



MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 4 FEBRUARY 2009

Meeting opened 7.20pm

Present: Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Trish Grice, Jeremy Mears, Tony Robinson, Ines Pintos-Lopez, Charles Gannon

Apologies: Carmel Birch, Bronwyn Gattringer

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2008

Amendment to minutes – .Date on Minutes should have read “Minutes of MRCA Meeting 10 December 2008” instead of 5 November 2008

Item 5 number (iii) – this meeting was about the onsite sewerage management in relation to a joint submission from the rural community associations in the shire.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2008 with the above amendments.

Moved: Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes

Carried.

2. Correspondence

- (i) Letter from Michelago Primary School thanking the committee for its support in securing the earth works and asphaltting of the car park at the school
- (ii) Email from Elizabeth Price about the woody weed opposite her house and asking that this be brought to council. It is uncertain who owns the land. The fire brigade has been looking at ways to minimize the weeds – but nothing can be done during the hot weather. It will be looked at being reduced during winter. Mareeca thinks the land is owned by the railway society and she will ask them about it.
- (iii) Email from Janine Robertson about the Monaro Rural Health Service
- (iv) Don Turner has given us the specs for building the exercise track for the oval

3. Business Arising

- (i) Council has allocated \$50,000 to the oval plan to put in a track. This money has to be spent – ie works have to be completed by September. Mark Cooper a Council staff member needs a copy of the oval plan of the oval with the exact location of the exercise track. Council has also requested a meeting with Mareeca to discuss the issue. Mareeca and Paul Kennedy will meet with them

and report back to the committee about the outcome. The committee finds the way that council has handled this process is confusing. There has been no letter from council advising them that the project has been approved. The committee would like to see a letter confirming the grant.

(ii) Newsletter was distributed in the first week of February.

(iii) Ines will take on the heritage brochure.

(iv) Onsite sewerage management. Tony contacted all the community chairs and a joint submission was put in on 19 January 2009. Bredbo decided not to put in to the joint submission but put their own in. The committee thanked Tony for his work on this

(v) Management plan. Mareeca put in a submission about this to council. Martin is asking council to consider putting more money in for rural roads. Martin has asked for a report on how much has been spent on rural roads, and will use this to substantiate the request for money for roads. When the draft comes out we will have an opportunity to comment on it.

(vi) Pony Club. Council considered the pony club problem and it was thrown out. The cost of fixing the road could be as high as \$100,000 and council cannot pay this. The RTA is saying this is not a priority for them. The DA has been turned down because of the road issue. The pony club is now looking for an alternative site. The MRCA will write to the pony club and ask them if they still want us to pursue this with the RTA. Mareeca will call Graham Plath to ask if this should be pursued.

(vii) Village plan. Tony contacted UNSW and spoke to the dean of built environment, who will put the request to the staff to see if there is any interest. There was going to be a survey put into the newsletter, but this didn't happen for this newsletter, there will be an article in the next newsletter which refers people to the website. We can also put some information about it at the shop.

4 Treasurer's Report

Martin reported that the audit has been done.

The treasurer reported on the annual accounts of the calendar year of 2008. The annual report of the committee was also presented. There was a net surplus for the financial year of \$3098.71

Motion: To accept the audited annual statement of account for the year 2008 and the annual report of the committee

Moved: Mareeca Steer **Seconded:** Trish Grice

Carried

5 General Business

(i) Rural broadband connection – Mareeca reported that DRSD are putting out a funding program over 5 years, giving small communities the opportunity to put in an expression of interest for their own community. Mareeca will put in an application on the community's behalf.

(ii) AGM will be held on 15 February.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting AGM 4.00pm Sunday 15 February.