



Meeting Minutes

7:00pm 21st June 2018 Neerim South Hotel

Apologies: Keith Cook, Brayden Jenkins, Bernard Doherty and Vanessa Mooney.

Chair: Damien McGoldrick

Minutes: Nicki Cann

PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFIRMATION

Jeff moved, Mapo seconded.

REPORTS

Correspondence

- Russell Handley – 4WD issues re rail trail
- Email from Victorian Landcare and Catchment
- Email from consumer affairs – changes to incorporation requirements - no need for annual statement

Financial

Accounts to be paid

- Annual fee of \$40 rail trails victoria – Jeff moved, Roslyn seconded
- Landcare insurance – Mapo moved for the insurance to be renewed for 2018/2019 period. Landcare membership and insurance price was \$443.16 for last period of insurance group happy to pay up to 600 in fees in case of incremental increases. Rob seconded.
- Treasurer Bernard Doherty resigned from position after last meeting.
- Casual vacancy option for treasurer. Damien meeting with accountant John Mecklenburg to discuss group finances/treasurer position etc, Damien will send an email out after meeting with John.
- No update to finances due to treasurer position not being filled at this point – no report available

PROJECTS

Crossover Bridge Restoration

Update provided by Carolyn

- Meeting with Latrobe Valley authority
- Strong interest from community members at meeting
- Community facilities fund – Active Latrobe Valley Stream 4
- Council would have to support application
- Carolyn took to director at the shire and manager – would council support application? David Dunstan and Cowen – concern re cost of restoration, council has access to another timber bridge restoration contractor – completed Kilcunda bridge
- Next step to get another quote – David Dunstan going to follow up.
- Take quote back to council – need to get support from council and agreement as to who would maintain bridge
- Carolyn has spoken to DELWP regarding what maintenance would be required and does not sound like it would be onerous
- Neville Cousins – Neerim Progress Association, verbal support from them
- List of people who would sit on a working group
- Vic Forests would likely support

Pilgrim creek track

- Discussion re gating Livinia st to prevent vehicle access – Russell has written letter and circulated to a number of people
- Roslyn has sent a letter to all the councilors – Andrew Davidson from the shire is going to organise a meeting with RCFG.
- Kate Hill (DELWP), Andrew Davidson (shire) and Carolyn Ferguson (shire) have had discussions – Kate will talk with Peter West (DELWP) to organise a meeting on site to discuss gating at top of Lavinia Street at the car park, Cavaletti for horses
- Public safety issue – important to meet on site.

Rubbish

- A couple of weeks ago, rubbish dumped in the car park at the top of the rail trail, shire contacted, took a number of days to respond. In future call Tyson or Carolyn and will follow up.
- Ros will follow up with shire.

Tree removal

- Pilgrim creek track, group members witnessed people cutting trees for firewood.
- Down a trail from clearing at the top of Pilgrim Creek Track.
- David Vaskass (DELWP) was contacted.
- Registration can be sent to Robby Patrick in DELWP.

- Suggestion for article in the gazette to raise awareness of issues that are occurring.

Neerim East – Crossover Forrest

- Mapping of historic features – discussion deferred, Mapo to liaise with Paul Pearson

Potential future projects

- Rokeby carpark beatification – defer to next meeting.

EVENTS

Walking train

- Discussion deferred to next meeting.

Working bee

- Modest turn up, all the jobs completed.

Baw Baw runners

- Damian has had some correspondence.
- Suggestion of run for the bridge – 2019 Autumn or Winter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Quilt

- Discussed silent auction.
- Link to other Facebook pages.

Tracks

- Shane reinforced there are not to be any creation of illegal tracks or promotion of illegal tracks.

Parks

- Shane keen for group to advise him of projects that Parks may be able to support
- Would like to group to meet with Joe Durrant community engagement officer – invite to next meeting

Meeting closed 9:29pm

Future meetings:

- 16th August Crossover 7:30pm
- 18th October Rokeby 7:30pm
- 6th December Neerim South Hotel 7:00pm (dinner + meeting)