



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BAWLEY POINT, KIOLOA AND TERMEIL

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General Meeting- Sunday 10 am 25 February 2024
AGENDA

Present: Peter Longstaff (Secretary), Tony Sattler (Public Officer), Lynn Cowley (minutes), Karen Jones, Jenny Longstaff, Veronica & Geoff Rohan, Bev Saunders, Stephen McCall, Dieter & Kay Franke, Carol Sullivan, Linda Lane, Roger & Karin Lucas, Clr Gillian Boyd, Graeme Heriot, Lurlene Eve, Virginia Woodland, Sandra Worth, Moira Heath, Kerry Callaghan, Ian Morrison, Marg Hamon, Maggie Mance

Apologies: Kylie Brindley (Treasurer), Margot Nichols (President), Claire Stephenson, Luci Somers, Bob Jansma, Carrie Smith, John & Helen Nelson, Chris Woodland, John Lane

Minutes of the last General Meeting Sunday 24 November 2023

Circulated via web chimp.

Moved that minutes be accepted: Peter Longstaff / Karen Jones: Carried

Correspondence IN – distributed via MailChimp

Correspondence OUT – distributed via MailChimp

Governance, Administration and Management

Treasurer's report

Circulated via Mailchimp and presented via PowerPoint at the meeting.

Moved that Treasurer's report be accepted: Peter Longstaff / Lurlene Eve: Carried.

Subcommittee reports

Community Connect – Graeme Heriot

Money (\$1.5 million) is currently with Transport NSW. The council is required to have milestones in place, and then the money will be in the Council's hands. Once the Council has the money, they will put out tenders. Tender process is expected to take up to 6 weeks. It is hoped that work on the pathway will be commenced by July. Some ANU paperwork is still required for the Butler's Creek end of the pathway. This will not be completed until the money is in place with the Council. However, work can commence at the Racecourse end and by the time the work gets to Butlers Creek it is expected that all ANU paperwork re Butlers Creek will be completed.

Once the allocated money is with Council it cannot be used for anything else, just the bike path.

Current Projects

Strategic Plan

Letters of support for the strategic plan have been received.

John Meyer and Lynn met with Clr Patricia White seeking advice on where to access some funding.

Council may or may not be able to match funding, so we may need to source the whole \$60000.

Moira Heath mentioned that even if we do get funding and get our Strategic Plan, there will not be any Council funding for any new projects for the next 3 – 5 years.

Strategic Plan could include more than just projects, i.e. future planning for the whole area, what is acceptable and what is not.

Moira mentioned that if we do get funding, the council are not doing any new projects for the next 3 years, so is it worth moving forward with the grant, should we perhaps wait a few years.

Clr Gillian Boyd said Council is currently undertaking a review of the current LEP, which includes the character of each village and could include future planning for this area. Most of the review will be done in-

house with the help of a few consultants, eg heritage and indigenous. The LEP review will take a number of years.

Action: BPKTCA to discuss with Council to see exactly what will be included in the new LEP. It may be that it will not be necessary for BPKTCA to proceed with the Strategic Plan for now as the new LEP may be enough.

Bawley Point Reserve Playground Upgrade

Completed thanks to Renee Skwarko

Kioloa Playground upgrade

Completed thanks to Renee Skwarko

General Business

Rate rise

Council proposed a significant rate rise. Through the efforts of individuals, some of the CCBs and some of the Councillors, this proposal was overturned.

However, the Council is still in financial distress. How do we want to proceed as a CA / CCB to work with Council and other CCBs to get them out of this poor financial situation?

During the last couple of months, the various Shoalhaven CCBs worked well together, sharing letters, views, etc. Some of the CCBs want to go further and look into how the Council got into this mess and work out a way forward.

Council recently sent out a survey for individuals to complete. The link was distributed via MailChimp. The survey consisted of a list of 80 services currently provided and asked individuals to indicate which 10 of these were the most important to them, and which 10 were the least important. This feedback can help Council plan where they can cut back funding and where they should put funding.

Now that Shoalhaven has a new CEO and a new CFO it provides CCBs with a good opportunity to engage with Council. If anyone would like to be involved with meetings with the other CCBs and with Council, please let Peter know.

The next CCB meeting with Council representatives is scheduled for May. At the last such meeting, attended by Peter, Lynn and Tony, there was no time for Q & A, only presentations from Council staff. At the next meeting (possibly due to feedback from CCBs) there will be time allocated for Q & A at the beginning of the meeting.

It was noted that Shoalhaven Council is not the only NSW Council in financial trouble.

Moved that CA / CCB be involved with other CCBs with attendance from exec members and / or interested community members. Lurlene Eve / Moira Heath. Carried.

Action: Peter to resend Council survey link via MailChimp

Action: Peter to advise of BPKTCA interest in working together with other CCBs.

Current development at local caravan parks

There has been a lot of activity at Racecourse and Merry Beach caravan parks.

