

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING
MONDAY 19th September 2016
Barwon Heads Senior Citizens Centre
7:30PM
(continuation of meeting following AGM)

Welcome by Chair Sandy Gatehouse

Apologies – Sarah Henderson, Richard Hastings, Jane Vinecombe, John Burke, Jenny & Phillip Bade, Gabrielle Nagle, Michael Palmer, Jan Anderson

Attendees: Sandy Gatehouse, Jeremy Gaylard, Geoffrey Waite, Sarah Jackson, Judith Brooks, Steve Paterson, Paul Fox, Christine Shady, Ann Waite, Di Dower, Warren Jackson, Colin Bridges, Miranda Bridges, Noel Calvert, Trish Clayton, Katrina Cole, Yvonne Hern, Bridget Gubbins, Ross Harrison, Jenny Hampton, Philip Campbell, Martin Hudson, Stephen Kay, Heather McCarthy, Anthea Merewether, Peter Mottram, Bronwyn Mottram, Bernard Naphine, Paul McCoughtry, Peter Oakley, Clara Oakley, Janet Paisley, John Romeril, Virginia Donaldson, Christine Shady, Victoria Strachan, Graeme and Jenny Wallace Smith, Diana Wilson, Peta Hocking, Joel Thorson, Stephen Wickham, W Amor

Our Guest – Lisa Neville

Sandy - Review of water legislation (marine and coastal) paper being published. Sandy Gatehouse welcomed the Honorable Lisa Neville MP, State Member for the Bellarine and Minister for Police and Minister for Water. Lisa addressed the meeting on the following matters of relevance to the Bellarine.

Structure Planning - time frame is July next year. Barwon Heads is not considered a growth node. Lisa encouraged members to follow the process with the Structure Plan. She stated that it is a 'high hurdle' to change the town boundary.

Football/Netball Club - improvements as promised. The cricket club will also see some improvements.

Pedestrian crossings to be completed after the school holidays.

Bellarine Safety Group - there will be a website that will provide up to date info about crime, bushfire danger, etc.

Council - CoGG administrators plan to go to election next year. The structure is to be determined, e.g. will we elect a mayor. The Citizen's Jury is a good way to determine this.

Jeremy asked Lisa to bring us up to date with the increase in police numbers. Crime has decreased in BH, except for property crime. An additional 15 police have been appointed to reopen Bellarine Police Stations. There will be additional police in this region. Bellarine Safety Group is determining whether this is enough or do we need more. Lisa said that the biggest drain on police resources is family violence.

Bernard Napthine asked Lisa how to go about obtaining funding for CCTV. Lisa said that this can go hand in hand with urban design changes (clear view, etc) and that the traders could work with the Bellarine Safety Group for funding.

Christine - complementary of police dealing with a drug affected youth in BH recently. Are police supported by mental health services in dealing with drug affected?

Lisa said that ICE is the main contributor to crime and violent crime, including family violence. And ICE taskforce has been established. This will link police and mental health organisations.

Drug courts are being trialled to deal with these situations. There is not one coming to Geelong at this stage.

Lisa pointed out that if police didn't have to waste time on crimes of opportunity (unlocked doors, etc) they could concentrate efforts on other crimes such as break ins.

Geoffrey congratulated Lisa on the appointment of the new Superintendent.

Cadel Evans bike ride was raised again. Geoffrey pointed out the disruption on this very busy weekend and asked whether we can change it in the future.

Lisa has made some enquiries and found that it would be impossible to change next year's but has flagged it for a discussion with the Sports Minister. Jeremy suggested the minister invite our traders to attend. Lisa will see if there is any way to minimise impact.

Paul asked how many people behind the scenes at CoGG are to be sacked. Lisa said she is in contact with the CEO on a range of matters. She also said that if people are having trouble getting an issue dealt with to go through her office.

Judith pointed out that there was a large attendance at the last meeting due to concerns about the Structure Plan. Why do we have to go through this every five years?

Lisa said that it is not unusual to have to do a Structure plan every 5-7 years. We could perhaps try and lock in the boundary for longer. Lisa is open to discussing this with the planning minister.

Heather - planning and developing - a habit of BH developers knocking down existing homes to build large homes or multi homes.

Bullying has taken place at CoGG when residents fight a development. Always threatened with VCAT and most people don't have the resources to fight. Meetings at CoGG are scheduled at 4pm and this makes it hard for residents to attend.

Lisa Neville will tell administrators that rules need to be clear and transparent.

Barwon Heads Association Business

Amendment C354 9 Bridge Road Barwon Heads Heritage Overlay - City of Greater Geelong – move Steve Paterson, second Judith Brooks that the BHA puts in a submission to support Amendment C354.

Barwon Heads Structure Plan – general discussion of timeframe. We encourage our members and residents of Barwon Heads to participate.

Register by 14th October to attend workshop on 26th October

Drop in sessions 11am to 1:00pm; 5:30pm – 7:30pm on 27th October
Make a comment on help shape the place and what do you love about the place by 11th
November (both separate processes)
BHA committee to liaise with other BH groups before our October meeting

Other Business

Cadel Evans bike ride - Jeremy raised concerns regarding date changed to a busy trade weekend without consultation with traders. Jeremy said the BHA will support traders with this issue.

Judith - Pedestrian Safety - new footpath from Hitchcock Ave down to the Pub. IGA will leave their section until their development takes place. Judith has been informed that the footpath will not extend to where expected.

Steve Paterson - Task Force for Residential Zones. Asked what confidence the community can have that these issues will be taken seriously.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm Lisa joined us for a chat and tea and coffee