

Minutes... *Monday 19 July 2021*..... MEETING

Valla Beach Community Association [VBCA]

Community Hall Valla Beach Rd Valla Beach

1. Opening and attendance

Opened at PM...7.05pm.....

Number attended: ...16.....

2. Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we hold this gathering Gumbaynggir Nation. We pay respect to the elders past present and future

3. Welcome

To all in attendance and for braving the cold tonight.

4. Apologies

Lori Warren, Marja and Keith Parker, Michelle Nicholson, Peter Sobey, Sue Jenvey

5. AGM Postponed.

Due to the notice from council dated 29 March 2021 AGM will be held over till November 2021 and July meeting will be nomination for exec committee. After Council elections in September Committee nominations will need to be sent to council for approval to run for office. This means that no nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

We will need to place notices about the new process and ask people to volunteer to be part of the decision making to help make a difference.

(Update since meeting:-Council has announced that the Election for Nambucca Valley Council will be now held in December. As such VBCA AGM date will be advised after Council elections are held.)

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 15 March 2021.

Move reading of the minutes and accept minutes as published.

Moved Tracey Suter

Second ...Carole Andersen

7. Business arising from previous minutes (*see general business*)

8. Correspondence In:

1. March 18 Notice to Council-Main Projects Stage, Anderson Park , Mural, Road safety
2. March 24 Section 356 Grant Funding
3. March 29 **Committee of Management Correspondence - Local Government Council Elections 4 September 2021**
4. March 29 Pre-School notice of office bearers
5. March 30 Reply to upcoming grant funding –to Contact Mid North Coast Arts
6. March 31 Mobile Service Centre available re disaster recovery Information.
7. April 1 Disaster Recovery Fact Sheets
8. April 6 Bunnings Donation 20 Bollards for the Market

- 9. April 13 Invitation to Book launch from Nambucca Valley Council
- 10. April 13 Information re Essential Energy Community Choice Program
- 11. April 22 Invitation to flood recovery needs meeting
- 12. April 24 Invitation to good governance in rural and regional areas
- 13. April 23 Notice of the new local weekly paper launch.
- 14. May 3 Invoice from Nambucca Valley council re Rego for the Stage Trailer.
- 15. May 11 Quotes for the construction of Stage for grant purposes.
- 16. May 12 Storms and Floods Community Information fact sheets
- 17. June 2 Received grant \$200 from essential energy
- 18. June 2 Lease agreement with Valla Beach Pre-school has been renegotiated.
- 19. June 3 **Concern about wildlife along Giinagay Way**
- 20. June 4 Notice re invoices for payment by 30 June 2021.
- 21. June 8 Mid North Coast NOW has relaunched offer to advertise \$60 per issue
- 22. June 10 FW: FREE Workshop Bowraville - Bell Minor Associated Die Back -
Bugs, Birds and Burning
- 23. June 12 Letter of Support for Men's Shed Grant application
- 24. June 12 To M Coulter re loss of revenue from Pre-school rent.
- 25. June 12 How to access IRCF funding
- 26. June 21 **Employment Opportunities- 2021 NSW Local Government Elections**
- 27. June 24 **Skate Park upgrade Quote for extra work.**
- 28. June 28 Invoice for Toilet lock repair at Valla Beach Hall.
- 29. June 28 Invoice from Nambucca Valley Council re GST owed.
- 30. July 2 Authority for new keys re Hall.
- 31. July 6 Approval to funding of rubbish collection for the markets for 2021/22.
- 32. July 13 Reminder not to hold AGM until after council election as per notice.
- 33. July 13 Jasmine Avery from Art Mid north coast re best place to apply for water
tower funding.
- 34. July 13 K Williams Art mid North Coast as above.
- 35. July 13 NSW Service Covid-19 update re QR Codes
- 36.

9. Correspondence Out:

- 1. March 15 Letter to Bunnings re Bollards donation request.
- 2. March 25 Application for Section 356 Funding
- 3. March 22 Letter to NSW Art Council re upcoming grant funding.
- 4. April 9 Auspice agreement for CDAT Funding.
- 5. April 9 Letter of Support for 2NVR License renewal
- 6. April 20 Application for additional waste services for Markets
- 7. May 14 Application for Valla Reserve Stage Grant.
- 8. June 13 Letter to Council re loss of rent from Pre-school to VBCA
- 9. June 19 Application for communication funding
- 10. June 21 Letter of support for Valla Beach Tennis Club.
- 11.

Moved Tracey Suter Seconded John Windmill_____

10. Treasurer's Report

See report tabled. (*Attach PDFs a, b, c*)
Move the treasurer's report be accepted and tabled

Moved Gary Suter Seconded Tracey Suter_____

11. General Business

Business arising from previous meetings

a) Anderson Park (Lori)

Ordered Soccer Net awaiting council to install.

Draft Plan Presented at meeting. 4 Mums who use the park, would like their group of mums to have an input to what could be amenities at the park. VBCA will set up a meeting with the group to discuss. Awaiting contact re upgrade of netball rings to net/basketball rings

Skate Park upgrade request for funding. We have received a quote for the upgrade of the skate park and council has called for other quotes before we commit any of the VBCA Funds.

b) Permanent stage at Valla Reserve (John)

Grant application submitted awaiting outcome. We will need to get plans drafted to present to council and have costed. *(Since the meeting we have been notified approval of a granted \$115K for the stage build and are waiting on further funding application outcomes.)*

c) Water Tower

Looking for funding Arts Mid North Coast suggest we look at funding from Clubs NSW.

