

Go! Highlands
A community association of the Central Highlands
Tuesday 7th November 2006
Hopkiln Cafe, Gretna
6.30pm
Minutes

1. Present

Mary Downie, Richard Downie, Tom Downie, Tracey Turale, Wayne Turale, Lana Benson, Michael Parsons, Philip Pitt, Charlotte Pitt, Simon Josey, Maria Josey, Cheryll McIntosh, Chris McIntosh, Andrew Benson, Matthew Pitt

2. Apologies

Anita Campbell, Maree Krause, Brendan Flack

3. Confirmation of minutes of the 3rd October 2006

Moved: Philip Pitt

Seconded: Lana Benson

Minutes are a true record of meeting with a correction necessary in the heading where it should read minutes not Agenda.

4. Business arising from minutes

Moved: Lana Benson

Seconded: Charlotte Pitt

The Special Meeting to alter the objects and articles as motioned in minutes of 3rd October 2006 will be acted on prior to the December 5th meeting as the motion should have given 21 days notice to members prior to the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

Out

- Letter to Central Highlands Council in regard to representation on C4C reference group
- General Manager of Southern Midlands Council
- Michael Polley, Speaker of the House of Assembly re seed funding
- Submission of grant application - Skills Development for Community Groups in the Central Highlands

In

- Michael Polley, Speaker of the House of Assembly
- Salvation Army
- CfC &U Newsletter
- Central Highlands Council – re review of planning scheme
- Receipt of Application from Office of Children and Youth Affairs
- Dept. of Health and Ageing – receipt of application

- Dept. of Health and Ageing - informing us of our success with National Suicide Prevention Grant
- Dept. of Health and Ageing – National Suicide Prevention Strategy, bank Account Details Form.

6. Treasurers Report

Andrew Benson asked if we were solvent and Treasurer replied that she is still trying to settle signatory details at the Island State Credit Union since her return and will have a definite report next month when able to access account details.

Outstanding:

- \$97.00 reimbursement to Andrew Benson for incorporation payment
- \$300 reimbursement to Mary Downie for insurance payment,
- Deduct \$10.00 from above \$300.00 amount for Richard Downie's membership

Cheryll McIntosh and Michael Parsons to discuss membership and payments to complete records.

7. General business

7.1 Go! Highlands Inc.

Moved: Andrew Benson

Seconded: Tracey Turale

Membership applications received from Brendan Flack, Wayne Turale, Matthew Pitt, Chris McIntosh be accepted.

Mary Downie reported on Go! Highlands community meet and greet. Report attached.

7.2 Grants Report – Report by Tracey Turale

- ***Health Promotion – Summer Holiday Fun Project \$1360.18***

Mary Downie to collaborate with community members in regard to this project.

- ***National Suicide Prevention Strategy \$43240.00***

Moved: Lana Benson

Seconded: Charlotte Pitt

The required separate bank account under the funding agreement with the National suicide Prevention Strategy be opened at Island State Credit Union with the signatories being Cheryll McIntosh(Treasurer), Lana Benson(Vice President), Michael Parsons(Public Officer) Mary Downie(President)

Cheryll McIntosh to complete Bank Account Details form and return to funding body

- Small Equipment Grants in the system
- Tas Community Fund – Building Relationships in the Central Highlands
- Office of Youth Affairs Grant
- Ace Grant Application – Skills development for community groups in the Central Highlands

Mary Downie reported that 2 other grants will be submitted:

- Womens Development Grant - 1 grant application to run a Women Get Active Program in the Central highlands in 2007

- Go! Highlands auspicing body for Go Gretna Girls application to continue activity in Gretna in 2007

Moved: Andrew Benson

Seconded: Cheryll McIntosh

Motioned to extend on behalf of the members a heartfelt thankyou to Tracey Turale for the tremendous effort in applying for the grants and to extend our gratitude for the tremendous support she is to Go! Highlands Inc.

