

Michelago Region Community Association Inc.

Minutes Meeting Wednesday 14th December 2005

Meeting opened 8:10pm.

Present: G. Wilmington, M. Hughes, P. Steer, C. Birch, K. Kenyon,

Apologies: S. Drew, M. Steer

Absent: R. Stone

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the committee meeting held on 30/11/05 were read.

Motion: *That the minutes of the 30th Nov 2005 Committee Meeting be accepted.*

Moved: G. Wilmington

Seconded: M. Hughes

Motion Passed

Treasurers Report:

Income from Cake Stall \$192.80

Expenditure from Stall \$-----

Money has been banked. M. Hughes is waiting for invoices from M. Steer - for expenditure figures.

Total in bank account \$ 251.30

Insurance Matters: M. Hughes has spoken to P. Dalton who works for Mutual Brokers. He has advised the committee to carry out risk assessments for various MRCA Inc. activities; looking at what the committee is actually doing. If activities are not physical, do not involve the provision of advice or do not involve making decisions affecting others then the risk, for which insurance would be needed, would be negligible. Therefore, insurance may not be needed and may be a waste of valuable resources. If the activity is at another venue, make sure MRCA Inc. is covered by that venue's insurance.

Correspondence:

- Email from P. Bobroff congratulating G. Wilmington on an excellent submission to CMS Council.
- Email response from webmaster Cathy Morison, replying that she has updated the Michelago Community website and has included a link:
<http://www.michelagoregion.org.au/mrca.htm>
- G. Wilmington received a letter from CMS Council General Manager replying to the 'Issues of Concern' letter sent by MRCA Inc.

Actions Arising

1. G. Wilmington and C. Birch attended the Mt Livingstone/ Lawler Rd residents meeting. The residents have a very real issue and a difficult situation. The residents are looking at a number of avenues:
 - Getting \$ from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund Program – as Mt Livingstone/ Lawler Rd provides the only access to fire trails across the river in that area. The group would like a letter from MRCA Inc. stating MRCA Inc. support for the group's submission request.
 - Under normal circumstances in the shire, council takes over ownership of any roads relating to subdivisions. The Dept of Lands does not seem to have been advised of this. They are going to query why they were not advised and why ownership does not exist.

Motion: *MRCA Inc. to write a letter supporting the submission to CMS Council, by Mt Livingstone/ Lawler Rd residents; requesting CMS Council to seek funding under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Fund Program to repair, upgrade and seal Mt Livingstone Rd*

Moved: G. Wilmington

Seconded: C. Birch.

Motion passed.

2. Signage for Michelago on the highway – CMS Council is proposing to reuse the old sign frame (that use to read Welcome to Cooma Shire). They would move the frame up to the northern side of the turnoff into the village. CMS Council would like MRCA Inc. suggestions as to the content and design of the sign. It was suggested by MRCA Inc committee members, that the community be invited to send in designs/ ideas for the sign. MRCA Inc. could send the top five submissions to CMS council.

Motion: *Send an email inviting MRCA Inc. members to submit their ideas/designs on Michelago Village Signage by Jan 25th MRCA Inc. Committee meeting.*

Moved: G. Wilmington

Seconded: M. Hughes.

Motion passed.

3. G. Wilmington has set up a meeting with CMSC Engineering D. Byrne for the 31st Jan 2006 to discuss and visit roads of concern in the area. Meet 31st January 7pm Community Hall.

4. Letter from CMS Council regarding the draft Annual Management Plan 2006 – 07 and proposals for 2006 – 2009. This document will be available for public comment for 28 days from approx. 11th May 2006. Within this 28-day period the CMS Council would like to provide communities with explanatory talks, on invite. All comments for the draft need to be in before it is written – By February 4th 2006. MRCA Inc. needs to reiterate the main issues addressed in the letter sent to CMS Council outlining community concerns,
5. 20th February 2006 5:30 pm CMS Council Chambers – a combined community associations meeting will be held.
6. Response actions from the letter of concerns sent to CMS Council:
 1. Roads visit and talk – D. Byrne 31st Jan 2006.
 2. Garbage collection and dumping issues – inspection by K Silich.
 3. Weeds – J. Darrant is available to talk and advise all residents.
 4. Bus Services – Country Link service from the Highway see website.
 5. Community Health and Nursing services – contact is Marilyn Watt. Govt boundary issues are presenting a problem in regard to referrals and service provision.
 6. Telecommunications – CMS Council would like more info.
 7. Community Hall and entrance areas/ oval/ tennis courts – R. Lawley to inspect and determine a priority of works.
7. G. Wilmington attended the CMS Council on 12/12/05 and thanked the council for their action. G Wilmington also reminded Councillors that residents in rural communities still did not understand what services they received in return for their rates.

All committee members are to bring their thoughts as to what needs to be done in the community over the next four years.

Community BBQ Update:

All had an enjoyable time. A successful stall was run and it was well organised.

Meeting of all Shire Rural Community Associations:

MRCA Inc. is waiting for a response from CMS Council Economic Development Officer C. Fox.

Village Rezoning:

Working party to meet at the Railway station at 4pm Sat 17/12/05.

General Business

1. AGM Discussion:

- Definite date: Sat 18/02/06.
- Time: 4pm
- Notice of AGM to be sent out by Secretary on or before 18 January 2006
- Notice of AGM to include a tear-off nomination form
- Completed nomination forms to be sent/given to Secretary before the commencement of the AGM
- Nomination forms to be signed/co-signed by candidate
- Secret voting/ballot were required (eg. more nominations than positions)
- Voting only by those present – no proxies
- Returning officer – G. Wilmington to ask L. Patterson, B. Kenyon or C. Morison.

2. G. Wilmington to create email wishing all members Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

3. K. Kenyon to update community members list and send to M. Hughes. Also send Christmas cards to any members not on email.

4. G. Wilmington to send a copy of CMS Council response letter to M. Hughes and K. Kenyon.

Meeting closed 10:20pm.