i>	3/8/2015
From/To Tracey Farrant re <i>Dinghy Ramp Project & Village Green</i>	6/8/2015
From Andrew Staniland: <i>Letter of support for Village Green</i> (at 2.33pm)	7/8/2015
To CBP <i>Application for Grant for Village Green</i>	7/8/2015
To Len Roberts re <i>Inaction on Dinghy Ramps project & promised maps of Hall site</i>	21/8/2015
To Mayor, cc councillors re <i>signage, communication etc</i>	21/8/2015
From/To Mayor Jan McWilliams re <i>inaction</i>	22/8/2015
From/To Len Roberts re <i>Ramps/Signage/communication</i>	22-24/8/2015
From (x2) /To (x2) Ron Hartley re <i>Signage</i>	26/8-3/9/2015
From Ron Hartley re <i>Drainage works commencing</i>	4/9/2015
From Andrew Staniland <i>Plan and Contours of Hall site</i>	9/9/2015
To Kirsty Hughes MidCoast Water re <i>NSW Govt proposals for Sewerage/Water</i>	28/9/2015
From Daniel Brauer MidCoast Water re <i>sewerage proposals for the Cove</i>	9/10/2015

Moved: Pat Brennan	Seconded: Trish Woodrow	Carried
That Correspondence be accepted.		

4. Reports

4.1. Treasurer's Report

Report October 2015 from 1/6/2015 to 30/9/2015		
Balances	Opening	Closing
Friends of Fame Cove	725.22	700.22
NACRA	3404.19	3769.55
Proj Map Sign	34.90	0.00
Proj Casuarina Tank	1000.00	1000.00
Website cost provision	206.50	206.50
	5370.81	5676.27
Beyond Bank	5370.81	5676.27
Total	5370.81	5676.27
Plus Income to 30 Sep		
Interest	7.43	
Member subscriptions	400.00	
Website Sponsorship	30.00	
Total Income	437.43	
Less Expenditure to 30 Sep		
Website fees	45.00	
Gen. exp. Fame Cove	25.00	
Gen. expense NACRA	61.97	
Total Expenditure	131.97	
Closing Balance	=	5676.27
Financial members	=	44

Moved: Kath Kohlhoff

Seconded: Maria Pickles

Carried

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

4.2. **Website** Doug expressed his thanks to those who kept the site active during Doug's absence.

4.3. **Firewise** Doug reported that funds for any further work on implementing the community protection plan (including The Esplanade connection if approved) will not become available until late this year. There is an update from Ian Cook on website. Andrew Blatch has brought contractors to the Hall to quote on the upgrades to make it a Community Safe Place.

4.4. **Road Map & Street Signage** Doug reported that in spite of a great deal of correspondence: there had been no action. Ron Hartley now acknowledges that something should be done and agreed to come to talk to us about signage when he is next in the area. There is also no progress on the re-erection of the Village Map.

4.5. **Community Garden Network** Concluded – *still* awaiting final feedback from CBP.

4.6. **Waterfront Amenities Project** Doug explained that approval from Crown Lands was now not expected until probably December. No action from Council.

4.7. **Water Tank project** Gary reported that the tank looks to be repairable with cleaning and a new lid and extension of guttering. This, together with vandal-proof spring tap and plumbing, should hopefully fit within our reduced budget. Local RFS will assist with Storz fitting. Gary is awaiting quote from a man from Clarencetown and hopes the project will be completed within the month.

4.8. Community Site Management Plan sub-committee

a) Andrew Staniland has proposed that the interested local groups work together to produce a draft Management Plan for Council approval. He has supplied an aerial photo of the site and a plan although it is not very useful or accurate. Gary is working on preparing a better version.

b) The clearing of the area opposite the Hall site as part of the work on the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) raised a number of issues and opportunities. Properties from 107-115 Eastslope Way are much safer from bushfire but now very exposed to westerly winds. They would benefit from suitable screen planting. For the APZ to be maintained regrowth needs to be kept under control. The Village has been lacking in open space for recreation and this work has potentially created one. The land is currently classified as Road Reserve and would need to be re-gazetted as Community Land. Applications for Community Building Partnership funding closed on 7 August.

An application to Community Building Partnerships was therefore quickly prepared to seek funds for work on a play area/parking/screen planting (a “**Village Green**”) in the area opposite the Hall and submitted just before closing time when Andrew Staniland finally supplied a Council letter of support. *If* such a proposal is agreeable to the community then (subject to funds) it can progress. Some of the work will need to be undertaken by local volunteer effort. Any work would need to commence soon before regrowth takes completely over.

There was enthusiastic support for the concept and discussion about usage and planting.

4.9. Fame Cove Len reported that some significant blasting has occurred on the Fame Cove site although the approved variation in the DA was meant to obviate the need for blasting. Significant clearing has occurred close to the waterline. An overall plan should be received by Council by the end of October. It is expected to be a gated community. A large jetty 30 m long and 5 m high has been approved.

4.10. Hall Committee - Maureen reported that someone has looked at the floor and recommended a water-based coating rather than re-sanding; a Melbourne Cup fund raiser on 3rd November and a Christmas gathering on 11 December (BYO everything) are to be held. There is planned a Carols evening at Heros Beach on 3 December at which money for sporting equipment will be presented to children entering High School. Finally Maureen pointed that that in October next year the hall will have been here for 20 years.

Moved: Maureen Kelly

Seconded: Stephanie Hunter

Carried

That reports be accepted.

5. General Business

5.1. Drainage Stormwater work at/near 10 Cove Bvd is now scheduled to start very soon followed then by work around 110 Cove Bvd. Some material has already been delivered to the Cove.

5.2. Midcoast waterThe NSW Government has some funds available to connect water and/or sewerage infrastructure to small villages. Relevant organisations, including MidCoast, were invited to submit proposals.

Daniel Brauer, Group Manager Planning and Development at MidCoast has emailed Doug some details of what is proposed. His email is fairly lengthy so Doug will put the contents up as an article on the website. In brief ...

MidCoast Water have now made expressions of interest both to the NSW Government and to the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund relating to seven villages lacking either water and/or sewerage within their area including North Arm Cove.

The submission for the Cove did not address water supply at all. Sewering the Cove (together with some other villages) presents costly challenges due to the hard rock close beneath the surface. The proposal submitted for the Cove was along the lines of one developed about

just over a decade ago which requires a lot of pumping. The cost for our village has been estimated at over \$11.4million. That is around \$40,000 per house. It is equivalent to 10% of the total funds the Government has set aside – to cover 70 villages. MidCoast have asked the state government for 50% funding. That is, \$5.7million.

The state government is currently considering all the expressions of interest and will choose some of these to proceed further with detailed proposals.

5.3. **Rubbish dumping near turn off** – There was discussion about the amount of litter and suggestions for solutions eg fine notice, camera or pull off area and rubbish bin .

Moved: Kerryan Griffin

Seconded: Trish Woodrow

Carried

That NACRA approach Council to express concern and listing possible solutions.

5.4. **Speed limits** It was agreed that speeding motorists in the Village area including near the Hall were posing a danger.

Next General Meeting will be held on 12 December 2015 at 10am

Closure at 11.40 am

Approved as a true and correct record:

President

Date