



Scotland Island Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: November 17, 2013
Venue: Hall
Present: Judy Readman, Cass Gye, Sue Dickson, Graeme Crayford, Carol Floyd, Bill Gye, Tim Turpin, Colin Haskell
Apologies: June Lahm, Jon Maxim, Ruth Gaines, Alan Gaines, Debbie Cordukes
Opening: Meeting opened at 10:10 am

OPERATIONS

Previous Minutes:

Action Points Completed:

- **Harold Reserve:** PWC not removing dead trees.
Action: P&R to follow-up **DONE** Notice in PON asking people to remove kayaks
- **Waste Water Run Off:** PWC inspected sites identified; forwarded letter to SIRA indicating follow up with the relevant property owners regarding remedial actions.
Action: W&W follow-up PWC **DONE** GC drove Compliance Officer to sites; PWC sent notification to residents; follow-up after summer
- **Community Vehicle: Driver Police and Health Checks:**
Action: CV to adopt; advise drivers and reimburse expenses **DONE**
- **Pittwater Offshore Soapbox (POS):**
Action: CommsSC to progress **DONE** will form part of new website
- **Visitor Policy:** Special Meeting agreed to rescind policy
Action: Remove from SIRA website **DONE**
- **Community Engagement Survey:** Review as part of Community Engagement process **Action:** BG contact facilitator **DONE** BG spoke to Jane Mulrone, CE Officer, PWC
- **Hall:** Hall power consumption has increased, possibly due to AC not being switched off. **Action:** Hall to follow-up with PWC regarding installation of on/off switch **DONE:** CF requested timer switch; AGL account shows usage has increased
- **CP Community Forum:** BG to take lead in organising and running **DONE**
- **Pasadena:** BG represented SIRA at on-site meeting of the Land & Environment Conciliation Conference September 30; spoke at Council's Development Unit Meeting the following Thursday ahead of report and recommendation to a full Council Meeting; need to continue to push for demand management in carpark
Action: BG to speak at the full Council Meeting **DONE**
- **Emergency Water Associate Membership:** Legal advice received that it is problematic to have two classes of member with different rights; agreed to explore alternatives
Action: JR, GC, CG to pursue alternatives **DONE** Suggestion that tick boxes be included on membership form for members to indicate preference for water only or full membership. No change to voting rights
- **AGM:** CG to submit application for extension. **DONE**

Action Points Ongoing:

- **SIRAC Decision Making Process:** **Action:** BG to distribute amended document for approval via Email
- **Dog Leash-Free Period:** Awaiting response from PWC. **Action:** RG to arrange on-site community meeting

through PON. CG reported on dogs roaming and chickens have been killed. **Action:** Reports should go to PWC; CG will work with concerned resident to put notice in PON

- **Community Hall:** CF suggested mural painted on outside of building. **Action:** CF to follow-up with EC and PWC. Refer Hall Report.
- **Emergency Water:** Consider need to implement one-way valves to prevent back-flow. **Action:** EW audit existing standpipes; trial use of one-way valves at up to 6 sites
- **Community Vehicle Additional Funding:** Explore use of funds to repair Hair Pin bend for safety reasons **Action:** CV to follow-up with Transport for NSW

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Refer Report.

- Outstanding POD debt for advertising; business sold. Agreed to approach new owner for half price and change in online POD **Action:** CG arrange for mobile number to be changed
- TUG has opened a bank account ; SIRA no longer responsible for accounts; still responsible for insurance and licence agreement
- Audit completed to be presented at AGM; change to reporting for EW Provision to more accurately reflect position; CG has historical documents with PWC and Sydney Water about trust account for EW funds; consider possibility of scanning.
- Moved that report be accepted GC; Seconded SD

DISCUSSION TOPICS

SIRA Website Update: See Report. Meeting held; JM proposed website architecture generally agreed; agreed to engage someone to convert existing website to new Word Press website hosted by Lightning Base.

Action: Architecture to be finalised; quote to come on conversion; CF to submit funding proposal.

SIRA Constitution Community Forum: GC gave review on Constitution. In summary;

- SIRA is incorporated under Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Associated Incorporation Regulation 2010.
- Model constitution prevails when things not covered by our own Constitution. SIRA constitution written more than 20 years ago basically the same with wording differences as the Act has been changed (2009). GC has compared the model to our constitution and reviewed the differences.
- Committee size in Model total 7 members
- AGM nominations to be submitted 7 days in advance; nominations from the floor permitted

Discussion about process to change number of positions: CF: according to decision making process we should to go a survey and a Special Meeting to go to community to be presented at an AGM for a decision.

- GC: no legal obligation to advise of meetings or agendas; however, we do this anyway
- Minutes should be published.
- President is only Chair of the Board of Management and presides at meetings; VP is there as deputy. Secretary and Treasurer have detailed duties and must perform them under the Act.

