

MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 2008

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Present: Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Trish Grice, Michael Lees, Bronwyn Gattringer, Jeremy Mears, Hans Saxinger, Jennie Harris, Charles Gannon **Apologies**: Carmel Birch,

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2008

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2008. **Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes **Carried**.

2. Correspondence

(i) Peter Smith couldn't attend this meeting. Alternative date will be proposed for 19 November if Peter is available. Email to membership about it – it will be open to the community. Also a notice at the shop.

(ii) Letter from David Byrne regarding NSW Sport & Recreation 08/09 Capital Assistance Program

(iii) Letter from John Vucic regarding the DA for the Michelago subdivision.

(iv) Tony Robinson email correspondence about the sewerage management.

(v) News release from Nathan Reese about the \$85m package to kick-start country NSW.

3. Business Arising

(i) No business arising

4 Treasurer's Report

Martin reported that there is no change from the position we were in last month. \$1261.23 (after all cheques are cleared) and \$5970.77 in term deposit and \$187.36 in petty cash.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report.

Moved: Mareeca Steer Seconded: Jeremy Mears Carried

5 General Business

(i) Proposed inspection of sewerage systems by Council. Martin reported that he has attended a number of meetings on this issue. Most people are

concerned about the lack of notice, which makes it hard to talk with their communities, and have asked for more time to reply. The document was available on Council's website but has now been withdrawn. Tony Robinson put forward a response on behalf of the MRCA. Martin also put forward a response. It is clear that most rate payers don't know about this – and Council should be letting all rate payers know about this – not leave it up to community associations to let rate payers know. This committee should ask council for an extension to reply and also ask if they will let all rate payers know. This should be put into the newsletter.

(ii) Newsletter will not go out for a couple of weeks, so there is still time to get things into them. The newsletter should stay as part of what the MRCA does – something to show to the community what we do.

(iii) Tennis court quotes. Paul Kennedy provided a quote, which is around \$18,000 – the problem is that we can only apply for funding for 50% of the full amount. We currently do not have enough money to do this.

Motion: Paul to provide a quote for a single slab over the current tennis courts. **Moved**: Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes

Carried

Mareeca also asked Council if we required a DA to do the tennis courts. The draft plan of what could be included in the whole oval are was looked at. A "wish" list of a number of things was given to council. The plan will be put out for public exhibition and then returned to council for consideration.

(iv) Heritage brochure. To talk about this at the next meeting. This could be covered under the grants.

(v) Village subdivision. A letter went to council about this and a response was received. This will be looked at by council in the near future and we will be contacted just prior to this meeting so that a representative can be at the meeting if we want it. Hopefully this can be talked about with Peter Smith when he attends a meeting.

(vi) Harvey Norman BBQ 9 November. Jeremy, Michael, Julith, Mareeca, Charles. There will also be 8 fire brigade members.

(vii) Michelago Sign. Jeremy reported that he has been in communication with the person that is making the sign, and it is in progress.

(vii) Martin informed the committee that he will be resigning from the committee as treasurer from 31 December. His duties as councilor are impinging on his time and feels he cannot give the time deserved to the committee. He will remain a member of the MRCA.

The committee thanked Martin for all his efforts in the past, and his support of the committee over the past few years.

(viii) Fire brigade Xmas Community bbq will be held on 29 November and the MRCA has been asked if they want to help with tea, coffee and cake. Mareeca will bake some cakes, so will Trish – Trish to co-ordinate with Carmel.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting Wednesday 3 December at 7.00pm

Hans is from the Tinderry Mountain Community Group, looking at trying to get part of Tinderry Road tarred. There are some issues involved with this though. This is an issue that we should confer with them on management plans. We need to talk to council about the collection of rubbish – there should be more time for people to do this – or a transfer station.