7.3 Communities for Children and Families Consortium – Andrew Benson reported Meeting resolved they were happy that the Families and Children’s Consortium(Go! Highlands is a member) pursue the avenue of submitting a written summary of the discontent in relation to the processes surrounding the Salvation Army, Community for Children tender process and the subsequent awarding of the tender to Mission Australia. This will be submitted to Mal Brough through Guy Barnett.

Go! Highlands will continue to monitor and keep informed with activities surrounding this program. Mary Downie thanked Andrew Benson for his continuing involvement and passion having done so much work and now to being dealing with the frustration of knowing we could have delivered more effectively on the ground.

7.4 Community Connections – Tracey Turale reported

Moved: Charlotte Pitt

Seconded: Andrew Benson

Moved that Community Connections, if it is agreed at their meeting to be held 8th November 2006 to do so, become a sub-committee of Go! Highlands Inc. with the advantage of incorporation, spreading the load around more community members, alleviating community confusion by creating a definite connection and the objects and purposes of Community Connections sit well with those of Go! Highlands Inc.

7.5 Community Audit

A community college student doing a Cert.3 in business will be doing work experience at Ash Cottage and one of her task will be to begin this process.

7.6 Policies and Strategies

Restorative Practices Dispute Resolution

7.7 Communication

- **Website:** Simon Josey reported on the 3 options available with the preferred option of having a site with no adds and our own domain name all for a cost of \$133.00.

Moved: Cheryll McIntosh

Seconded: Lana Benson

We accept the advice that Simon Josey has submitted and go with the preferred option and that we view a draft site at the next meeting. Mary Downie to forward information that would make up the content.

- Mary Downie to post information regarding planning at Wayatinah to Wayatinah Social club.

8. Other Business

8.1 Logo Competition :

Resolved that a competition would be held in the new year when school resumes. It is proposed to advertise through schools and the Digest. Tarraleah Holdings to be approached to support competition by offering a prize.

8.2 Go! Highlands Sub Committees:

Wayatinah Social Club has expressed interest in coming under our umbrella as a sub committee.

Moved: Andrew Benson **Seconded:** Cheryll McIntosh

The President and Vice President review objects and articles and our policy on sub-committees to ensure consistency in regard to sub-committees of Go! Highlands Inc.

8.3 Resource Centre:

Matthew Pitt informed meeting that the Natural Resource management committee has secured the lease of the Resource Centre in Hamilton and they are keen that Go! Highlands Inc. are involved in the development of this centre.

8.4 Council Matters

Planning Scheme – Mary Downie will write expressing interest in being involved in the process on behalf of Go! Highlands.

Code of Conduct Panel – call for nominations to go onto panel

Annual Report – the draft report will be out sometime in November and community comment is asked for. It was felt that attendance by some members at the Central Highlands Council Annual General Meeting at Miena would be prudent.

9. Next Meeting and future meetings

Tuesday 5th December for a meeting and meal at the Hamilton Inn. Speaker Ian Brown from Valley Vision

Resolved by meeting that Mary Downie enquire that facility is at no cost and they are able to remain open till 10.30pm.

Annual General Meeting

Financial year ends 31st December. AGM must be held within 3 months of that day so it is proposed it will be in March.

10.Meeting Closed

9.45pm

Treasure Chest of Ideas

Engage with men through sporting groups

Highland Heroes

School competition to develop logo

Volunteer Literacy Program/adult learning

Holiday childrens program – drama classes, T-ball

Adopt a Granny Program

Report of Go! Highlands Inc. Community Visits

Bothwell

On Wednesday the 11th of October Mary Downie and Anita Campbell spent time in Bothwell introducing Go! Highlands Inc.

First stop was the Leap Frogs(Playgroup) session at the school. It was great to see so many young mothers had traveled in and were attending this session. In discussion with mothers it was evident that they would like some form of *parenting group* started where they could share child free time discussing parenting issues and having the opportunity to learn more parenting skills. This is an issue as they are only supported by a visit from a child health nurse one day a month. Dental health was also seen as a problem with mothers. Later on during the day I meet some mothers who were not in attendance at the Leap Frogs session and grandparents and the same issues were brought up in regard to parenting and lack of support. One great idea was maybe a “*Adopt a Granny Program*” could be formed.

