



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022  
Braidwood Servicemens Club

## Minutes

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.*

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** Welcome to Sen Const Shane Gillett, Monaro Police District  
Apologies: nil

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

**Moved:** Catherine Bell

**Seconded:** John Tuckwell

**3. BUSINESS ARISING AND NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

a) Community Housing Sub-Committee Update – Sarah reported work has begun on the Affordable Housing proposal to go to council. A ‘skeleton document’ has been written and will be reviewed by a couple of local experts prior to more detail being added to it. The council have committed to having an Affordable Housing Strategy written and we are expecting to be invited to provide input to it. It may be the case that this proposal feeds into the research for the Strategy. But either way, our proposal will include various options and we are hoping council agrees to several of them.

b) Community Transport Update – nil to report

c) Water Supply fees and charges Update – John reiterated the initial issues he raised regarding water supply fees and charges. He has received a reply to his letter from the mayor. The issues he raised are to be referred to the Audit and Risk committee for review.

d) Skate Park Update – Catherine advised that piping works are due to start next week. Groundwork is to be completed for initial works. The contractor has tweaked the design to include curve and hoop arrangements. Araluen street is to be closed for drainage work.

e) Braidwood Common Update – Annie Duke explained the proposed move from a private licence arrangement to a community management model. She has met with BCA, Commonwood Farm, Braidwood Community School, Two Fires, and the Braidwood Garden Club. She has also applied to council for s355 committee approval. She said it was a complicated resolution of changing the licence arrangement from Palerang days. A report needs to be written prior to progressing s355 arrangements. The issue will not be heard at council until the 13 July meeting. Sue will make representations on behalf of the BCA. Ben and Annie will speak on behalf of Commonwood Farm.

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**a) Processing time for DA’s (raised last meeting by Michael Crosby).** Item 10.1 in the Agenda for the Council Meeting on 22/06/22 states that:

*“The NSW Government, in acknowledging the pressures on many Council’s planning and assessment processes have initiated the Faster Local Assessment and NSW Planning Portal grant programs. QPRC is eligible for both and invited to nominate projects that will address issues and improve Council’s*

*development assessment processes. The main objective is to reduce the timeframe from development application lodgement to determination.”*

Council is eligible for a grant of \$350,000 to support:

- *Changes in Council processes that contribute to faster processing times*
- *Assessment of local DAs and Planning Proposals to bring forward housing supply*

*Council staff are working on a Process Improvement Plan and other measures to address the current backlog of development applications and improve future processes.*

David explained many planners have left QPRC for other employers. The CEO is trying to second them back and has hired two contract planners to try and fix problem.

**b) Braidwood Bypass (raised last meeting by Roger James).** Comments on submissions to draft QPRC Delivery Program in Attachments to Agenda for Council Meeting 22/06/2022 state that *“Council has included an action in the delivery program to progress planning with Transport for NSW for a bypass in Braidwood. Transport for NSW has made no decision on this, however Council will look to continue discussions. Traffic counts were last conducted in Wallace St during the summer period of 2018”*

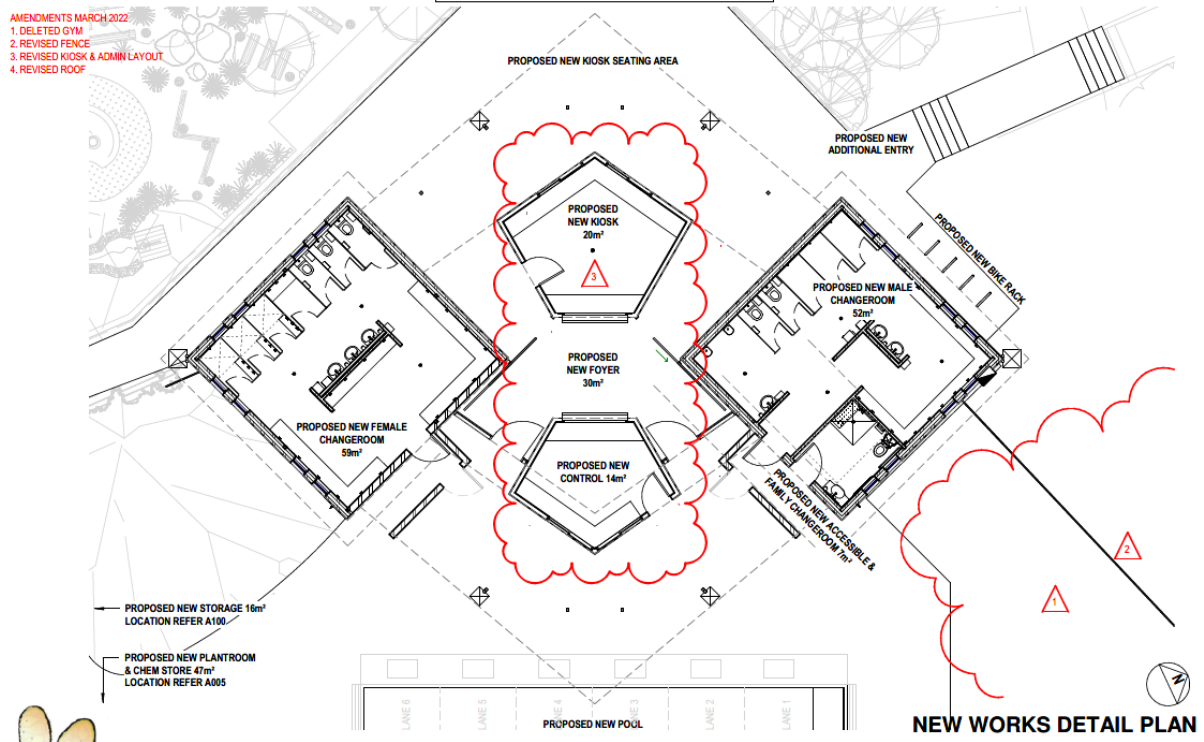
It was suggested we ask for an updated traffic count.

