



Thompson Beach Progress Association Committee Meeting Minutes

TBPA – Minutes - 12 March 2020

Meeting Facilitator: Ian Telfer, Chairperson

Attendees: Ken Wade, Jeff Thomas, John Lush, Steve Jones, Jan Telfer, Michael Bloch, Emma Micklethwaite, Sharon Clues

Apologies: Steve Peters

Meeting commenced at 7:15 pm.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Moved Michael Bloch. Seconded Sharon Clues.

Business Arising:

The only outstanding item was the investigation of a possible solar subsidy for the Shed.

The Chair explained the former Secretary, Mick Lewis, Jeff Thomas and Ian Telfer had discussions with SA Power Networks (SAPN) regarding our power requirements at the time it was agreed the NBN tower would proceed.

It was recognised that we would require more than the current 50amp supply if we were to power the Shed, the Shed extension and run equipment such as deep fryers at the Friday Night Pot Luck dinners.

The current "Site Information" provided to Mick Lewis on 26 November 2019 (attached) stipulates:

9. ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

SA POWER NETWORKS (SAPN) HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY 100A SUPPLY FOR THE PROPERTY, (40A 3-PHASE FOR NEW NBN FACILITY AND 60A FOR THOMPSON BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

NEW GROUP METERING ENCLOSURE SHALL BE INTALLED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING BUILDING, EXISTING CONSUMER'S MAINS SHALL BE DECOMMISSIONED; SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW SITE CONSUMER'S MAINS AND SUBMAINS. NBN POINT OF SUPPLY SHALL BE FROM THE NEW GROUP METERING ENCLOSURE. REFER TO DRAWINGS;

It only recently came to light that SAPN will only provide one supply per land title and the CFS tanks/pumping station are on the same title as the Shed, therefore there will be one supply with three separate meters – one for NBN, one for CFS and one for the Shed.

We are awaiting confirmation from the Electrician, Adrian Chibnall, as to the breakdown of amps available to each entity.

Michael Bloch has offered to follow up on solar options once the issue of power supply to the Shed is resolved.

Incoming Correspondence:

1. Email from Mick Lewis dated 28 February 2020
2. Email from DEW and Natural Resources advising that nominations are now open for the SA Volunteer Awards 2020. Nominations close 5pm, Friday 3 April 2020
3. Email from Lynette Seccafein regarding the Catalyst Foundation learning events
4. Email correspondence regarding power supply for NBN
5. Email from Lynette Seccafein confirming times and dates of Anzac Day services
6. Notification via mailbox of Port Wakefield Road resurfacing works between Port Wakefield and Two Wells between 10 March and mid-May 2020.
7. Email from Tom Jones (APC) requesting feedback from TBPA to identify additional bin requirements and alternative solutions and strategies to reduce litter and waste in the coastal communities.

John Lush agreed to follow up with APC on the recommendation of an additional bin at the northern end of The Esplanade

John Lush also recommended if/when dumped rubbish is observed, to take a photo if possible and report it to Council using the info@apc.sa.gov.au email.

Outgoing Correspondence:

1. Response to Mick Lewis' email of 28 February 2020.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for February 2020 was tabled by Jeff Thomas.

Summary as follows. Moved to accept by Jeff Thomas. Seconded Ian Telfer.

- Income January 2020	\$1,965.75	
- Expenditure January 2020	\$1,447.92	
Balance at 29 February 2020		\$22,527.23
Cash Floats (sausage sizzle, petty cash, pot luck dinners)		\$350.00
Total		\$22,877.23

Sausage Sizzle:

Jeff reported the sausage sizzle is going well and sales continue to improve when left in the capable hands of Ken Wade and Jacqui Bryant.

Infrastructure Sub-Committee:

Shed Extension

The Chair requested Committee members with concerns regarding the Shed extension project (or any matter) should raise their issues at the Committee meetings.

Steve Jones expressed concerns regarding the quotation process and believes that all quotations should be presented to the Committee for discussion. He also suggested that we could tighten up our processes, to which John Lush recommended we should establish rules on our procedures.

Ian Telfer stated where the Shed extension project currently stands:

- The Shed extension is being executed using a project management approach as it was not financially feasible to engage a builder to oversee the project.
- Weekly meetings take place between the executive committee members, being Ian Telfer, Jeff Thomas and Sharon Clues.
- David Cowell, who is managing the project on behalf of APC, attends those meetings on an as-needed basis, usually fortnightly.
- The shed is in production and Ian has met with Andy Jones and Andy Swift (local contractors) regarding the construction of the Shed extension.
- Quotes have been requested from two electricians on the Council's approved list.
- Ian Telfer has approached Sharmans for a quotation to supply internal linings and insulation.

Carpark Extension

The biggest challenge for TBPA is safety relating to carpark facilities.

We were not successful in obtaining funding for the carpark extension under Round 2 of the Drought Communities Programme.

