

Scotland Island Residents' Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: September 2, 2013 7pm
Venue: Hall
Present: Judy Readman, Betsi Beem, Cass Gye, Jon Maxim, Sue Dickson, Alan Gaines, Graeme Crayford, Ruth Gaines, Carol Floyd, Bill Gye, Tim Turpin, June Lahm
Apologies: Ian Souter, Colin Haskell, June Lahm

CLOSED SESSION: Opened at 7 pm

Code of Conduct: presented and voted on. **Agreed unanimously.**

Response to Allegations:

BG proposed that those with a perceived conflict of interest for this item should absent themselves from the meeting at this point. BG and JR left the room. BB was absent.

Allegations of bullying have been made against the Committee and that the response to these claims should stand; suggested that distribution of the document be deferred as mediation was being negotiated.

Proposal that that the document stands: Moved: CG; Seconded: GC. **Motion passed: 5 for, 4 against**

Independent mediation through Relationships Australia is being arranged; this involves discussions with both parties to seek a resolution. The two parties have agreed; the cost is about \$1000. Proposal that funds be approved. Moved: CG; Seconded: CF. **Motion declined.** Review of costs requested. **Action: TT to negotiate costs and inform Committee for approval by email asap**

OPEN SESSION Opened at 7.45pm

BG, JR and BB jointed the meeting

Observers Welcomed: Jenny Cullen, Annette Ritchie, Richard and Margaret Hughes, Jenny and Scott Frazer, Hubert van Mierlo, Karl Mallon, Michael Chapman, Karen Warburton, Sam Collins, Di and Duncan Watts, Shona Forsyth, Phil Pryor, Emmie Collins, Greg Roberts, Paul Smith, Robyn Iredale

Previous Minutes:

Minutes accepted

Action Points Ongoing:

- **Waste Water Run Off:** Areas marked on map and sent to PWC Compliance. **Action: W&W to followup with PWC**
- **Community Vehicle:**
Complaints Procedure: **Action: CV update manual and notice for vehicle**
Driver Police and Health Checks: **Action: CV to adopt; advise drivers and reimburse costs**
- **AGM Scheduled Date:** Agreed December 1, 2013; announcement for nominations and procedure outlined in advance. **Action: GovernanceSC to draft procedure for comment**
- **Pittwater Offshore Soapbox (POS):** **Action: CommsSC to progress; consider current forum**
- **Community Hall Café:** EOI to go in PON **Action: CF to draft; send to CommsSC for review; NO RESPONSE, advertise again in a few months**
- **SIRAC Fished Dinner:** **Action: CommsSc Schedule for next year**

Financial Report:

Tabled and accepted; CG proposed honorariums continue. Moved: BG; Seconded: JR. **Meeting agreed. GC abstained due to conflict of interest**

AGENDA ITEMS

Church Point Community Expo:

Expo on current CPPOM and historical options; PWC General Manager and Senior Council staff to be available; interim communication went out in PON; WPCA to be included. Proposal that CE form a balanced team of SIRAC members and Working Group to organise. **Meeting agreed** Proposed dates September 8, 15, and 29; Expo in the morning, sausage/veg sizzle lunch and afternoon presentations. **Action: CE to organise**

SIRAC Decision Making Process:

Survey distributed via email distribution; BG proposed comments to be put out. Refine document and present next meeting. **Agreed. Action: BG to prepare document**

Review of SIRAC Communication and Community Engagement Processes:

BG proposed an open community forum to review processes; appoint group to work on implementation of the processes and report; BG proposed a group of seven; terms of reference to be proposed by the group. Moved: BG; Seconded: RG **Meeting agreed** BG suggested terms of reference be formed by SIRAC members and CE. **Action: BB to form team**

Website:

Comms Website group decided on WordPress for new website; hosting costs between \$5 and \$30; recommended a quality host at \$29. Approved in principle, subject to formal funding request. **Action: CF to provide formal proposal**

Visitor's Policy:

CF proposed that it be amended to recognise Q&A sessions at the end of the meeting. **Agreed.** BG suggested we draft new policy. **Action: CE to draft new policy for approval at a special meeting before the next scheduled committee meeting**

Submissions to SIRA to be put on website along with the meeting minutes, subject to submitter's permission

Parks and Reserves:

Harold Reserve:

New light installed; PWC extended rail; notice drafted for PON; three dead trees in Reserve identified for removal to allow water craft to be moved; draft notice about trees. **Action: P&R to send notice to Comms; draft notice about trees**

Catherine Park:

Silt pit below fireshed to be cleared of weeds; issue of increased buggies in park. **Action: P&R to followup weeds and discuss buggies**

Dog Leash-Free Period: RG proposed a leash-free period, same model as at Mackerel, 6:30am to 9:30am, 5 pm to sunset. If approved request PWC install dog-poo bins. **Action: RG to organise meeting on- site through PON**

Leahvera Reserve:

On site community forum to review options to manage the area. **Action: P&R announce in PON**

SIRAC Community Engagement Survey: Survey developed with members of community and Committee. Proposed that we get an independent person to review the document. Moved: BG; Seconded: CF **Meeting agreed. Action: BG to source person within two weeks**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Hall: CF suggested mural painted on outside of building; possibly a competition or a guiding artist to work with the community; suggestion of a community project; support from PWC required as building owner. **Action: CF to follow up with EC and PWC**

