



MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 5 MARCH 2008

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present:, Martin Hughes, Mareeca Steer, Vern & Sue Drew, Trish Grice, Carmel Birch, Tony Campbell, Paul Kennedy, Sue & Robin Spratt, Vin Good, John Vucic, Peter Smith, Roger Norton, Laureen Blyton, Colleen Cotter, Michelle & Michael Lees, Liam Cotter, Winston Phillips, Tony De Salis, Jeremy Mears, Sally Hughes, Bronwyn Gattringer, Charles Gannon.

Apologies: Jill Dobkin, Catherine Hackney

President Mareeca Steer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, and in particular thanked John Vucic and Peter Smith as well as Mayor Roger Norton from Cooma Monaro Shire Council for attending. The floor was then opened for discussion with particular emphasis on the future development of the village and rezoning.

Peter Smith told the meeting that Council is considering the rezoning of the village in conjunction with the LEP and that this is a long process. It was recognized that there was an application for rezoning in 2006 that went to the NSW Government but was rejected. There are a number of proposals for development before Council, but that these will all have to be considered in conjunction with the LEP. The draft LEP is due out sometime this year, but it was reiterated that this is a very long and drawn out process. It is hoped that the current LEP will be gazetted in 3 or 4 months, but the last LEP took 13 years before it was gazetted. Until the draft is made final the prior LEP is current and any development etc, has to be considered under the prior LEP, but that the current draft LEP is used for consideration also.

The meeting opened up for questions and a number of issues were discussed. Peter Smith stated that spot rezoning cannot be approved, regardless of the messages otherwise received from State Government. It was recognized that there were some developments that had been before Council for many years but that these delays had been unavoidable. The draft LEP needs to be finalized before any rezoning or developments can be approved.

Mareeca reinforced that the MRCA is only looking at the rezoning of the village boundary, not supporting individual developments. Peter Smith and Mayor Norton strongly suggested that the MRCA put together an application that has the support of landholders in the region and submit it to Council. Council will

then consider the application. They both stated that if there was community support for this type of rezoning then Council would take this into consideration.

There was some discussion on concessional blocks. Peter Smith advised that Council will not approve any further development applications for concessional blocks.

Council staff and Councillors were asked if a 1300 number could be implemented for community use. Peter Smith stated he would look into it.

Street numbers in the village were briefly discussed. There was a potentially fatal incident recently where an ambulance could not find a house because of the confusing numbering system. This has been addressed. The proposed new numbering system can be viewed at the Michelago Village Store.

There was some discussion on the turn off to the village from the highway. This will need a case built and submitted to Council's traffic committee.

Burra Road needs urgent attention – when there are accidents and diversions on the highway, Burra Road is used as an alternative and is not up to standard. The road is also serviced by a school bus. This matter was also raised with the NSW Minister for Roads in Cooma on 12 February.

The public part of the meeting finished and Mareeca thanked the staff, councillors and Mayor from Cooma Monaro Shire Council for attending and answering questions.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2008

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2008.

Moved Martin Hughes **Seconded** Mareeca Steer

Carried.

2. Correspondence

- (i) Chamber of Commerce – Mareeca will be attending a combined Chambers of Commerce Meeting
- (ii) A letter sent to Mayor Norton about the rezoning of the village boundaries, response received.

3. Business Arising

- (i) There has been no response from Ms Jay Stricker from the RTA – this needs to be chased up. Martin will write to Minister Roozendaal .

Action: Martin

- (ii) Newsletter. Another one needs to be done.

Action: Trish

4 Treasurer's Report

Martin requested approval for payment of the annual return fee (\$45) to the Department of Fair Trading.

Motion: To approve payment of fee \$45 to Department of Fair Trading for Annual return.

Moved: Martin Hughes **Seconded:** Mareeca Steer

Carried

Martin tabled his financial report to 29 February 2008. The balance of the MRCA Bendigo Bank account stood at \$2789.51 with 3 outstanding cheques.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Charles Gannon, **Seconded:** Jeremy Mears

Carried.

The auditors have recommended that petty cash be raised to \$200.00 and all catering should be paid out of petty cash.

Motion: Petty cash be raised to \$200.00

Moved: Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Jeremy Mears

Carried.

There was discussion about the number of signatories required to operate the cheque account. At the moment there are only 3 signatories, with 2 signatures required on each cheque. It was agreed to leave this at 3 signatories.

Motion: To pay \$58.06 to reimburse Mareeca for catering expenses incurred for AGM.

Moved: Trish Grice **Seconded:** Charles Gannon.

Carried

5 General Business

(i) Code of Conduct. All committee members signed the MRCA Code of Conduct agreement and a copy was given to each member.

(ii) Mayfair. Trish reported that she has now raised \$700.00 sponsorship, with another possible \$150.00 to come. She will do a letter to Cooma Monaro Shire Council asking for sponsorship from them.

Action: Trish

Michelago Mayfair will be held on Sunday May 11 at the oval at Michelago. Only members of the MRCA will be covered by our insurance – any other stall holders will need to have their own insurance.

There was some discussion of a Bush Dance being held later in the year.

(iii) Tennis Courts – a question was asked as to what was happening with the tennis courts. It is part of the oval upgrade and is still waiting on Council consultation and approval.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next meeting April 2 2008 at 7.00pm