**d) Traffic mitigation Ocean View Dr and Valla Beach Road.
Ocean View Dr**

Line marking on tight bends i.e. outside 62/64 and 84 (vacant block) and 86 again owners may take exception. With council for follow-up.

Valla Beach Road (Carol)

Survey completed over 23 Day period. Information has been collected by council and we are waiting to hear what the outcome will be.

Replacement of broken Blisters:-I believe this will be part of the changes that may take place with consultation with council, VBCA, residents and property owners.

Funding for speed mitigation :- Awaiting budget announcement and looking for road safety grant funds.

e) Dogs and 4X4s on beaches.

This is an ongoing matter. VBCA have more community members contacting us about these 2 problems. What can we do on these issues that seem to be a continual concern?

4X4 is an ongoing campaign community members have commenced a petition to lobby council to ban 4X4 from the beach.

f) Christmas Carols. (Michelle Nicolson)

The date for this Year's Carols Friday 10 December 2021. Keep this date free.

Always looking for people to help here so if you are interested please contact VBCA and we will pass **your** info onto Michelle.

g) Fire Safety Plan for Valla Beach and signage (Pat Greenwood Community led resilience team)

What happened at the emergency preparedness sessions..

Formation of Subcommittee "Community Resilience Subcommittee"

(See Attachment below)

h) Footpath Motion from last meeting. What is happening to the motion. Tracey to follow. Rewrite to council ask for follow up.

12. Other Business:

Wildlife on Giinagay Way

Concern at the number of animals being run over by motorist due to the fencing for the Highway. The thought is that wildlife go across Giinagay Way get to the fence and then when they cannot continue turn back. This mean there is two times in one trip that the animal could be run over by a vehicle. We are asked to find out from council who to contact to discuss.

Nambucca Valley Bridge Club Offer

Free introduction to Bridge at the Club house 2 Fred Brain Ave. Nambucca Heads. Tues. 10 Aug 2021 to 14 Sept 2021 10am till noon

and

Wed 11 Aug 2021 to 15 Sept. 2021 7pm to 9pm

Property for shopping Centre at opening to Valla Beach (Check that out) Comment was made from the floor that a shopping Centre may be built on the property near the rail bridge. Advised to check with council to confirm

Thompson St Playground Happy for the upgrade but would have liked some input as to what was placed there. Could use something like interactive log steppers.

Finished 8.25pm

Report on the Establishment of Community Led Resilience Team

The First report on the establishment of a Community Led Resilience Team (CRT) in Valla Beach as a sub group of the Valla Beach Community Association in March 2021.

Following the “Be Prepared” meeting held by Nambucca Shire council recovery team in September 2020 as a result of the summer bushfires 2019/2020, I felt a need to take the Red Cross program forward in my community.

Valla Beach has been identified as a Very High Risk in the event of a bushfire emergency due to having only the one road in and out, as the community is surrounded by bush. The recommendation is to leave early on any days that are regarded as extreme fire danger.

A small group of individuals interested in taking the Red Cross CRT program forward met at my home with the support of Adele McCollum from the red cross who offered to be the Admin support and take meeting minutes.

The first meeting established that we would letter drop and call on 10 houses near our homes to see if people were interested and if there was a need to establish a CRT in Valla Beach.

At the second meeting we fed back to the group and it was found that over 70% of the people contacted thought it was a good idea, and the vast majority was unaware of the Place of Last Resort or indeed of the risk of a fire and the problems that would occur if everyone was trying to leave Valla Beach at the same time.

Baseline information from the Council and Local Government services regarding population and risks were obtained along with maps of the area and the fire risks posed.

The need to recruit Street Coordinators and establish links was made to Rhiannon Treasure-Brand as she attended the second meeting; she advised that she would notify the Emergency Committee of Nambucca Shire council of the establishment of a CRT in Valla Beach.

Discussion about establishing a register of members and SMS messaging system to notify everyone in Valla Beach was discussed and it was decided that we would keep things simple and we would just raise awareness of the risks to the community and try to identify who may be in need of assistance in an emergency and help neighbours make a plan and make people aware of the Apps etc. available for information and also to have a plan if telecommunications and power are lost.

Meeting three we worked with Rhiannon to re run the “Be Prepared” workshop in Valla Beach on the 2nd October, the CRT would be involved, also we would have a stall at the August Valla Beach markets to help recruit more Street Coordinators.

I attended the Bellingen Neighbourhood core network coordinators gathering with Lee Gilliland to see how they work. They have funding from Council of \$15,000 and \$10,000 from the primary care network. They were established in response to the Covid 19 lockdown and have refocused to emergency support. The Valla Beach CRT is still a work in progress but is moving forward, our next meeting is on 27th July at 11.00am.

Narelle Peters President of the Valla Lions group attended and provided the group with a background to the situation on the buildings and access issues at the Valla Nature Reserve and the dwindling numbers of the Valla Lions (now only 5).

We also discussed developing a list of areas where we need street coordinators, an outline as to what a CRT is and have made contact with the Valla Beach R.F.S. community Liaison Officer.