

Minutes of Dangar Island Public/General Meeting

Saturday 5th February 2011 – Community Hall

Those Present: Sue Merrick, Tony Partridge, Joanne Karcz, Karen Gilbert, Judy Nikola, Bronek Karcz, , Ron Barrelle, Jan Barrelle, Robert Bickerstaff, Tom Garvey, Wally Bower, Margaret Bower, David Ruppin, Yvonne Terkildsen, Peter Wolfe, Cybele Shorter, Michael Dean, Judith Doyle (Sec) Antony Schinckel (President)

Non-Financial Members: Wynn Webber, Margaret Madden, & Rob Seale

Meeting Commenced 10.40am

1. Ant thanked and **welcomed** all those present, and reminded the attendees who served on the current Committee: Ant S(President) Chris I (VP) Hans P (Treasure) Judith (Sec) Bronek K/ Judy Nikola, Andy Payne, Tony Partridge, Michael Dean
2. **Apologies** received from Chris Innis, Hans Pols, Andy Payne, Jane Putt
3. **Previous AGM/General Meeting Mins** (09.10.10) approved Judy N, seconded Tony P
4. **Presidents Report**

4.1. Community Hall Fee Proposal. Ant S advised that Public donations had made up the majority of the fee. The League has covered the shortfall of \$150.

Status: while still awaiting the final outcome of the HS Council's revised plans surrounding their initial proposal for central council control of all Community Halls, there would appear to now be only some minor changes with specific regard to the Management of the DI Hall, and it would largely stay managed locally. Will report further as HSC rules.

4.2. Island Pets – Individual letters and HSC brochures outlining Council ruling with regards to pets, had been posted mailed to all residents. Phase 2 would now be to request the provision of 2 or 3 bag dispensers and bins from Council. A 'reminder' sign with regard to "Dogs to be Leashes" should also be erected close to ferry shed - this sign also include directional notice for the Public Toilets.

4.3. Ferry Shed – Whilst this area is seen as a great and much used area for re-cycling, of late it had been, at times, quite unsightly. Tony P advised the group that in addition to the recent League notice position there he'd also now monitor the area and liaise with the shop in hope to re-cycle some books via the café so as to benefit the Fire Brigade box. Wally B asked where do the discarded items go? The green bins adjacent to Cafe are meant for general rubbish (not household). Judy N to talk with Geoff G when discussing e-waste (see next item).

Thanks to Tony and the person who erected the shelf!

4.4. e -Waste Collection – e waste had been on the League agenda for some time. Judy N advised that she had now organised such a collection. Notes to all residents will go with council information in all mailboxes, plus posters around advising of what can and can't be collected. Like many things on the island volunteers will achieve this at no cost.

Judy and other(s) have volunteered their time to drive the Council ute to collect the e-waste – Geoff Gauslaa (thanks Geoff) will provide his barge at no cost to transport across where it will be re-loaded onto Cath's truck which Judy N will drive to Sefton Rd. **Date for e Waste collection: FRIDAY 11TH MARCH.** If this is well supported it could be come a more regular 'service'. THIS NEW COLLECTION IS TWO WEEKS BEFORE NORMAL COUNCIL CLEAN-UP ON 24TH MARCH.

Cybele S thanked Judy N on behalf of the residents.

4.5. Membership Renewals – Judith D advised that the Committee felt there was a need to drive up membership numbers. Both non-financial members together with individuals who had never been members would be approached – some face-to-face and other by letter.

Fees will not increase at this time, but, to ease Annual collections there will now be a 5 yr membership option @ \$25. The one yr option will remain at \$5 pp pa. It's felt there is a need to explain what the League 'stands for'- especially with recent arrival of new residents. This will be done over coming weeks/months.

4.6. Community Communications - In addition to the General & AGM Public Meetings and the Mullet Mail an interim Mullet Express will become a regular feature and would be posted on the website (use of which will be encouraged more), the Community Hall and Ferry shed noticeboards.

