

Minutes of the Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group 12th April 2009

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Minutes of meeting of the Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group held Sunday 12th April commencing at 2.00pm at the Coongulla Community Hall.

1. Housekeeping

- a) Roles: chairman John Gwyther, minute-taker by Helen Montague/WSC, visitor Cr Malcolm Hole.
- b) Attendees: Christie & Peter Aron, Ricky Barrett, Wendy Blanch, Lynne & Neil Boskma, Chris Burgess, Ken Burt, Rick & Margaret Butterss, W & M Carswell, Linda & Danny Clark, Judy and Brendan Corcoran, Andrew & Shelley Corkell, Norm & Marg Cottee, Katrina Cuskelly, Tracey Dickson, Glen Eddington, Kate Erickson, W & V Fenton, John Fisher, Kylie Fraser, John Gwyther, Dot & Ern Hall, Shelly Heppell, Brian & Sue Hirst, Daniel Hogbin, Bob Humphries, Con Johnston, Charlotte Johnstone, Carol King, M & D Kool, Narelle Liddell, Carmel Longshaw, Donna & Gerry McCarthy, Tom McCrohan, Fran McGowan, Shane McGrath, Karen McKechnie, Jennifer McLaughlin, Peter Mitchell, Helen Montague, Paula & Robert Moss, John Mullen, Ross Murphy, Rod & Carmel Murray, Gerard O'Keefe, K & D O'Sullivan, Geoff & Terri Page, Ian Penberthy, Steve Pile, Lynne Plunkett, Garry Rawson, Peter Ryan, Tammy Samuels, Anthony & Kelly Savage, Ken & Shirley Savage, Bill Savage & Wendy, Anthony Savage, Kelly Savage, Lainey Schmidt, P & L Scott, Bob & Julie Sealey, Denise Shaw, David Sullivan, Becky Sullivan, Gary & Nola Symonds, Glen Synnott, Joy Tilley, Ron Vanderhorst, Susie & Mick Vanderplight.
- c) Welcome: John Gwyther thanked the community for their attendance, called for apologies and requested that meeting protocol be followed and that all present be given a chance to be heard.
- d) Apologies: Leon Bannister (interstate on long-standing commitment), Geoff Lynch.
- e) Confirmation of Agenda: not completed (see below).
- f) Minutes of last meeting: not discussed (see below).

2. No Confidence Motion

- a) Upon the Chairman requesting if there were any late agenda items to be considered, Andrew Corkell addressed the meeting and moved a vote of "no confidence" in the CRG chairman and requested that John Gwyther stand down, he called for the motion to be seconded and for a show of hands to pass the motion. No reason was given for this motion and no opportunity for discussion on the motion was allowed by Mr Corkell.
- b) John replied that he would be happy to step aside, but this was not a notified agenda item and had been submitted as a late agenda item, therefore could not be dealt with in the frame work of this meeting. To do so dis-enfranchises those who had submitted agenda items in the proper way beforehand. Also as a similar meeting was to be held at Glenmaggie it would be required to also be discussed there.
- c) Much discussion followed, with some attendees calling for a "caretaker committee". To ensure proper process, John Gwyther handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to Cr Malcolm Hole.
- d) Cr Hole reintegrated that 14 days notice was required for agenda items and that the above motion would not be accepted as it did not constitute due meeting process.
- e) He requested that comments be made through the acting Chair and further discussions involving community members and CRG members took place.
- f) Proxy votes for the next meeting were raised, Cr Hole stated that this would not be possible due to logistics and financial constraints, as the council were assisting nineteen CRG's. John Gwyther observed that we do not yet have a Constitution so the mechanism for proxies votes cannot be seen to be agreed by all.

- g) There followed a short discussion on incorporation, which is being encouraged by Council as the current CRG funding program concludes around June 30th. One facilitator will then work across all CRG's. John Gwyther pointed out that the push for Incorporation is to get a Constitution to operate by so the rules are seen and observed by all and to be able to hold and raise funds for community good.
- h) David Sullivan requested it be noted that all community members are part of the CRG and are encouraged to be involved in the process.
- i) Issues of communications arose with some community members upset that they had not received previous minutes and that one meeting time had been changed without their knowledge. Helen Montague apologized and stated that the CRG were attempting to overcome communication issues by forming their own email data base but WSC cannot supply details to the CRG for privacy reasons.
- j) The LGCRG has also established a community website, published and distributed a community newsletter and advertised through the Heyfield News. Helen also stated that many of the email addresses she had been given were now invalid and many had "bounced back".
- k) Malcolm Hole stated that the exercise of doing whole community mail-outs was an expensive process, therefore limited to documentation such as surveys.
- l) Helen Montague then explained the Community Representative Group (CRG) process and the Terms Of Reference it acts under. The CRG process is based on broad community representation and this involves over 635 ratepayers for the Lake Glenmaggie area.
- m) She emphasized the work undertaken by the LGCRG members with the issues identified from the last survey and the importance of these now and for the future of the whole Lake Glenmaggie community. One area is the sewerage issue, which affects all of the community.
- n) Further discussions around these and other concerns ensued. Cr Hole called for an eight minute break to resolve meeting process issues so the meeting could move forward. Approximately one quarter of the attendees left at this point.
- o) Following the reconvening of the meeting Cr Hole stated that Coongulla community members were welcome to form another group representing their interests, eg a "Coongulla Rate Payers Association". However, this group would not be recognized as a CRG by Council, but could work on local issues.
- p) Community members stated they wanted to retain the CRG, but wanted to change the executive. No reasons were given for why they wanted this change.
- q) Many community members were given an opportunity to respond and voice their opinions.
- r) As the meeting was unable to move past the initial issue, Cr Hole resolved that the meeting would be closed and a meeting would be held at the Glenmaggie Mechanics Institute in 4 weeks time. Current agenda items would be carried forward, any notice of motion and further agenda items are to be forwarded with 14 days notice.
- s) Helen Montague said she would do a mail-out to all rate payers informing them of the meeting and if time permits, re-survey the whole community as well.

3. Youth Survey

- a) A youth survey had been distributed and incentive prizes were drawn and presented to Sophie Ryan and Cody Jones Vanderplight (\$20 mobile phone voucher) and Easter eggs to four other recipients. This survey will also be drawn at the Glenmaggie meeting, and then results will be collated. Thanks to Paula Moss, Carol King and Shelley Corkell for assisting with this.

4. Next Meeting

- a) 7.30pm Friday 22nd May 2009 at the Glenmaggie Mechanics' Institute.
- b) The meeting closed at approximately 3.30 pm
- c) Many community members were upset that they did not get to find out what was happening in the community, which was their reason for attending the meeting. Linda Clark, LGCRG member, urged for a community meeting to then take place, particularly to find out information about successful grant applications which involved the Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee. This resulted in an impromptu Hall meeting.

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