**c) Braidwood Heart Health Walking Group.** QPRC Community Development team have applied for a grant to start a Heart Health Walking Group in Braidwood. Meeting place will be Ryrie Park on a Thursday morning each week at 9am. Walks will start from this point although sometimes there will be different routes/meeting points used depending on the group’s interests/abilities (i.e. bushwalks etc) Expected attendees – will probably start as a small group of under 10 walkers and build membership up as it gains traction. We are looking for a volunteer to act as a lead walks organiser. A Walks Organiser:

- Attends walks and welcomes new walkers
- Promotes your walks (you will receive posters, flyers and other support)
- Keeps your walking group and contact details up-to-date
- Submits monthly attendance records so we can reward your walkers
- Keeps us up-to-date with stories and photos of your walking group

Anyone wanting to volunteer, or volunteer someone else, was invited to put their name forward.

## d) Braidwood Swimming Pool - Proposed changes to the plans for the Swimming Pool



### **Modified design showing reconfigured design of kiosk and control room and deletion of gym.**

The modification application seeks approval to amend the following aspects of the original approval:

- The initial proposal showed a proposed Gymnasium. The gym was removed from the original consent. Plans have now been amended to make it clear that the gym no longer forms part of the consent.
- Reconfiguration of the kiosk and control room.
- A modified roof design.
- Changes to the location of the fence line following deletion of the gym building.

Further information: *“Council are looking to commence construction as soon as possible. The timeframe will be dependent upon several factors including successful tenderer availability. Work may need to continue during the next season.”*

## e) Telstra Outages

Last week there were Telstra outages. Apparently Telstra were doing work on their lines but do not have enough battery to cover all works. It was suggested they have a generator like Optus does so phones can remain operative when work is being undertaken. Proposed that BCA write letter to Telstra Regional General Manager Chris Taylor.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sen Const Shane Gillett spoke and clarified the makeup of police in the region and explained their remit. He said they were on call 24/7 even though the station was not attended 24/7. There is a phone at police station with a direct phone line. It was suggested that phone might not be working at the moment. Shane said he would look into that.

At present the Courthouse (where the police are stationed) is being repainted due to asbestos and lead paint, and the police are located in a demountable behind the courthouse until they can move back in. There are plans for a new station which is currently being built off site. The new station will hold 5 officers (although will probably never be staffed to that extent) and be a custody station. The site for the new station is where the police residence and holding yard are. Entry will be from Wallace Street and rear entry from the laneway. The Police station and police paddock (the site of the new station) are currently under a (indigenous) land claim which is awaiting settlement.

Cathie Owen asked as to how they got around heritage restrictions. Police stations are not exempt from heritage restrictions. No one knew the answer to that question.

Steve Kidd raised the issue of dogs attacking people in the street. Apparently stray dogs are a council responsibility, however there are instances when police can get involved. We were advised to approach council and have rangers do more regular controls. Steve's daughter and baby have been attacked several times. Shane urged us to report any incidents or police don't know they've happened.

Shane mentioned there was not a lot of crime in BWD. There were few break & enters or car thefts. But he was called to a lot of DV situations. He said there were a few assaults but nothing to raise concern there is a problem. Shane said there were issues with drug dealing but minimal compared to other places. He reiterated that police only know what is reported. The possibility of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was raised but Shane said there was little need for one.

Margaret Tuckwell asked whether there was scope for highway traffic monitoring on Friday afternoons? Shane said the highway was manned by Highway Patrol, who are in Braidwood quite often. There was a staff of about ten to cover a lot of major highways. Shane has had informal chats with council about speed humps but they were not interested. He advised us to lobby council if we wanted them.

Margaret Tuckwell asked how we could make our town safer, but Shane commented that street crime stats are very small in Braidwood.

Annie Duke asked if we have any surveillance cameras in town. There are some private cameras which have some coverage, but the level of crime did not warrant council installing cameras.

Margaret Royds asked about the protestors camping in the Warri campground. Shane said the land was owned by the Sydney Water Board and they have no issue with them staying there and have not asked the police to intervene. Only a handful of protestors remain at the campground. Contrary to what many believed, the Council had no control over campground.

David asked if there was anything we could do to help out the police. Shane said the best thing to do was report any crime we see. Call 131444 and ask to speak to police to ensure the complaint is registered.

Derek Duffy asked whether there was to be a fence between the Ryrie Street playground and the road. Catherine said there was no money for it. Any fence needed to complete encircle the playground and the only solution would be a pool fence.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

19 Jul 20