Time at the post office with John was really informative and I thank him for giving me that time and of course while there any unsuspecting customer was introduced to Go! Highlands Inc.

I was amazed to learn that Bothwell still has a door to door mail delivery service, and actually how well serviced by an array of services, business's, facilities and community volunteer organizations this community is in comparison to other Central Highlands Communities. Bothwell has a Doctor, Independent living units, 3 housing commission houses, Lions Club community car, Metro service, Fire and Police station, Library, Family Day Care, On-Line Centre, Council Office, Volunteer Ambulance, 3 functioning churches, Post Office, swimming pool, golf course, football ground, terrific tourism draw cards, great annual community events, a School and much more.

I also lobbied in on a CWA meeting which was terrific and learned further of the great work done in Bothwell by dedicated volunteers. Many of my conversations were of memories of the great vibrant community of the past and how good it would be to re-create that vibrancy and yet I felt to stop and appreciate what the community does have and celebrate the great work of the volunteers within the community maybe is what Bothwell needs to do as I felt a weariness and despondency within people. To many changes to quickly coupled with an overstretched volunteer population due to the huge number of volunteer organizations in Bothwell (Like all communities the same names seemed to be on an assortment of different committees) made me wonder if some groups could join forces with others and achieve more. A *Community Service Directory* was another recognized need for the Central highlands spoken about in various conversations.

Bronte

Friday 13th of October saw Lana Benson and myself traveled the picturesque drive to Bronte and set up outside the Bronte shop with a sausage sizzle thanks to the generosity of Wayne and Tracey Turale.

It was a surprisingly busy morning at the store but apparently that is quite normal, a definite hub for the community. The community and its members gave the impression of a cheerful community of individuals who love their Highlands and have either always lived in the area or having had a shack have chosen to retire to the Highlands for the lifestyle that it offers, their wife's have followed and are pleasantly surprised. We witnessed great mate ship and sensed a very supportive and inclusive community creating its own fun and solving issues as they arise. A hard working, dedicated volunteer group maintains an ambulance service in the region and an active Fire Brigade.

The young families of the region are at the greatest disadvantage due to lack of family support and distance to education consequently a number of home schooling students.

We were fortunate enough to be there for the formation of the Red Hat Society Chapter namely the Bonnie Bonnets of Bronte.

Ellendale

15th of October Maree Krause and myself supported by our new members Maria and Simon Josey attended the Ellendale Combined Churches Fair, a strongly supported community event, to meet community members and while we met and spoke to many people we could have done better in that situation by having a table with signs and a questionnaire for people to get a better feel for the community. I was surprised at the number of young families in the area and again the issue of the lack of family support groups was discussed. There are every few services available in the town and children attend school at either Westerway or Glenora and health services are accessed at Ouse or New Norfolk so transport assistance would be an advantage and a service directory to connect people with what is available in the surrounding communities was again a suggestion from community members.

Wayatinah

Wayatinah Social Club meeting on the 24th of October was a great meeting of enthusiastic community members aspiring to do great things to enhance their village and better still through persistence are achieving results. I felt a great sense of family, with everyone willing to give assistance where required whether it be the barbeque sails needing to be erected or an elderly resident requiring her house to be painted. Again a great deal is achieved through the dedication of volunteers which also supports a volunteer ambulance and SES crew.

The community is confronted with very different challenges compared to other Central Highland communities The meeting spoke of consulting with Hydro of ways to encourage community by have a more holistic approach to the community with the club supporting the proposed Hydro gym facility as long as all community members can use the facility. The Hydro would require the Social club to incorporate if this venture came to fruition which they are not in favor of doing and consequently have expressed interest in coming under the Go! Highlands Inc. umbrella .

A sense of frustration for community members unable to ascertain information in regard to the agreement set between the Hydro and Council at the time the village was handed into Local Government control.

A disturbing fact for our area is that young families who move to Wayatinah for work are unfortunately leaving the area when their children reach school age to access better education options. I felt a great sense of a caring community at this very vibrant well managed Social Club meeting.