



Scotland Island Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: August 05, 2012
Venue: Community Hall
Present: Bill Gye, Cass Gye, June Lahm, Paul Kinnison, Jenny Cullen, Graeme Crayford, Sue Dickson
Apologies: Carol Floyd, Judy Readman, Colin Haskell, Alan Gaines, Sharon Kinnison, Karen Warburton, Ian Souter
Opening: Meeting opened at 10:05 am

Welcome and Apologies

1) OPERATIONS

- i) **Previous June minutes:** accepted
- ii) **Outstanding Action Points:**

- (1) **Observer policy:** Draft a policy to review at next meeting. **HELD OVER Action: GC to draft**
- (2) **Confidentiality Agreement:** Draft a policy was distributed for review on 05 May 2012. **Motion:** GC "that the draft policy be adopted" Seconded SD. **Motion Carried** with 2 abstentions.
- (3) St George proof of ID **HELD OVER Action: JR**
- (4) **Website:** Check and update all content; DH to create generic email addresses for President and SIRAC; funds for scanning requested for history page; CF to liaise with Shar; SK older studies be included; CG has a resource list. **HELD OVER Action: CF/KB to finalise website updates**
- (5) **Tennis pontoons:** Volunteers broke up the old pontoons at Tennis to facilitate their removal and reduce costs with rubble used as fill for a section of Thompson Street. Thank you notice to be placed in the PON in particular Paul Kinnison's efforts in coordinating the work. **Action: GC to draft PON notice**
- (6) **Meeting Held at Rob Stokes' Office:** Meeting organized by residents with Rob Stokes, Dept of Lands and PWC on June 6. Notes of meeting distributed. The group has subsequently requested a meeting with PWC to submit alternative plan.
- (7) **Community Consultation on Funds:** SK proposed "that PWC negotiate with community an acceptable methodology for the use of any community funds" **HELD OVER Action: SK/BG to work on proposal**
- (8) **Catherine Park:** SK playground is muddy; more sand needed. CG contacted SL at PWC (see later under Other Business)
- (9) **Catherine Park Steps:** JC requested that SIRAC request funding to carry out working bee on drainage to protect steps. **DONE**
- (10) **Bell Wharf:** CG requested letter be sent to PWC for contribution of materials to improve small section of foreshore walkway. **DONE**

(11) **Vehicle Registration:** Notice to be placed in PON that SIRA does not support unregistered vehicles **DONE**

(12) **Waste Contract Tender:** SIRAC to request input into tender. **HELD OVER Action: CG to draft letter**

iii) Financial Report:

June accounts completed and distributed; new funding available for Community Vehicle; membership renewals issued (429 invoices); outsourcing of bookkeeping is working well; GG to audit accounts **Report accepted**

Resolved to propose increasing SIRA Annual Membership from \$20 to \$25 at the next AGM.

Agreed to continue to pay honorariums of \$1,000.00 pa quarterly for Hall (KB), Website (DH), PON (JM), Community Vehicle (half SL for maintenance, half SD for administration TBC)

2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

i) **Community Hall:** No update

ii) **Website:** No update

iii) **Emergency Water Supply:** CG reported PD from PWC advised Sydney Water considering reducing water pressure; impact on Island water supply. **HELD OVER Action: CG to follow-up.**

iv) **Community Vehicle:** Pink Water Taxi proposal for use of grant funding to extend the hours of service one night per week for 2 hours at cost of \$100 per hour. Concern that this was not a cost effective use of funds. Proposal to extend the hours of service of the Community Vehicle to start at 8am instead of 9am. Agreed, subject driver advice and funding considerations TBC **Action: CG to investigate.** PWC has also proposed a community mini-bus service for Mona Vale / Church Point. **Action: CG/JC to investigate**

v) **Community Pontoon - TUG:** CG confirmed there would be funds available to cover expenses pending receipts and annual user fees, provided the cost of removing the surplus pontoons from Tennis is less than \$3000. **Action: CG to confirm**

3) ACTIVE PROJECTS

a) Church Point:

i) **Survey Results:** WPCA and SIRAC joint letter sent to PWC with results and comments. A notice with the results is to be sent to all residents (subject to WPCA agreement). Publish on website with the list of comments **Action: CG to arrange**

ii) **Commuter Wharf Fees:** BG and MW met with PWC (MF & CH) July 27 to negotiate lower fees. Pressed case given cost of Phase 1 implementation. PWC will discuss with finance department. **Action: BG/MW to follow-up with PWC**

iii) **Area for Small Boats at Commuter Wharf:** It was agreed at the last meeting that, based on support users, an area should be allocated on the inside for smaller boats. WPCA have subsequently advised that they do not support this initiative. Agreed to not proceed

iv) **Church Point Sea wall:** Plan to rebuild sea wall from Cargo Wharf to ramp of Commuter Wharf proceeding with State Government grant (associated with the transfer of McCarrs Creek Road to PWC). SIRA to be consulted prior to final plans. **Action: BG follow-up PWC**

v) **CP Carpark:** Noted that main car park filling up earlier and parking after 7pm was a problem even early in the week.

b) Roads & Drainage

- i) Report noted. Drainage channel across Thompson Road (between Harold and Cecil) with rock waterfall treatment noted as good example of blending works with the natural environment. Request PWC for design detail and cost. **Action: AG to follow-up with PWC**
- ii) Steve Yorke approached PWC regarding roads expenditure on Scotland Island and has received a number of spreadsheets forwarded to AG. **Action: AG to evaluate and report back**

c) Community pontoons - Cargo

- i) Letter sent to PWC regarding need to consider noise mitigation as part of the design.
- ii) Waterways are moving boats moored on beach at Cargo following issues with barge; apparently obstructing access. New pontoon to cater for all boats moored on the beach area.

d) SIRAC Communications Plan

- i) Discussion held over to next meeting

e) Water & Wastewater

- i) Letters from NSW Planning & Infrastructure and Office of Environment & Heritage indicating that no funds are available for capital works and referring us back to Sydney Water.

4) OTHER BUSINESS & NEW PROJECTS

- i) **Catherine Park and Bell Wharf Steps:** Minor works requested in Catherine Park and base of Bell Steps (Items 8 – 10 above); CG & SC met with PWC; SC sketch plan of proposed work on the path through the park forwarded to Council. **Action: CG/JC to follow-up with PWC**
- ii) **Council Elections:** Ian White seeking re-election to Council with Bob Dunbar and Bill Gye in his group. Elections September 8; support to work on campaign, advise CG if able to contribute.

Meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Next meeting: 10 a.m. Sunday, September 16, 2012 Venue: Community Hall