

**MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING for  
VALLA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



Held on MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 at COMMUNITY HALL VALLA BEACH after AGM

<b>MEETING OPENED AND ATTENDANCE:</b>	Opened at 1930 hours -with 22 people who signed the attendance sheet
<b>1. WELCOME</b>	President welcomed all attendees and thanked the Mayor – Rhonda Hoban for her role as returning officer at the AGM, also GM Michael Coulter, and councillors Paula Flack and Anne Smyth for their attendance at these meetings.  Also welcomed Ron Henderson from the Valla Hall Committee and presented a donation from VBCA to help with the costs of Blinds [refer correspondence]
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>	Cath Neizgoda, Eileen Zabados, Barry Reece, Mac Wilson, Carole Andersen
<b>3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	The minutes of previous General Meeting dated 15 <sup>th</sup> August were read and accepted. Moved –Tracey Suter Seconded John Windmill
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	Discussed in general business
<b>5. CORRESPONDENCE IN</b>	11.08.11 NSC – Invite to Official opening of Deep Creek Bridge 11.08.11 Freeman McMurrick – details and invoice for Market insurance 12.08.11 Valla Public Hall – request for a donation to help buy blinds 19.08.11 NV Computers – Confirmation of transfer of WEB site and training 23.08.11 Web city – invoice for host site 08.09.11 NSC – response to questions raised at VBCA GM of 15 <sup>th</sup> August 23.09.11 Valla Community Preschool – List of 2012 committee members 30.09.11 RTA reply to VBCA letter 5.11.10 re crashes on Pacific Hwy Nr Valla 01.10.11 Aust Gov’t via NSC re grant approval [Volunteer Grants] 27.10.11 NSC – Approval Special Events form for Carols in Park 03.11.11 Hon Treasurer – report for Oct. 05.11.11 Trevor Keast [Pres EJBiffen Playing Fields etc] re Anderson Park
<b>6. CORRESPONDENCE OUT</b>	17.08.11 Lions Club of Valla Inc – letter thanking for the Donation for Anderson Park 17.08.11 Nambucca Valley Web Design, letter thanking them for services in the past setting up the original website, but the new charges could not be justified

	<p>21.10.11 Note to Trevor Keast re use of Anderson Park for sports</p> <p>25.10.11 NSC – confirming discussions re NSC reply 8<sup>th</sup> Sep</p> <p>30.10.11 Various notes and invites re AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</p>
<b>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	<p>The report was presented by Pete Rundle (see attached)</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Pete Rundle seconded John Windmill that the report be accepted</p>
<b>8. GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<p><b>1] Valla Beach Markets Report</b> Presented John Windmill Attached</p> <p><b>2] Anderson Park update – Graham Jones &amp; Tracey Suter</b></p> <p><b>a]</b> Playground Equipment has been made – will be with installer by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov NSC to organise excavation etc. – plan is to have Playground ready by Mid Dec. <b>Action</b> – Tracey Suter to liaise with NSC Peter Baynes and report on progress.</p> <p><b>b]</b> Interest shown to use Anderson Park as a training ground for Cricket Practice and other sports – waiting for proposal from one of the team coaches outlining equipment needed and approx costs, to be presented to the Exec Committee. <b>Action</b> - Graham Jones – to follow up</p> <p><b>c]</b> Refer note above from Trevor Keast re Anderson Park could be used for Cricket and other sports, but drainage is an issue, suggesting VBCA approach the NSC to have AP put on a ground maintenance plan for Aerating and Fertilising. <b>Action</b> – Graham Jones to speak to Trevor Keast for more info'</p> <p>NSC to look again at the drainage issue and will commission a draft survey of the playing area with option of a spoon drain around the park as a cheaper alternative for the drainage issue. <b>Action</b> – Secretary to follow up with NSC GM</p> <p><b>d]</b> Graham Jones suggested that when playground is installed and during the holiday period, the Toilets are opened during daylight hours, with a roster of volunteers to open and close the toilet block. NSC to advise if a regular maintenance/cleaning routine could be established.</p> <p><b>3] Update of the Priorities List - Council Response</b></p> <p><b>a]</b> Financial pressure has sidelined any priority requiring funds to proceed</p> <p><b>b]</b> Priorities requiring use of council labour without major expenditure ie movement of shelters at Robert Lowden Park, and shower at end of Cockburn St South Valla Beach could be completed by June 2012.</p> <p><b>c]</b> Other priorities especially the 4 wheel drive track closure were raised again, and the cost of repairing Cockburn St from ratepayers funds when it is alleged the damage had been caused by trucks, delivering stones to make the 4 wheel</p>