Questions were raised with John Lush regarding the validity of the Two Wells main street upgrade under the Drought Communities Programme.

John Lush responded that he had raised the same question with APC CEO, James Miller; however, the decision to fund the project was made by the Federal Government and therefore it is difficult to do anything about it.

Sharon advised that there are several grants becoming available throughout 2020 up to \$100,000 which we could apply for.

The Committee agreed to request John Lush ask APC to pay for an hour of grant writer, Jenny Flemming's time at the next TBPA Committee Meeting to discuss funding/grant opportunities and TBPA's requirements. Due to Easter, the next Committee meeting will be held one week later than usual on 16th April 2020.

Environment Subcommittee:

Michael Bloch tabled the Environment Subcommittee Report. It was noted that the Clean Up Australia day and CFS Bushfire Awareness events were well attended.

It was also noted that Council did a great job in removing the rubbish collected during Clean Up Australia, within 24 hours.

NPWS may undertake a project to remove the remains of an old tow truck on the beach at the northern end of Thompson Beach.

The issue of speeding cars is an ongoing problem and it is extremely important we report all events via the Traffic Watch app or online portal. This provides data to support our local police in requesting items such as hand-held speed lasers and speed cameras to address the issue.

The issue of feral cats and dogs off leash is an ongoing problem. Sharon Clues is awaiting clarification from Council regarding the interpretation of the Dogs By-Law and the process for dealing with trapped cats. **John Lush offered to follow up, if required.**

Emma Micklethwaite suggested we approach the local veterinary clinics with a view to having a community pet microchipping day.

Michael Bloch recognised Sharon Clues' efforts in arranging the Bushfire Community Awareness meeting, and her other many efforts since stepping into the role of Secretary.

Coastal Communities Coalition (CCC)

John Lush reported that the CCC has been formalised and will be incorporated.

Rowan Ramsay has been approached to launch CCC at the Dublin History Group's "Meet your Members" event on 5th April.

The aim of the group is to look at ways of developing the coastal communities from Port Gawler to Parham. CCC are looking to coordinate with the coastal community groups and planning discussions with various agencies, including SA Tourism and the State Government.

Grants:

Grant opportunities alluded to earlier in the meeting include SA Grants Major Round 1, which opens April 2020 and closes May 2020. SA Grants Major Round 2 opens August 2020, closes September 2020. Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) have grant opportunities ongoing throughout the year. Schedule attached.

Warwick Barnes is currently putting together a fencing repair kit for TBPA to the value of \$500 as part of his works programme for 2020.

Community Plan / Survey Results

The Community Survey was distributed on 28th February. To date we have received 20 responses. Sharon is working with David George to consolidate the responses and identify themes, which will assist in developing our Community Plan.

It is the intention to communicate the results back to the community and invite participation in a workshop to further develop and prioritise the outcomes.

Upcoming Events

Next event is Birdlife SA's Birds n Bickies on Saturday 14th March.

Jeff Thomas and Judy Attick are confirmed for the event.

Shorebirds:

Shorebirds is on track for distribution at the end of March. Deadline for submissions are due next week and a draft will be circulated prior to distribution.

It was agreed to include an article on a proposed feral cat management programme being run at Thompson Beach and to stress the importance of ensuring cats are microchipped so pets can be returned to their owners if captured. **Michael Bloch to action.**

New Business:

- a) Steve Jones suggested a formal proposal be put to Council to establish a management works programme for the rehabilitation of the verge along Ruskin Road;

including a plan to rehabilitate Red Hills, mitigate 4WD access to the verge and eradicate Calomba Daisy.

It was agreed the idea should be taken up by the Coastal Communities Coalition noting that it would have the support of TBPA. **Steve Jones to action via letter to CCC Chairman, John Lush.**

- b) Noticeboard - Sharon advised that new signage was being prepared by Country Living Homes, Selecta Homes, Adelaide Road Dental group and Samphire Fresh Fillets for the notice board outside the Shed. Invoices will be prepared.
- c) Communications – As the meeting was running late, it was agreed to postpone discussion to the next meeting and place it higher in the agenda to give it the attention it deserves. The intention is to review previously tabled and new suggestions, with a view to formalising a Communications Policy.
- d) Emma suggested following on from the success of the CFS community meeting that we hold a similar event with a focus on First Aid. It was agreed and **Emma will pursue.**

It was also suggested that we obtain a defibrillator for the Shed. **Sharon to follow up.**

- e) Footy Tips – Ken has started up 2020 footy tips. If interested, contact Ken.
- f) New Sign – Curlew Cres – a new sign for Curlew Crescent has been installed.
- g) Pilot Crash – John Lush spoke about a military plane crash in the area many years ago that could be of interest from a tourism perspective. Pat Thompson has details.

Next Meeting - Thursday 16 April at 7:00pm

Meeting Closed 9:15pm