Emergency Water: New regulations for Private Water Carriers; documentation must be kept; problems with water must be reported. Reconsider the requirement for backflow valves to reduce chance of tank water going into system; backflow valves could reduce pressure, especially to the top of the Island. **Action: EW to review regulations and investigate back flow valves**

Meeting closed at 9 pm

Next meeting: October 6, 2013

Q&A Session opened 9pm

Q & A Session

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Session commenced approx. 7.45pm

Note: The following is a summary of the session discussion and not a complete account of all comments made. Errors and omissions accepted

SPEAKERS:

Jenny Cullen: Church Point Friends

CP parking demand management

See written submission (JC agreed her submission could be put on website).

Discussion arising from Jenny's submission:

- **Demand Management:** BG said demand management is a priority and will continue to be put forward to PWC. The permits are, in themselves, a form of demand management.
 - **Partial restriction on Pay and Display in the main carpark (CP Permit Holders only from 5 pm to 9 am in main carpark):** BG said letter requesting this for half the carpark and three other requests to improve parking availability for Offshore residents was sent to PWC three months ago (see website). PWC rejected suggestion, but we should continue to push this and other solutions. The new

carpark opposite Commuter Wharf will be at least 5 pm to 9am CP Permit Holders only; we should push for no Pay and Display in this area.

- *Shuttle bus*: BG said this is a good idea and has been suggested many times; will be absolutely necessary when Pasadena opens.
- *Limit on number of permits sold*: BG said PWC rejected this; limiting the number of permits per Offshore household would create problems for larger households; PWC said only 6 Permits sold to non-Offshore residents and 24 “tradies” during working hours.
- BB said bottom line is that if there is not a demand management system, there is no point to the CPPOM. BG said you need both as additional parking will help.
- *Parking vehicles 7-days on local streets*: CG said Paul Davies advised there had been requests for resident only parking in Eastview. BB said Paul Davies has said that exclusive parking for residents would require an amendment through Traffic Committee; she said more focus needed on demand management; come up with a coherent plan with Onshore Associations.
- *Deferring any decisions on Church Point until after resolution of Pasadena DA*: BG spoke against this; whether the Pasadena goes ahead or not, extra parking is required and will definitely be needed if it proceeds. Sam Collins said put more energy into fighting the Pasadena DA. BG agreed and said this has been done and will continue. Sam Collins said he had read all the documents on the Pasadena; the applicant has now applied to the L&E Court; PWC has two options: deal with it themselves or go to court. If SIRAC took it on in Court it would be very expensive. Jenny Frazer said the applicants are now accepting that they will not go beyond 138 places; she said that on the conservative side it is 40 or 50 cars. CG said L&E Court held an on-site meeting last time where speakers were invited.
- Sam Collins: commented on commitment of resources; we should devote resources to stopping the Pasadena. CF replied that we do not have 5.4 million dollars. BG said we would take it on board and do what we can within the limit of resources.
- Karl Mallon: how will future decisions about implementing the CPPOM be made. BG talked about a Community Survey after the Community Expo; he spoke about accrued carpark funds and these offsetting the expenditure of 5.4 million. BB asked what projects would be displaced as indicated in Chris Hunt’s email. BG replied that the accrued funds will allow PWC to service the loan, so displacement will not be necessary.
- Hubert van Mierlo: who will guarantee that all options are on the table at the Expo.
- BG spoke of the need to recognize Ian Souter’s significant contribution to the development and implementation of the CPPOM.
- Jenny Cullen: summarized her points and asked that they be further considered by SIRAC. SIRAC agreed that they would be put on agenda for discussion at the next meeting. CG suggested that CP Subcommittee meet to discuss and report to SIRAC.

Jenny Frazer: SIRA response to her submission; said that when she speaks to other stakeholders they say SIRAC does not speak to them. There should be Onshore and Offshore Committees at a joint meeting; dialogue is sorely lacking. JR suggested that PWC should arrange meeting. CF noted that at Comms/CE meeting regarding the Expo, it was resolved to ask PWC to host larger forum. BG said there had been a very long history of dialogue between Associations; since the adoption of the CPPOM there has not been as much of a need to meet.

Hubert Van Mierlo: Questions for Committee – Issues that arose in July, as far as he knows, have not been dealt with. JR answered that we are not under Workplace laws; we have

adopted a Code of Conduct for the Committee; as President there is not much she can do when things occur outside meetings.

Karl Mallon: said that the AGM had been rigged, mentioned 'branch stacking'. This was met with astonishment from Committee members. CF refuted this and asked that he substantiate his accusation. He said he could not. He asked what SIRAC was doing about the bullying accusations and made comments about the bullying culture in SIRAC. BG responded and stated that, whilst SIRAC does not tolerate rude behavior, he rejected the accusation of systemic bullying.

Meeting then degenerated into further accusations and defenses.

Michael Chapman: proposed that we put behind us the last few minutes; try not to go into reverse and get some respect and good will. CF noted that the review of processes and communication, proposed during the meeting, should address some of the issues that concern Karl Mallon.

Session ended at approximately 10:45 pm.