



Committee meeting

April 22, 2019

Present: Dave Cooper, Donna Button, Neville Stewart, Danny Allford, Robyn Moore

Meeting opened: 4.15 pm

President's report: welcome to Donna. Dave has contacted the Mayor, Debbie Wisby, to re-open communication channels about issues in Dolphin Sands. Dave wants some info to take back to the community. According to Debbie, Council need to get finances in order. GSBC is ranked last in every category of financial management, so everything's on hold. However, not all the DSRA's requests have financial implications. Neville & Dave to meet with Debbie. Dave wants to establish a level of mutual trust & then take it from there.

Treasurer's report: financial statements Jan-Mar 2019 uploaded to website; paid Rosco's for skip bins (\$1025.20); balance \$1153.95 (as at 19.04.2019)

Secretary's report: correspondence in/out (attached); Meredith River bridge working group update

March General Meeting follow-up:

Motions

1. That a working group is established to apply for a grant for a shelter to be built at the Swan River Rd jetty area.
Deferred to next General Meeting
2. That the committee request Council to clear the verges along Dolphin Sands Rd of coastal wattle to property boundaries to increase the possibility of being able to safely drive out if the event of bushfire.
Motion submitted for next Council meeting (attached)
3. That the committee request Crown Land Services to install a locked boom gate to allow emergency vehicles to access the beach at a location to be determined by Crown Land Services.
Dave Cooper emailed CLS (08.04.2019)
4. That the committee prepare a submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission for Part V agreements preventing use of aquifer water on all titles subject to the draft planning scheme amendment 2018/03.
Submitted 17.04.2019 (available on website)

Any other business

- Issues before Council – to be discussed at meeting with Debbie Wisby

Mayor's announcement of \$1million shared pathway for Dolphin Sands – resolved to discuss at face-to-face meeting with Debbie Wisby.

Response to April 9 bushfire

- 1) Fire trailer – out of service pending review. Need to wait until investigation is over.
Dave to make announcement on website & let Neil Wiseman know.
- 2) Alex's offer of donation to DSRA. Alexis hasn't formally approached the committee. We won't be entering into any financial arrangement with Alexis. [NB: subsequent to the committee meeting, Alex contacted the DSRA via email to withdraw his offer.]
- 3) Follow-up with Council about clearing roadside verges back to property boundaries. This will help keep any future fires contained to one side of the road, allow fire-fighters safer access past the fire to set up containment lines etc and allow residents to leave the area far more safely.
Motion submitted to Council (attached)
- 4) Undertake research in consultation with Council on the best approach to the immediate management of the burnt landscape
Agenda for meeting with Mayor
- 5) Co-ordinate working bees to clean up and replant burnt areas on interested community members' properties
Ongoing – interested members to contact committee member
- 6) Co-ordinate local TFS representatives to visit interested community members to give individual advice about bushfire preparedness on their properties
Ongoing – interested members to contact committee member
- 7) Apply for a grant to purchase suitable plants, tree guards and stakes for replanting;
 - Communities Grant Environment Program (for Landcare groups)
<https://www.environment.gov.au/cep>
Suspended while the government is in caretaker mode prior to the election
 - Swansea Online Access Centre, opens June/July, grants decided in September
 - Tas Community Fund – round 39 open on July 13;
https://www.tascomfund.org/about_our_grants/apply_for_a_grant
 - Landcare – deadline May 19, decision in September;
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTGyClbcwn-BRq320WeWwhRGrRKzzGEA-gENJ7nZ5VyAUajw/viewform>
 - Crowdfunding – chuffed – Robyn to follow up

- 8) Fuel load reduction: Steve Barrett applying to Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal's 'Tackling Tough Times Together' grant to cover costs of mulcher/chipper to be in the area for 5 days to help community members clear a defensible zone around their houses and 5m either side of driveways. Mulch to go to fire-affected properties, closes April 30
https://www.frrr.org.au/grants/tackling_tough_times_together.php
- 9) Council's next Natural Resource Management (NRM) meeting. 10am Wed, May 8, Iluka Tavern, Coles Bay. Guest speakers Dr Louise Mendel and Stu King – both from the government's Fuel Reduction Program. Robyn to attend
- 10) Emergency phone trees for interested community members

Person who first becomes aware of emergency starts the phone tree in the relevant zone. Each person rings the next person on the list. If no response, leave message and ring the following person. Keep going until someone answers. That person then contacts next person on the list until someone answers etc. The DSRA cannot be held responsible if participants don't follow through on their end of the bargain by calling the next person. Everyone on the list needs to take responsibility for making it work.

Participants agree not to use the phone numbers for any other purpose without permission.

Community members who'd like to be involved need to submit their contact number/s as well as email address or other contact details so they can receive their copy of the list. Asking to be involved = agreement with conditions. To be updated annually at Easter time. Robyn to follow up – and initiate if there's sufficient interest.