JR: the role of SIRAC needs to be made clear at the meeting; BG: Committee of Management is preferable to Board of Management. BG proposed we consider the issues to present at a meeting.

- Number of committee members; TT; legal advice on this issue that change cannot be put into place until the following year. Committee discussed optimal number of members and voted.
- Proposal for 9 members; 2 votes; for 11 members, 5 votes; 13 members, 1 vote; 15 members, 1 vote. Meeting agreed that at the Forum the Committee will propose that the number of the Committee members be reduced to 11. However, after further discussion, meeting agreed not to proceed on this proposal.
- Election of Committee: by written nominations received 7 days before AGM; signatures can be by email.

This is as per our Constitution. The only change is that nominations from the floor can only be received if nominations to fill the positions are insufficient. Agreed unanimously.

Action: GC to present the Constitution at the Forum

Community Engagement: CG: referred to commitment to engage a consultant; Anne Palmer is willing to facilitate the Forum. Moved BG: that we have a Forum to include Community Engagement and GC to present on the Constitution; Seconded CF. Carried

Action: CG to liaise with Anne Palmer and announce Forum for December 1 in PON

Venue for Christmas Meeting: December 22 with Xmas lunch afterwards; no Open Discussion Session.

January Meeting: January 19, 2014. **Action:** To be announced in PON.

AGM: February 23 **Action:** To be announced in PON; discuss agenda at Christmas meeting

SIRA Church Point Options Offshore Survey: BG presented results of survey; to be sent to PWC and in PON.

Action: Forward results to PWC tomorrow and PON. Meeting voted thanks to BG for all his work

WORKING GROUPS

Parks and Reserves: No time for discussion; JR: the Leahvera proposal to confirmed by email. **Action:** Comment by Tuesday night; no objections letter to be sent with recommendations to PWC

TUG Report: See report from Annette Ritchie who is now liaison person; thanks to Colin Haskell for all his work.

OPEN DISCUSSION SESSION:

Visitors: Jenny Frazer; Jenny Cullen; Robyn Iredale

NB: Secretary recorded the Session, but may not fully represent the discussion; some points may not have been fully recorded.

Jenny Cullen: why has there not been emphasis that the new car parking is not just for us and why not push for it now, not afterwards.

BG: this has been known since 2009; there has been much lobbying; if we delay the decision until after they agree to exclusivity, we would miss our window of opportunity to improve parking.

CH: do we know how much money is being collected from the car park and commuter wharf. BG: over four years PWC has collected about \$850,000.

BG: the question about exclusivity is important. Chris Hunt has stated that it could be from 5:30 to 9:30 am; optimistic that this will be approved at Council.

JC: if Pay and Display is available during the day it will feed into supporting the DA for the Pasadena.

BG: our position is 24-hour exclusivity for permit holders, with our fall-back position being the 5:30pm to 9:30 am and weekends. The sequence is that the infrastructure is decided, then the other issues.

JC: does not understand why there is this sequence.

Survey: BG revealed the results of the survey; we should lobby for priority being given to people who already have Church Point P.

JC: the diversity of opinion should be represented in our mandate.

Jenny Frazer : how will the survey will be interpreted for those who wanted Pause and Reassess and also wanted to vote for an Option. BG: the comments made will be sent to PWC and the public.

CH: will the cost of the parking permits will be as forecast, or will we be charged more if there is a cost blow-out. BG: PWC has always said the permit prices were indicative, but costs have been rigorously analysed; tenders could go out as fixed price; if no one could do it for that price and there was a massive blow-out might have to go back to the community; according to data room to move on the fees. JR: SIRAC and WPCA were able to get fees lower for commuter wharf; PWC has been quite good about negotiating to reach a mutually acceptable level.

Robyn Iredale: what percentage the response of 393 represented; BG: 357 (SI) + 169 (bays) = 526 (approx.) households so the vote was about than 50%; RI an important figure and represented a very high response rate.

JF: surprised at the PWC Forum to find a lot of people who recognise that we need parking, that it is not a now or never proposal. CF: felt that Onshore people were overwhelmingly against any additional parking; JF: many people Onshore did not understand the complexity of our issues. CH: we have to put forward our views and PWC will find a middle way. JC: the positions of the two Offshore organisations are anti-deck but for extra parking and exclusivity.

RI: now that the decision was made, those opposing should accept the marjority decision and not lobby for the opposing point of view. CF: everyone still has the freedom to continue advocating their own preference.

BG: those who supported the Ground Level Option should come up with alternative configurations within the CPPOM footprint that may allow for more than 60 spaces.

JF: why the AGM is delayed and asked whether SIRAC has asked for permission. Reply: Yes.

JF: could put something out in PON. BG: already decided to do so.