



Scotland Island Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: February 19, 2012.
Venue: Community Hall
Present: Bill Gye, Cass Gye, Carol Floyd, Judy Readman, Graeme Crayford, Sharon Kinnison, Paul Kinnison, Jenny Cullen, Sue Dickson, Alan Gaines, Karin Krueger, Karen Warburton, Ian Souter
Apologies: June Lahm, Colin Haskell
Opening: Meeting opened at 10 am

1. OPERATIONS

1.1. Welcome and Apologies

1.2. Meeting Procedures

- 1.2.1. BG and briefly outlined the SIRAC Meeting Procedures.
- 1.2.2. The new SIRAC Agenda format reflects the distinction between ongoing Services and temporary Projects, with a further distinction being made between Active and Inactive Projects with only the former being on the agenda; GC suggested a 'Watching Brief' in relation to current inactive projects. Meeting agreed.
- 1.2.3. SK asked whether visitors could come to meetings. Meeting agreed. GC suggested that observers can attend, but prior written notice of any issues is required. Meeting agreed we need a policy on this

ACTION: SK and JR to draft policy that can be announced and put on website

1.3. Previous Minutes: Actions Outstanding and Updates

- 1.3.1. **January Minutes:** Motion to accept; carried.
- 1.3.2. **Vehicle Registration:** SIRA is opposed to any unregistered vehicles on the Island and the risk to residents. All vehicles should be registered to cover for third party liability.
Action: CG draft notice for PON prior to vehicle registration in July HELD OVER
- 1.3.3. **Website:** CB to ask CG for Island statistics for website **HELD OVER**
- 1.3.4. **McCarrs Creek Parking:** BG and MW attended PWC Traffic Committee Meeting. Result: change current restrictions from Cargo to Holmeport, from Holmeport status quo remains.
Action: CG to ask PWC for flyer to go out in PON DONE
- 1.3.5. **Water Taxi:** Question possible early close hours JP from WPCA to confirm
Action: CG to forward meetings notes DONE: No reply Ministry of Transport
- 1.3.6. **Water Access Only:** CG proposed copies for PWC Councillors. Agreed.
Action: CG to distribute at suitable opportunity
- 1.3.7. **Communications:** KK KDK Media proposal to handle communications management; seek grant funding; 12-month proactive campaign.
Action: BG funding; KK strategy; KK info to JR for AGM DONE/Ongoing
- 1.3.8. **AGM minutes:** CG proposed that everyone read before next meeting; ME from PWC to read

- 1.4. Treasurer's Report.** CG reports in advance. Accepted. JR raised question about funding projects when if we have insufficient funds. CG about \$12,500 per year from memberships and EW Levy, some donations.
- 1.5. Legal and Insurance Report:** BG said that new members need to be assured we all have adequate cover. CG Public Liability of \$10M which covers emergency water; Personal Accident Voluntary Workers and Association Liability, plus Jetty Public Liability Insurance for TUG pontoon \$20M which covers use of jetty. BG said as Committee Members due diligence must be followed and asking the right questions to be covered by limited liability.
- 1.6. Membership Report:** Memberships \$160 banked. Current membership approx. 300 households. Limited membership funds expected before end of financial year.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 2.1. Hall Report:** CF tabled. Deck repairs to be finalised by March 10.
- 2.2.1. Café:** Meeting comments Café sales seemed overstated and expenses understated.
Action: CF/CG/KW to form Project Team and meet with MP; Café Active Project
- 2.2.2. Air-conditioning:** – JC suggested structural modifications to cool Hall. CF suggested JC send email to forward PWC.
Action: JG to send suggestions re hall modifications to CF
- 2.2.3. Tapestry Perspex:** KW perspex which can be in two parts instead of one large piece.
Action: CG will go back to quotes from SD
- 2.3. Website:** Blog issue. CF have a blog, moderator and replies would be necessary; Facebook maybe preferable. Agreed to hear JR's proposal re Facebook instead.
Action: JR to pursue Facebook usage
- 2.4. Community Vehicle** – No report; driver meeting minutes not finalised, nothing to report.
- 2.5. Community Pontoons - TUG:** PK and MK have been putting notes on boats not registered with TUG. JR tabled draft letter to individual boat owners re untagged boats. \$649 in account; \$900 outstanding; PK and MK have spent \$200 each for repairs. PK suggested moving unregistered boats to seawall. Meeting agreed could not be done. JC noted that some tying up to public pontoon. This needs to be reported to PWC Compliance if it continues. JR moved that we send the letter to owners of untagged boats. Meeting agreed. JR reported on removal of pontoons; PK quote received in excess of \$3000. Clean Up Australia can take junk off pontoons, but not pontoons.
ACTION: PK/CH to provide competitive written quotes for removal within two weeks; approval by email

3. ACTIVE PROJECTS

- 3.1. Church Point Commuter Wharf:** Motions submitted prior to meeting by PK, SK. Discussion first on Survey; wharf at CP.
- 3.1.1. Survey:** BG tabled WPCA feedback. Option 3 to be deleted; Option 1 delete word 'Only'; decked carpark to 'two-level decked carpark'; 'Will you lease a space' rather than 'Are you interested in a space' and insert cost. Meeting agreed 'two-level (decked)'. SK said flipping from page to page difficult; names on survey is a concern; no area for comments; nobody wants a 'do nothing' option; 1 and 2 implies if you don't agree not concerned about safety or convenience; finally we are missing an opportunity to collect details. JR suggested that the 'for and against' be next to the major options. Meeting agreed 'Would you lease' instead of 'Will you'.