There are 2 main areas of concern:

1. The Sewerage Treatment Plants (STP) are not keeping up with current development.

Merry Beach has been issued with a notice from EPA and is required to respond by February 24. Tony, through GIPA, has asked what the problem is and how it has been addressed. Racecourse is also on notice that they are not meeting their requirements. Racecourse is licensed by the Council, so are answerable to them. It is challenging to obtain information regarding STPs: what are the requirements, are the caravan parks meeting the requirements, and evidence that they are meeting the requirements.

2. There are also planning issues. Camping and caravan parks are under different state planning laws. The community needs transparency from the operators; what are their plans and intentions?

Peter and Tony await a response from their GIPA request for data relating to both issues. Once this is received, it will be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

Change of speed limit Bawley Point to Kioloa

Peter sent out a survey from Transport NSW / Safe roads NSW. Community members are encouraged to use the link to have their say regarding the proposed speed limit change. It is a very simple and quick process. Transport NSW are already going through the process of reviewing the current speed limit of 80 kmh.

Action: Peter will resend the link., (<https://www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/HaveYourSay.aspx>)

Virtual wildlife fence trial

Council has installed 1 km of virtual wildlife fencing. This is a trial. It is in a hotspot area from IGA to Sandmines. Karen and Zora (both of WIRES) are committed to maintaining the fence posts and keeping accurate data. Cost to Council was only \$9000 and benefits should quickly outweigh this cost. The trial will not work if the posts are not maintained and if there is no accurate data from before and after the trial. The posts are light activated and are most effective on roos. It is anticipated that there will be a 30% - 70% reduction in road kill, although it is hoped for more. Virtual fence is more effective during the night.

Proposed changes to the NSW planning system to increase capacity for low and mid-rise housing in well-located areas near existing services and infrastructure.

The changes are on exhibition for public comment until Friday 23 February 2024.

This document was sent to members via mailchimp.

Tony gave a brief summary of what is contained in the proposed changes. Changes probably won't affect our village, but may affect Ulladulla. Mostly the changes will affect Sydney. Council is preparing a submission re these proposals. Changes will give more power to developers and less to local community areas.

Action: BPKTCA to stay engaged with Council and keep updated on what is proposed and see if our community supports the proposed changes. The plan will be placed on BPKTCA website prior to next meeting.

Seating at Gannet beach, south end

Council has removed the seating at Gannet Beach with no consultation with the community. This is a popular place for community members to meet and enjoy the view. Sitting on the rocks is fine for some, but not everyone can get down to the rocks.

Moira advised that she had met with Council earlier in the morning. There is a group who will consult with Council and arrange for replacement seating. Seating will be provided by and maintained by community members, but will also be approved by Council. Moira, in consultation with Cllr Gillian Boyd, will put something to Council in a couple of weeks' time.

Moved: that BPKTCA support the action of the community group re finding a solution for seating. Karin Lucas / Moira Heath. Carried.

It was also noted that there is a community approved plan in place with Council for a viewing area at Gannet Beach, south end. This viewing area also has plenty of seating. Currently there are no funds for this project.

Mobile phone coverage- Improvement required.

Geoff Rohan addressed the meeting advising that in his house in Northwood Drive Kioloa there is no phone reception, although his provider is Telstra. There are other black spots in Kioloa. Having no reception creates problems when trying to arrange medical appointments, organize tradies etc etc. Total coverage is also needed in the case of bushfires.

Moved: BPKTCA to write to the Telstra Board requesting a fix for local blackspots. Geoff / Moira: carried. Lurlene suggested that a copy letter be sent to Ian Donges who is on the Telstra committee and would like to know of all problems in this area.

Cllr Gillian Boyd also suggested writing to Fiona Phillips. One of her election promises was mobile reception for all.

It would be good if all operators would work here not just Telstra. ie Optus and Vodaphone.

Other business

Closure of beach access walkways

Council have closed off some of the beach access walkways. These closures appear to be part of the Coastal Management Plan. The closures were carried out with no consultation at all.

The main closure concern is the access pathway at the end of Harrington Street.

Motion: BPKTCA write to council requesting that they engage in community consultation before doing minor works ie closing beach access pathways, and removing public seating.

Actions

- Discussion with Council re new LEP and how it would fit with our potential strategic plan.
- Resend link for Council survey re 80 current services, 10 most desired and 10 least desired.
- Respond to CCB advising that BPKTCA will join forces with other CCBs re Council financial situation.
- Resend link for Transport NSW / road safety re speed limit comments.
- Please stay in contact with Council re their submission to the current changes to low- and mid-rise housing proposals
- Write to the Council requesting that they engage in community consultation prior to carrying out minor work.
- Write to Telstra & Local/Federal members about mobile black spot in Kioloa

Next General Meeting – Sunday 28 April 2024

Meeting Closed 11.27am