These actions are in response to some members requesting easy access to information.

Andy P will be working closing with Jonathan Sykes and Mel Anderson to develop regular updated Communication on the League activities.

There was comment regarding posters for General Meeting that it was not entirely clear what the meeting was, and it did not include an Agenda – this will be fixed for future public meeting posters.

4.7. Water Access Update -

(Please see last Public minutes for more background 9th October 2011 – these can be viewed on DIL website).

Ant S summarised: There are three problems to solve:

- currently the Island has no public access and many of the residents have no-where to moor their tinnies.
- Boating public access to the island is very restricted
- There is no disabled access from the ferry

The proposal for Dangar Island would be *a version* of the BMC (Brooklyn Marina Co-op) attached to a major upgrade of the existing ferry wharf. The sub-committee had had meetings with members of BMC to learn of its structure and evolution over the years.

Ant S updated the members present on current status of sub-committee progress:

He explained that by 2018 all Public Transport had to have handicap facilities in place and HSC had recently sent their proposals to Maritime.

Maritime having had considerable dialogue with the DI sub-committee, agreed that a solution which met all 3 parties needs (Maritime, HSC and residents) would be best.

Thus a meeting between members of DI sub-committee/council staffers and Maritime representatives took place on 25th January 2011. Maritime asked that current proposals and estimated costing be available for this meeting.

At the meeting the DI current proposal and costs were presented. The funding for such a project would be largely private (Islanders) with contributions from HSC & Maritime for handicap access and public access: these two authorities in addition to Lands are the acting authorities that we must consult and work with.

Ant S continued to described the current design being proposed, which makes provision for Fire Boat and Ferry Docking, resident and public mooring.

Total numbers of residents' slots being provided is likely to be around 37, but this will depend on the final approved design, funds raised etc.

There are several other public access points, to the water, but extending the existing public wharf is the most practical and affordable option.

Ant S stressed again that any outcome would not please every individual and cannot make any guarantees. He asked that any residents, or know of others, that may have particular concerns should approach himself or others on the sub-committee. They are: Ant S/Chris Innis/David Pakes/ Ron Barrelle/Stuart Allen/Michael Dean. Ant S can be contacted via

president@dangarislandleague.net

The aim is that it would be fair (though not cheap), Safe-Investment (not for profit) or (hopefully) money loosing. Not big commercial (not a Marina) and very much a resident's facility.

The DI Berthing Co-op, would, at the appropriate time, become a legal entity and would work under Department of Fair Trading conditions.

Michael D asked "what's next ?" - Ant S confirmed the following.

Next actions : Ant S and sub-committee - by end of February 2011

~ **Provide the HSC with a brief document** outlining reasons/needs proposal & costs in order that it can be put formally to Councillors/General Manager/Mayor.

~ **Written communication with all of Dangar Island community** outlining the *first draft rules of ownership and the philosophy*. Additionally a written survey-giving resident the opportunity to raise any questions/concerns they might have.

~The *rules of ownership* will have to consider every option that might occur in the future. The list is endless! However the committee is trying to think of every eventuality.

~ **A Series of Open Forums**, will be necessary during the final proposal development stages.

Final comment – the BMC started small and extended over the years – this current project for DI water access will be a **one-off!** **Cybele S thanked the Water Access Sub-committee** for the time and effort thus so far! There is lots of work ahead!

Australia Day : Ant S commented that Australia Day on the Island had been a great success. Visitor numbers considerably down from last year - approximately 800 people visited during the course of the day. It was noted how, again, no rubbish was left by so many visitors.

The Café/Shop, the Club & Restaurant being the main beneficiary's and were all pleased with their takings on the day. Thanks passed to the many volunteers who made it happen.

5.0 AOB / General Business : Cybele S thanked those who had return their Fire Surveys' and asked those who had not to please get them back as soon as possible.

6.0 The Next Public Meeting is on Saturday 7th May 2011

The meeting closed at 11.20am