

Woombye Community and Business Association Meeting

Date: 08/02/2011

Meeting opened: 6.08 pm

Apologies: Lindy Hooper, Damien King, and Glynn Moseley.

Previous meeting business:

Last meeting was postponed due to weather, a short discussion was held with Ian concerning a Bar B Que proposed for Australia Day, this did not occur due to weather.

6.10pm Secretary report: Mail in/ Out – Bendigo Bank Correspondence

Alison tabled a letter addressed to Lindy Hooper from Regional Manager of Bendigo Bank, Garth Seymour. The letter was read, regarding conflicts between members of community groups, offering opportunity to discuss furthering relationship between groups. Questions arose as to why Karran had not responded to the letter. Alison felt it appropriate for Karran to respond to Garth's letter and accept a meeting with the manager. Karran responded the letter was addressed to Lindy, expressing the community meeting is an open forum, a place to address any ideas and make plans, everyone is welcome.

Action: To invite Garth to regular community meetings. Karran will respond by sending a letter to Garth inviting him to come to the next meeting.

Alison continued previous line of conversation stating she felt the Community president should attend Bendigo Bank meetings and accept a meeting with the Bendigo Bank regional manager. Karran responded that Bendigo Bank representatives (Woombye business owners and Community members) were in attendance at the community meeting and they could take meeting notes and ideas to the bank meeting and report to the community monthly meeting, hence a open line of communication between the two parties. It was stated there appears to be two dominant groups in the community, the bank and the business community, it was expressed that it is important that ideas are shared between these two groups. e.g. Christmas week, this will mean we have more hands to do the groundwork. Charlotte expressed the need for all to bring good will to the table without factions being created.

Action: Motion was tabled to respond to Garth to invite him to our monthly meetings to table ideas.

6.40pm Treasurer report and Membership

Joachim: 2 more businesses have paid their fees. Total number of business that are paid members are 15 to date.

Treasurer reported on loss amount, with approx \$20,000 left in account. Some money was saved during the Christmas week due to cancellation of the movie night. \$3100 spent, \$5000 was budgeted.

Telco was discussed, dissatisfaction was expressed over the products and service provided, with decision made for Alison to follow up with Telco, to take action to find out what are the new product bundles and what % would go back to the community.

6.50 Business Draft Plan Discussion

Karran: President put forward a draft Business Plan that will be emailed to all, outlining the year's objectives

- Encourage community involvement
- Number of community forums

6.52 The outline of the business plan was not continued.

The conversation returned to scenarios that had taken place prior to the AGM meeting appointment of positions ie lack of communication re Peter Wellington event and the canvassing of people to take already nominated for management positions by Jenny and Les. Jenny McKay Cr mentioned she had been informed Karran was standing down. Karran informed Jenny McKay she had been misinformed. Jenny apologized for miscommunication. The conversation continued with other members discussing communications that had occurred. Several strong comments were made by various members in attendance resulting in Karran standing down, announcing her resignation from the position of president and departing from the meeting.

7.00 Membership raised again

Ray: asked if he was a member as he had paid his membership fees through Damien but had not received communication to confirm. Other members stated they had received receipts.

Action: Joachim will follow up Ray's membership.

7.10 Redirection to agenda

Nicola raised previous cancelled meeting (due to floods) agenda item of pedestrian crossing and other business agenda item of town businesses security. Informing that the childcare centre and electrical office behind the produce store had been broken into in the last weekend.

7.10 Jenny McKay : Informed she had attended the meeting tonight to gather community's ideas to then talk to Peter Wellington regarding the intersection timeframe. Developmental approvals are going west of Nambour. Main Roads are doing consultancy work on this work and there has been no timeframe given. State Government planning: New strategic plan for Nambour Connection Road: possible flyover. Joachim: short term – traffic lights, we need to keep Woombye open for business. Jenny: Next study will have outcomes but we are unsure of what will be produced from the study. Jenny wanted to make all aware that the study is forthcoming but the charter is not extensive enough to meet the needs.

7.20 Pedestrian crossing

Nicola again brought up the crossing, questioning the position it is to be placed the and loss of car spaces in the street. Linda responded position across from

bakery to childcare centre to close to the curbside. Jenny responded: Council has monitored where pedestrians are crossing. They are unsure when this will occur. Possibilities include timed parking and acquiring the QR land for businesses and workers. Gravel etc. to be dumped in that area to clean it up.

7.25 Street scape merchandise on pavement

Jenny: What can we do as a town? What is our tolerance of other businesses?

Joachim: Council rules you cannot have anything outside the business.

Jenny: If businesses decide as a collective that they are happy to have items on the street then she would go into bat for that. Permits are required at present.

Linda: questioned the IGA Bar B Que and plant stands.

Charlotte: There is either one rule or another not one rule for one and one for another.

Linda: Community Association could approach the bank to have every business in Woombye on a Community sign.

Action: approach Bendigo bank for a Community Business sign

7.30 Association web

Update of web difficulties were put forward. Jacque volunteered to change details on web site.

Action: Talk to Bryan to add Jacque to have access to assist in updating of site.

Other business agenda items:

7.35 Street security

Kylie raised Security in the street. Presently the IGA and Damien have cameras in place. Linda: Pride security were spoken to some time in the past concerning the installation of cameras in several places at cost to the community business association. Les: When it was last discussed cameras would be of no use until we have adequate lighting installed.

Action: Apply for grants.

7.40 Positions Vacant

There is an open position for President and an open position for Secretary.

Action: Two positions for election next meeting.

7.42 Membership drive

Ideas put forward for flyers to be produced to attend meetings and become members. Sign on meeting board: advertising: Town Meeting Tonight 6pm

Action: Two signs are to be printed: Ask Chris to print and place in board on night of next meeting. Jac to follow up sign. Less to follow up flyers.

7.45 Heritage Grant:

The amount \$1000 grant is still standing.

Action: Continue gathering information for the heritage trail.

7.50 Men's sheds –

Ray explained the philosophy behind the men's shed – “A meeting place for men to pass on skills, equipment there for men to use. Shoulder to shoulder, having men come together to talk to each other (Men's Health) In retirement villages they have these areas set up, it would be done the same way but within the community. The idea is to get men of an older generation to come out of the little shed in the back yard and into one venue where they can talk about similar problems/ interests etc. Members of the men's shed add to work that can be done in the community e.g. Making lanterns for the parade, building chairs for the street.”. Websites are available to view.

Committee discussed requirements for project to go ahead- Land would need to be acquired, grants sort. Rotary support sort. Jenny McKay: Garage shed on QR land could be a possibility if land can we acquired.

Action: Less to find out cost of shed on a local site. Grant to be sort.

Conclusion of meeting:

Les: suggested we do not accept Karran's resignation at this time.

Alison stated she required a letter from the community association to the bank in response to the regional manager.

Stated to move forward with projects from tonight.

Next meeting date 8/3/2011 6pm.

Meeting closed 8.03 pm