Meeting closed: 4.55pm

Action list

- Organise meeting with the Mayor. Agenda items include \$1 million funding announcement & advice on best approach for managing burnt landscape (Dave)
- Announcement for website re fire trailer (Dave)
- Contact Neil Wiseman up re fire trailer (Dave)
- Support Steve Barrett with FRRR grant (Robyn)
- Crowdfunding for environmental rehabilitation (Robyn)
- Emergency phone tree (Robyn)

Correspondence In

Date received	Document subject or title	Author/Sender	Action
3.4.2019	Cambria planning scheme amendment	Tasmanian Planning Commission	upload to website
3.4.2019	Quote for cross-sectional survey	Lark & Creese	acknowledge
4.4.2019	Insurance certificate	Landcare Tas	file
4.4.2019	Letter of support Meredith bridge	Bicycle Network Tas	upload to website
5.4.2019	Letter of support Meredith bridge	Swansea DAP	upload to website
6.4.2019	Concerns about Meredith bridge	Birdlife Tasmania	refer to working group
8.4.2019	Invitation to funding announcement	Mayor Wisby	refer to bridge working group
9.4.2019	Quote for cross-sectional survey	Cromer & Partners	acknowledge
11.4.2019	Grant program	Landcare	acknowledge
11.4.2019	TFS site inspections	Lesley King	share resources

Correspondence Out

Date sent	Document title or subject	Hard copy	Recipient
1.4.2019	Support for Meredith River bridge		Swansea Destination Action Plan; Swansea Chamber of Commerce
2.4.2019	Meredith River bridge update		Kriticos nominees
2.4.2019	Quote for cross-sectional survey		Cromer & Partners; Lark & Creese
3.4.2019	Annual return of Association	yes	CBOS Dept of Justice
	DSRA requests to Council		Mayor Wisby (via Dave Cooper)
3.4.2019	Support for Meredith River bridge		Bicycle Network Tasmania; East Coast Tourism
4.4.2019	Support for Meredith River bridge		Birdlife Tasmania
4.4.2019	Support for TPC submission re aquifer		Bill Cromer
7.4.2019	Birdlife Tasmania reports		Mel Kelly, Manager NRM, GSBC
8.4.2019	Emergency Access to Nine Mile Beach		Jason Jacobi (via Dave Cooper)
11.4.2019	Waiver of tip fee for fire debris		Tony Pollard, Councillors
11.4.2019	Communities Environment Program grant		Brett Maryniak (Brian Mitchell's office)
11.4.2019	TFS site inspections		Gary Stoward, Mark Klop, Ken Nichols
11.4.2019	Community Grant Program		Swansea Online Access Centre
17.4.2019	Submission re Cambria amendment		Tasmanian Planning Commission

NOTICE OF MOTION

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council meeting on April 30, 2019

Clr Cheryl Arnol

BACKGROUND

In the wake of the devastating fire at Dolphin Sands recently, the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association (DSRA) wish to reiterate past requests to Council to clear roadside verges back to property boundaries (approximately 10m on each side of the road).

There is only one road in/out of Dolphin Sands. There is highly flammable vegetation growing right up to the road in many places. Clearing the roadside verges back to property boundaries will help keep any future fires contained to one side of the road, allow fire fighters safer access past the fire to set up containment lines etc and allow residents to leave the area more safely.

The DSRA is seeking to document all of the learnings from recent events in an effort to make positive changes that benefit the community. The issue of roadside verges is just one of the many factors contributing to the extent of the fire damage in the area.

In an email to the DSRA on November 30, 2018 regarding a grant application towards the cost for hiring a mulcher/chipper for vegetation removal, the reply from Council made clear that (*inter alia*) community members should not clear the verges because it was Council land and Council would need to do a risk assessment: *Further information is required - such as will any work be carried out on Council/Crown or Parks land? If on Council land, a risk analysis would need to be completed and the full implications considered, if on Parks or Crown land then their approval would need to be sought.*

When requesting that the verges be cleared on January 20, 2019 the DSRA referred to the November 30 email and noted that (*inter alia*) *if residents don't have permission to clear verges, then the onus is on Council to do so. In the event of fire, this would make leaving more realistic. On a positive note, many verges are already cleared back to property boundaries for a lot of Dolphin Sands Rd so its not as big a job as might be imagined.*

DSRA would like to initiate constructive consultation with Council in relation to a way forward so that the community can be assured that appropriate fire break work will be undertaken to alleviate as much as possible the threat of fires in future years. Given the current drought situation on the East Coast, it would not be unreasonable to engage with other nearby communities who have similar concerns regarding fire control management so they too can benefit from the learnings recently experienced.

Moved: Clr Cheryl Arnol Seconded:

1. That Council undertake risk assessments as required in the Dolphin Sands Road area and engages with the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association in relation to clearing fire verges.
2. That in consideration of recent statements by former Chief Fire Officers that Tasmania no longer has a fire season *per se*, Council engages with the Tasmanian Fire Service and communities across the municipal area to establish strategies to manage fire threats.