	<p>drive track more serviceable, at the same time stopping the natural waterflow? Eric Oldfield suggested a further note be sent to the NSC for verification of the above. – Secretary asked Eric to draft the note as he has all the information. Graham Jones also raised the question of delays in answering questions about this subject and gave the Mayor a copy of previous correspondence he had written.</p> <p><b>Action</b> perhaps we ask the NSC 4 wheel drive committee to the next GM to discuss and answer questions from the floor re the 4 wheel drive track.</p> <p><b>4] Carols in the Park - Graham &amp; Daphne Jones</b></p> <p>Plans proceeding well, Posters being prepared, Article in Valla Views, final committee meeting Nov 28<sup>th</sup> to finalise arrangements, need volunteers to help set up and signage prior to the event.</p> <p><b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Lions Park Valla Beach 6pm – 9pm,</b></p>
<p><b>9. OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><b>A] Deep Creek</b> Motion from John Windmill. We should ask Nambucca Shire Council to organise opening up the mouth of Deep Creek for the following reasons.</p> <p>1] Algae is starting to grow in the sandy areas around the timber walkway in Valla Reserve. This could result in a health hazard for children swimming during the holiday period.</p> <p>2] The back up of water in deep Creek has resulted in undermining of the river banks in many areas. This has caused a large number of trees to fall into the creek. The next major flood event these trees could cause major damage to the rail bridge as the water level currently is within a metre of the underneath of the bridge. Perhaps council could approach the Railway Authority regarding this as the cost of opening Deep Creek now would be less than repairing or having to replace the bridge.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Pete Rundle – 100% acceptance from the meeting that NSC should be contacted officially by VBCA, the Mayor &amp; GM did acknowledge the concern of the residents, and will respond to VBCA note.</p> <p><b>B] Valla Reserve [Lions Park]</b> Motion from Peter Veryard on behalf of residents of Valla Beach Tourist Park.</p> <p>Valla Reserve be made a Alcohol Free area during certain hours. [10pm – 10am] The president Peter Veryard has been contacted by local residents with complaints about noise and rowdy behaviour after 10pm extending to about 4am. The police were called but the partygoers had all left when the police arrived (from Kempsey!)</p> <p>Proposal is that signs indicating - That this <b>Area is an Alcohol free zone from</b></p>

	<p><b>10pm – 10am</b> be placed at entry to Valla Reserve [Lions park] and inside the BBQ Shelter [Don Macrae Shelter]</p> <p>Seconded by Graham Jones with an addendum that other parks in Valla have the same Alcohol free times ie Robert Lowden Park , Jones Park and Anderson Park.</p> <p>This Motion and addendum were carried 100% - Secretary to write to NSC GM.</p> <p>C] Request from Melissa Woodward, that VBCA ask the NSC again to consider a footpath from Thompsons Road to the South Valla beach amenities building, as people walking along Valla Beach Rd are in danger of being injured or hit by cars, as there is no footpath to get to the beach and facilities. This was agreed by 100% of the meeting, that the Secretary officially raise this with the NSC GM. and or the National Parks to see if it possible to reopen a walking track from Thompsons Rd to the end of Valla Beach Rd.</p>
<b>10. MEETING CLOSE</b>	<p>The President thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting especially The Mayor, GM and Councillors from the NSC who gave up their free time to attend.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm</p>
<b>11. NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>Next General meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Valla Beach Community Hall commencing at 1900 hrs</p>

**Don't forget**

**The Next Market Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Carols in the Park Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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