

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Mission Beach Community Association held on 11th May at Frogs Hollow South Mission Beach

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Attendance: North 3, South 14, Other 2

Councillors/Guests: CSC, Cr Barnes

Apologies from Council Representatives: Cr Kimberley JSC, Cr Fox CSC, Cr Silvestro CSC, Executive members –

T Biddlecombe, R Murdoch, M Johnson & D Mobbs

Minutes from previous meeting: Moved Terry Scarborough, Seconded Ray Sofio, minutes approved carried.

Correspondence in:

- Jennifer Downs – local officer for small business
- Email JACSIFAC meeting deferral
- Flyer – help from clubs & community groups from council
- MPC – acknowledgement of letter from Dir Gen Sport & Rec
- Entrance feature Cardwell Shire Council re our queries – info available in library – Dept Main Roads is the only place – lobby councillors re this

General business:

- Maureen Norris – spoke of meeting for service groups in Tully to fix gaps post cyclone. Needs group committee to meet Wed next at Red Cross House Tully.
- Bill Shannon – spoke re \$80,000 funding by state gov on consequences of an inundation & flooding/cyclone patterns. MBCA nomination Bill as community person on this committee.
- Meeting with Mark Rowell re MPC – he is more enlightened now post meeting to the fact we are not anti MPC, discussed nature of our concerns lack of study & amount of money/beach raises 5 x more funds/rates & gets less back.
- Helen & Alan Ogden went to Thuringowa MPC to inspect/ excellent facility, meeting areas divided, courts regularly used by school/ outside this army cadets, footsal, tae quon do/ could not get figures for other use not highly used/ EDU Qld uses a lot/ private use costs \$5 per hr meeting room, \$30 sports floor, \$20 dressing rooms/ floor capacity for high heels (no answer to this), / 20 x rate base of CSC.
- Re Mossman MPC – Deputy Mayor said this facility is a disaster on EDU Qld land.
- Council to be kept up to speed on this. Mark Rowell said we have every right to fully explore this & fully supports us.
- Not fair at all compared to pool, not sour grapes at all just double standards.
- Ray Sofio re feedback from community/ need to be more proactive with Tully P&C to consider alternatives to be fairer to rate payers of shire. Bill reiterated it will fall down on its merits if the whole thing does not stack up/ does not want to be in the position to have the finger pointed at us.
- Kerry – letter to P&C has not been replied to at this time. She said we are covering rate payers at MB not Tully.
- Barry Barnes on the MPC – pleased that MBCA is standing its ground/ why does it have to be so big?
- We must write as individuals not as a group, but we still have our mandate.
- Council is just used to running the show & not used to being questioned.
- Same standard bus shelters throughout shire.
- Sand implementation on beaches.
- Reid road traffic calming.
- New highway through Tully.
- Heart defibrillator \$10,000 to Cardwell & MB.
- Paul Roxby re contractors – question on vegetation private & big jobs.
- Question why CSC got rid of local workers. JSC clean up going well.
- In answer to qu' s as to why CSC was going slow, "they didn't know it was a race". CSC have bought new trucks etc to make dollars for themselves.
- Barry – roads break up too much with shade cover eg. Jarra Crk road.
- John Syme – CSC cleaning up water ways, clearing edge of creeks ?? weeds will grow, re-vegetation scheme when & how much is it going to cost.
- Alan – email to Mark Kelleher re flyer to beach in regards to removal of vegetation in general. John said MBCA keep an eye on this so it is replaced & re-vegetated.
- Helen – sewage extension? To come up at next JACSIFAC. Will know soon Barry said??
- Allan – to write letter on concerns in the way council is operating. Moved Kerry Morgan, seconded Roy Butcher, all in favour.
- MB SES – Ron Darlington chair/ Population base not sufficient/ 14 min/ big call for MB.
- Reid Road – engineer wants S bends, ramps at 3 crossings – Wheatley Park, Skate Park & Central Reid Rd/ Warwick – recommendations for options for traffic calming discussed last year/ all in favour with show of hands for 3 zebra crossings, action Barry Barnes
- Allan queried Cr Barnes for orders on council for sign repair to report next meeting.
- Terry Scarborough – spoke on the appearance of some prominent land in the MB commercial tourism block
- Stage 2 development op. mini golf has been passed.

One Mission:

- Ray Sofio – re submission to minister - not had acknowledgement to receipt as yet. To make a few phone calls. Alan said time scale with minister 3 mths.

Rates & Services:

- The assessor has no role between you & the builder.
- 20% damage - don't need to go to council.
- Fees to gov with builder.
- Choose own builder.
- Boat ramp – repaired. Good job done.
- John advised by his insurance co that structural engineers are to see jobs first (re his guttering). Ray said structural engineers are controlled by assessors.
- Office of Building Coordination Centre – coming MB on each Thurs at Wongaling library.

Planning:

- Alan – meeting with Cr Fox, Cr Barnes & Cr Kimberley for 06/07 budget considerations.
- Good response from CSC. JSC representative a response which left little to be desired.
- Waiting on a new date for JACSIFAC & why is it being cancelled.

Tourism:

- Kerry Morgan – Laceys & Licuala open (QPWS)/ Kennedy & Cutten Bros (Shire controlled not being done)/ Dunk (1st July open officially)/ Bicton closed/ QPWS Anthony in charge, 1 officer resigned, 1 on leave/ No one to feed cassowaries, 8 deaths, Dogs at Sth Mission, 4 x cars/Parks & wildlife prioritizing adults as they are our breeding stock.
- Wildlife conservation taking over our national parks/ trust fund/ private ??
- MB tourism – decrease in numbers 60% down on last year.
- Sandal ? – full time manager at MB info centre/ AGM in Aug for MB tourism.
- Looking for funding for MB brochure.
- Bob Flemming – Bungalow Bay Magnetic Is. wants info to take down the coast.
- Ray – Kennedy track problems with no tracks/ parks & wildlife doing their job/ letter to CSC re importance of these tracks to tourism action Kerry
- Bus transfer station – 12mth lease in place/ CSC to put up signage/ Barry to take issue to council as the site is a tip!/ MB Shopping Centre responsible to east side/ CSC responsible to Cassowary side!!/ Land owned by Dept Main Roads, should be cleaned, mowed etc each week.

Meeting closed: 9.15pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th June at Progress Hall, Mission Beach

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