

BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

GENERAL MEETING 20th APRIL 2021

BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 6.10pm. David Anthony welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Apologies: Catherine Bell, Annie Duke, Bronwyn Crosby, Anne McVilly, Sue Lyons, Sue Doran, John Stahel

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 16th 2021

Moved: David Gray **Seconded:** Gilly Burke **Accepted unanimously.**

3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Sue Murray referred to minutes from last meeting, circulated at the meeting. There was no urgent business arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a) To and from QPRC – Ricky Tozer , Joanne Wilson-Ridley, Terry Campese, Melissa Higgins, Cristina de Jongh, Tim Geyer, Tim Overall and all Councillors (a copy of the BCA survey submission was sent individually to each councillor).

b) To and from Jill Clarke re cemetery maintenance

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Andrew Clark explained the Income and Expenditure report from July 1st 2020 31st March 2021.

Janine Collins queried the Skatepark amount. Andrew explained it consisted of the Bookfair and Tshirt sales +donations collections added together. Sue mentioned we are awaiting some further funds from the Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association (BYPAA), who are working with us on this project. Income from sales of Tshirts and bags created at the BYPAA Youth Workshops in January, supported financially by the Bendigo Bank, still has to be added.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) Presentation on the Braidwood **Community Priorities Survey** – John Tuckwell.

John presented the interim findings from the survey as a PowerPoint presentation, outlining the amalgamated findings from questions 5, 7 and 8.

During the 'questions' following the presentation Jenny Wallace and others brought up issues with existing footpaths. David A advised Jenny W to see Laura (at the VIC) as she was a member of the Access and Disability group which feeds into council.

Trish Sargeson suggested a shared path as a way of addressing the paths issue. Sue said that a kitchen table discussion group could be formed to progress this issue with Council.

Don Jones mentioned the water security issue and noted it wasn't on the list of priorities for future projects as a result of the BCA survey. John T explained that it is already listed as the top priority from

our survey for inclusion in the QPRC Operational Plan for 2021-22 and the BCA wants to ensure they actually progress it. David A explained the Committee's plan to provide the information to Council. He said potential Councillors will be quizzed by the BCA as to which issues they see as most important. Don J stated we needed to reiterate the message of its priority as our No 1 issue.

There was discussion about water usage and how it should be policed in droughts as restrictions and the "drought tap" in town were abused by some.

Sheelagh Noonan suggested we needed some concrete ideas around education of locals. She was happy to help with that. Margaret Tuckwell mentioned leaking taps in the local public toilets. This had been raised with Council and Waterwise stickers were posted.

David A suggested another kitchen table group be set up to investigate the water issues and make suggestions to work towards resolving those issues.

Sue M suggested the Waterwise policy provides water tank and cistern subsidies. Perhaps we or QPRC need to advertise this again via Facebook and local newspapers.

b) Cathie King raised the issue of the garbage bins in the town centre. She believed they were too modern and didn't fit with the heritage look of the town. She also commented on the fact that we had modern street lights, street signs, etc) in a Heritage town. She complained birds were able to access the bins, so the design was inherently faulty. Margaret Tuckwell stated the bins had not been put to, or accepted by, the Braidwood Heritage and Curtilage Committee.

Cathie mentioned she had raised the issue with Mayor Tim Overall. Cathie was happy to provide pictures of suggested replacements. Other issues re Heritage protection were raised in general discussion.

David A and Sue M said that it is unlikely that there will be new bins provided, as the money available has been spent. The issue of community consultation before these decisions are made remains unresolved. Sue mentioned that regulations re Heritage protections are on our list of future priorities.

c) **Club Grants** applications are now open for community projects ranging from \$5000-\$40,000. More information is available at

<https://www.clubgrants.com.au/find-your-local-grant-round?cachebreak=1593999938>

d) QPRC Community Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 11th at 6-8pm at the Club. Items for the agenda need to be sent to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au by 30th April.

Sue advised that questions can be sent to her, but also sent directly to QPRC. David A reminded everyone that this is an opportunity to speak directly to Councillors and Senior Staff at QPRC.

e) Cathie King asked what was happening with the old tip site. David A mentioned toxic matter was leaking into creek and it was not yet known how it would be handled.

f) A reminder about **Dargues Gold Mine Community grants program**, which should be open for applications shortly.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 18th at 5.30pm at the Club