

SPECIAL MEETING BETWEEN BPKTCA AND BPKTCA RECREATION HUB & SKATEPARK SUB COMMITTEE

Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 5pm

Present: Roger Lucas (Chair), Kerry Callaghan, Lurlene Eve, Moira Heath, Carrie Jansma, Rob Jansma, Owen McTavish, Renee Skwarko, Jamilla Wood, Kathleen Forrester, Annie Haughey, Lucien McDowell (via video), Carly McTavish, Terry Nicholls, Cec Skwarko, Michael Skwarko, & Liza Butler

Apologies: Bev Saunders, Luci Somers

Roger opened the meeting & thanked everyone for their attendance. Roger explained the reason for the meeting was that there had been unfavourable community reaction to the survey regarding the Recreation & Skatepark Hub & he was concerned that this reaction might prevent the progression of this Recreation & Skatepark Hub project. Roger stated that Liza had met with concerned members of the community from Kioloa & had also met with concerned members of the community from Bawley Point. Roger asked Liza to address the meeting.

Liza outlined her meetings with the concerned residents stating that they did not oppose a Recreation & Skatepark Hub they just opposed it going into either Kioloa or into Bawley Reserve. Liza stated that they would be happy with a compromise location of the south side of the Men's Shed, provided that no ratepayers funds were used for the building of this facility.

A number of members of the Recreation & Skatepark Hub Sub Committee expressed their concern & disappointment that community members were being spoken to without representatives of the Sub Committee being present & also without younger family members being present.

Roger tabled the following motion & asked the Skatepark Committee to consider putting the motion forward to the Community Association.

On Tuesday 12 October 2021, the committee of the BPKTCA met with the Recreation & Skatepark Hub sub-committee to address the issue of the skatepark in the Bawley Point/Kioloa area.

The sub-committee resolved to advise the BPKTCA that it:

- favoured only the area south of the existing mens shed as the only preferred site for the Recreation & Skatepark Hub*
- is committed to the concept of the Hub including other recreational features & recommends the community be requested to submit suggestions for other facilities*
- will not access ratepayers' funds to construct the Skatepark, and*
- will accept any community decision as to whether or not the Council's full consultation process continues.*

Various members of the Recreation & Skatepark Hub Sub Committee & the Community Association outlined their disagreement with the motion because no sites are being considered at this time & therefore they could not agree to this motion. There was also concern expressed by both Community Association representatives & members of the Skatepark Sub Committee, that stipulations were being proposed by a small representation of the community that 'no ratepayers funds were to be used for the building of a Skatepark'.

The Recreation & Skatepark Hub Sub Committee advised that no sites are being considered at this time. They also highlighted that the current Council survey is to ascertain the level of interest in a Recreation & Skatepark Hub & reiterated that no sites will be considered or even discussed until the current Council survey is complete.

The Recreation & Skatepark Hub Sub Committee stated that the current survey process being conducted by the Council should be allowed to continue & that we should await the results of that survey before talking about any sites or how it is to be funded.

The Chair could not obtain a mover of the motion so declared the motion lapsed.

It was agreed by the majority of persons present at the meeting that we should allow the current process to run on the Council's Survey & not interfere with that process.

It was further agreed that any comments from community members regarding the Recreation & Skatepark Hub process should be directed to Council.

The matter of the next General Meeting was raised. It was noted that it was to be held on 29 November, however due to COVID restrictions being eased as at 1 December, it was felt that the General Meeting should be held on 5 December, to enable all members to attend whether vaccinated or not. All agreed with this.

Roger thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm