**Scotland Island Residents’ Association**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**Date:** 22nd January, 2017

**Venue:** SI Community Hall

**Present:** Hubert van Mierlo, Alec Beckett, Jane Rich, Eileen O’Neill, Boyd Attewell

**Apologies:** Bill Gye, Sharon Kinnison

**Opening**: Meeting opened at 10:10 a.m.

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| **SIRAC Business** | | |
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| 1. | **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**  **(Oct 2016)** | Approved |
| 2. | **CASUAL VACANCIES**  - Resignations from Ray de Smeth and Sam Collins have been received.  - Committee vacancy: Colin Haskell nominated by Hubert van Mierlo and seconded by Jane Rich.  - Secretary: Alec Beckett nominated by Hubert van Mierlo and seconded by Boyd Attewell. | Approved    Approved |
| 3. | **CORRESPONDENCE**  a) Donation to SIRFB  - Letter sent to redirect the donation into the correct account (incorrect account details were sent to SIRA). Money has been received with thanks in the correct account.  b) Party Houses  - Support for restrictions received  - NSW Government is currently examining a solution which will be introduced to the Legislative Assembly hopefully by the end of March.  c) Ausgrid  - Idea floated by Ausgrid to use some properties on the island to generate power for redundancy purposes. Community engagement to start next month. Look into what other islands do. | SIRFB email        Email from member      Email |
| 4. | **TREASURER’S REPORT**  - SIRA is tracking well. Currently above budget. Nothing is expected to change these figures. |  |
| 5. | **EMERGENCY WATER**  Proposal to investigate an automated water booking system. New system would be able to:  - Check that invoices include the BSB/account details.  - Future options for online payment and mobile app.  - Panel to convene to progress further. Hubert to not be involved due to conflict of interest. | Further discussion to be held and decision made prior to next meeting |
| **6.** | **CHURCH POINT**  a) Update on the Aesthetics Advisory Group  - SIRA rep Liz Hazelwood reported to the committee.  - Productive enhancements through the advisory group.  - Group looking at the Church Point Precinct  - Current works specific to  - Lockers, bikes, boardwalks, security, façade to curve (whereas carpark is a box). 40km/h speed limit.  - Would like feedback to be sent to the community and to receive comments to take to the next meeting. | Continued liaising and feedback  Submission to continue works in the area to complete the CP precinct upgrade as works already underway. |
| **7.** | **CONFIRMATION OF FOCUS GROUPS**  - See below |  |

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| **QUESTION TIME** | | |
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| **8.** | **QUESTIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MEETING**  a) What is the reason for the emergency water price increase?  Price increase first in a significant time (approx. 1990s)  To keep water affordable and to develop a slight profit.  b) Why will the leased spots in the new car park be on the more exposed rooftop level?  Fewer drive-bys as cars search for spots to reduce traffic and noise for local residents.  Disabled spots to be on the general public level and are required to be downstairs.    **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**  a) None |  |

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| **WORKING GROUP FOCUS** | | |
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| **9.** | **GOLF BUGGIES**    29 members present including approx 14 buggy owners    Introduction from Jane.  Colin explained current situation (legal and logistical).    Graham and a few others have conditional registration (2015) – had to pursue it through RMS. Website available.    Comment: If buggies are banned or become cost-prohibitive, people will switch to cars.    Annette on behalf of SIRFS: Busier roads makes it harder for SIRFS trucks.    Q: Is it SIRA’s role to bring in these roles/punishments? What could they (the punishments) be? If so, does that make SIRA liable in the case of an incident?  A: It is not SIRA’s role to be a regulator or enforcer (and neither does SIRA want that role). Thus, a suggested Code of Conduct up for discussion would be voluntary as it is for the TUG group of boat owners. Legally, the vehicles can be fined by the Water Police now for parking at Catherine Park approach and being unregistered (cautions have been given).  SIRA recommended to be an advocacy group.  Code of Conduct (CC) term discussed as not possible to be mandated. The name “CC” and the signing of a document suggests that the terms it contains are prescriptive and that it would be illegal to drive a buggy without signing the code. As this is not the case, suggestion of calling it a “Voluntary Code of Conduct” or something similar, (suggested examples include Responsible Use of Buggies or Buggies User Group Guidelines (BUGGS)).  Voluntary CC to include obvious common sense guidelines as well as parking management (parking to allow room for SIRFS trucks). Needs to be in conjunction with an Island awareness campaign.  Parking in Catherine Park is an issue due to damage of the park facilities and environment (eg, grass along path and sea wall, turning circle and around the base of the tree, degradation of furniture and erosion). Further discussion with Council required. General feeling was that vehicles be asked to park on the road below the fire shed and be aware of SIRFS trucks needs for safe passage.  General consensus is to proceed with a voluntary CC or whatever it’s to be called, which makes recommendations or sets guidelines for buggy owners. Stickers could be used on the buggies to show owner has signed up to the code.  SIRA to continue to push RMS to allow for conditional licensing, which would include road-worthiness and third party insurance. In the meantime, voluntary inspections are worth investigation for individual user’s piece of mind. | Continue pushing for RMS to introduce conditional licensing.    Draft a voluntary code of conduct.    Look into possibility of voluntary inspections on the island. |

**Meeting concluded at 12.43pm**

**ROLLING TASK LIST**

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| **Topic / Working Groups / Sub-Committees** | **Group or person responsible** | **Upcoming Tasks** | **Significant Dates** |
| **Church Point Redevelopment** | Hubert van Mierlo, Colin Haskell, Jenny Cullen, Bill Gye, Lizzie, Judy Redman |  |  |
| **Buggies** | Jane Rich, Ray de Smeth, Sharon Kinnison, Lizzie Hazelwood, Cass |  |  |
| **Wharves** | Alec Beckett, Sam Collins, Ray de Smeth, Colin Haskell |  |  |
| **Party Houses** | Sam Collins |  |  |
| **Wastewater and Water** | Hubert van Mierlo, Colin Haskell, Cass, Bill, Judy, Basil, Maree, (ask Steve Yorke) |  |  |
| **Parks, Reserves and the Natural Environment** | Emmie Collins, Sharon Kinnison |  |  |
| **Roads and Drainage** | Sharon Kinnison, Ray de Smeth, Cass Gye |  |  |
| **SIOCS (Scotland Island Off-shore Children’s Services) - Kindy** | Boyd Attewell, Colin Haskell, Ray de Smeth |  |  |
| **Communications and Community Engagement** | Alec Beckett (Secretary), Sam Collins |  |  |
| **Waste Management** | Eileen O’Neill, Emmie Collins, Cass Gye |  |  |
| **SIRA Governance, Finance, Membership and Insurances** | Boyd Attewell (Treasurer), Hubert van Mierlo (President), Alec Beckett (Secretary) |  |  |
| **Hall Management and Hire** | Jane Rich, Barbara Labram |  |  |
| **Emergency Water** | Boyd Attewell, Hubert van Mierlo, Cass Gye |  |  |
| **Community Vehicle** | Colin Haskell, Cass Gye, Graeme Crayford |  |  |