- 3.1.2. Motion: Proposed SK:** That SIRAC consider both a Committee Meeting and a Community Meeting dedicated to the Precinct 1 issues prior to the survey; seconded by JC. **Proposed Amendment BG:** That a Community Forum be held (accepted by SK) Speakers for: JC we need time to hear other alternatives; JR structured meeting not a decision-making meeting after survey comes out; PK queried whether visitors could attend; **Meeting agreed.** **Against Motion IS:** endless public meetings held; a lot of alternative plans submitted which are not sound; CPPOM has gone through many discussions and years of debate. **Proposed Amendment CG:** That a Community Forum be held after the survey not before; survey not about the whole Precinct 1 issue, just the decked carpark; seconded IS. **Against Amendment JR:** strategy meeting revealed perception that we do not communicate well enough and listen to feedback; meeting to solicit and allow feedback and discuss issues. **Vote: Motion carried.** **Proposed Rescission Motion BG:** That the above motion be rescinded and replaced.
- 3.1.3. Motion:** That a Community Forum dedicated to Precinct 1 issues be held within a short time after survey is sent out but before it closes. AG sought clarification: if we do not approve, we move back to CG amendment; agreed. GC moved going to vote; seconded CF: **Vote: Majority in Favour.** **Motion SK:** that before survey goes out we meet with WPCA; seconded JC; not enough meetings have been held. **Against Motion CF:** much consideration on this issue; insulting to WPCA to say they have not considered issues in detail; seconded CG. **Vote: Motion not carried.** **Moved GC:** That Committee accept WPCA's amendments to survey, with clarification re wording 'decked car park' and to add comments field per SK. The context for this motion was that these were understood to be the final changes requested by WPCA. **Vote: Motion Carried.** JC wished to record her opposition to the motion.
- 3.1.4. Motion: Proposed SK:** That SIRAC support and lobby for a cap of \$400 on fees to residents for a single boat and car park space whether there is a two level carpark or not: seconded by PK. SK spoke in favour of her motion: to give certainty; to avoid open cheque-book to Council; Council supports cap on fees. CF spoke against figure of \$400; not feasible and will never happen. SK would accept \$550 as cap. GC suggested we have this discussion after survey results. IS said that he and MW are always hammering PWC to reduce costs; cap is against CPPOM because we can get grants etc. CG agreed it is preemptive; don not know what actual fees will be. BG said we would try very hard to keep fees as low as possible; with a cap proposal PWC will move to the decked option for in their mind that is the best way to meet that cap. **Vote: Against.** **Proposed Amendment BG:** That SIRA seek to have the fees capped as per those in the CPPOM. Seconded CF. **Motion carried.**

3.2. Roads and Drainage: AG met with PWC and letter sent; in agreement that drainage issues most important; work must be done properly; Traffic Management Plan to be carried out as part of the works programme. Priority for next year to complete anything unfinished this year; major drainage plans; four additional sites. New residents on Team; PS and GC. CG and BG drove RS around Island; concerned at state of roads; making representations to Minister for Roads for additional funding.

3.3. Commuter Wharf: BG moved a motion that to speak in favour of Option 1 on 20/2/2012 Council Meeting; seconded GC. JC WPCA felt not enough information about Option 3. JC queried cost of \$517,000 covers the additional boxed area. **Motion carried.**

Action: BG to speak in favour of Option 1; seek clarification on additional boxed area

3.4. Cargo Wharf: JR will call a user's group meeting ASAP; if Council releases old pontoon need to have planning and infrastructure ready. JR requested design help from IS t; JR will get cost and quote to install. IS says a base survey is needed. PK queried size of pontoon; IS JP knows size of pontoon modules and incorporated into his drawing. Stage 1 is pontoon; Stage 2 entire region. JC said that impact on sediment needs to be gauged first.

Action: IS agreed to do survey before 1/3/2012

3.5. Communications Plan: JR agreed with the request for more meetings; coffee/community forum possibly three times a year; happy to work towards a regular event. A Scotland Island Facebook site presented by JR; 'Scotland island Residents' page. JR moved that we put FB icon on the website; in PON. SK Committee communications: BG public communication on behalf of Committee must be agreed; GC same with member email listing. PK suggested in PON Letters to Editor. Motion by JR: advertise FB page in PON and on website; motion carried. **Action: CF to put on website; JR to put in PON**

3.6. Water and Wastewater: Letter to Sydney Water asking for update on Stage 2 Priority Sewerage Plans for island: Motion send; motion carried. Action: CG to send asap

4. OTHER BUSINESS & NEW PROJECTS

4.1. RS (MP Pittwater) requested SIRA support against commercial fishing in Pittwater. Motion BG; seconded CG; that we support this by a letter. Motion carried

Action: BG to send letter to RS in support of ban

4.2. Pasadena Community Space Initiative: CG described plans by an independent group to put out a survey gauging support for a community purchase of the Pasadena as a community space. A separate incorporated identity would be formed.

4.3. Bangalla: JC spoke to this point; emails have gone out; issue of noise. CF spoke against getting involved in personal issues between neighbours; PWC regulations would cover issues. PK suggested we review in six months; gross violations reconsider our position.

Meeting closed at 1 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 1, 2012 Venue: Community Hall