

DSRA Committee meeting 1 2019

January 31, 4pm

Minutes

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

1. Secretary report – no responses from Council re any of our requests (see below for email sent to Mayor Wisby & other Councillors on Jan 21). Most of our requests have been referred to upcoming workshops. On-site discussion with Mayor Wisby, Gary Stoward and Ken Nichols (Swansea Fire Chief) that was to be held in January (as reported at last committee meeting) seems like it's not going to happen. Last email from Mayor Wisby: 'Refer to your local fire brigade re fire safety. My understanding is Dolphin Sands already has had a significant amount of money and time invested in to fire plans, etc' (email Jan 20).
2. Treasurer report – so far, 55 people have renewed their membership; financial statements for 2018 reviewed (see below); Landcare membership renewed (\$30)
3. Meeting processes – Secretary's report – correspondence listed – anything that's not run of the mill business; Treasurer's report – quarterly on website
4. Invite Sergeant Marcus Pearce to give report at the AGM (Mar 30)
5. Invite Mal Innes to give a report on Swan River Rd boat ramp at next GM (Feb 23)
6. Litter bins – trial finished. Next step – forwarding info to Council

Summary of DSRA issues before Council, January 2019

Hi Debbie

Please see below for a summary of current DSRA concerns/requests to Council. As you say, there are quite a few. One reason for this is that there's been very little progress on most issues. Please note that we are not simply sitting back and expecting Council to do things for us. We are willing to be involved in any way we can.

- **Access ways:** This year the DSRA committee has been attempting to reach a shared understanding with Council regarding the legalities pertaining to the public beach accesses in Cambria Drive and the private rights of way in Dolphin Sands. In April, we requested a meeting with relevant Council personnel and forwarded a copy of the legal advice we had received. A meeting was held in June. I have attached annotated minutes of this meeting. At our October general meeting (attended by Debbie Wisby & Cheryl Arnol), it was agreed to request Council to reconsider the issues surrounding public beach accesses at Cambria Drive and private rights of way at Dolphin Sands. We sent an email to the new Council on Nov 15 last year to make this request and ask that Council reports back to a general meeting of the DSRA to clarify their position.
The latest response from Council (Mayor Wisby email Dec 16) was that 'The answers to Leigh's questions will again be requested on return of Council staff in January 2019'.
- **Litter bins:** DSRA committees past and present have been communicating for years with Council for the provision of public litter bins at key points in the territory. The current committee first contacted Tony Pollard and David Metcalf in February last year. After some emailing back and forth we suggested that Council provides standard-issue rubbish bins that can be emptied by the regular garbage truck on Wednesday mornings while the DSRA install (at our own cost) 'cradles' for the bins to sit in. The 'cradle' design would help stabilise the bins so they can't be blown or knocked over while not restricting mechanised emptying and re-positioning of bins by the passing garbage truck. The location of the bins would be confirmed with Council to ensure traffic isn't obstructed (email June 3).
In the absence of action from Council, we have contracted, at our expense, Rosco's to provide skip bins at the beach access at the 5km mark and at the turning circle at Bagot Point for a one-month test period over summer. Cost is \$4 per week and \$60 for emptying. Latest response from Council (Mayor Wisby email Dec 16) is that this matter will be added to an upcoming Council workshop agenda. The DSRA committee has requested to attend the workshop on the issue (email Dec 17) and indicated our interest in contributing to the waste management group (email Jan 20).
- **Bushfire safety:** To help reduce the fuel load, we are considering employing a contractor to mulch residents' green waste. Last year, we applied for a Community Small Grant to assist with this cost. Latest response (from Mayor Wisby): 'We will be workshopping your request early in the new year' (email Nov 30). We recognise that we are unlikely to receive this grant due to municipal-wide equity issues.
Our members have also suggested that the Council verges could be cleared all the way to the property boundaries to enable us to leave the area in the event of a fire. This would also create a buffer zone so that wildlife are more visible which would hopefully reduce roadkill somewhat. Clearing to property boundaries has been done in some sections of Dolphin Sands Rd. However, in others, highly flammable species grow close to the road.

Our bushfire safety representative (Steve Barrett) informed us in December that 'I spoke to Debbie Wisby and she is keen to come out to Dolphin Sands/ Cambria Drive to look at possible strategies to reduce the fire hazard. This will be in the new year- we haven't firmed up a date yet' (email Dec 13). Our members were informed of this suggestion as were our local TFS representative Gary Stoward and Swansea Fire Chief, Ken Nichols. Since then, Mayor Wisby has indicated there is a significant backlog of work (email Jan 20). Steve's understanding is that once the backlog is cleared, Council will re-visit our concerns. He intends to contact Council again in approximately 3 months (email Jan 19). Latest response from Mayor Wisby: 'Refer to your local fire brigade re fire safety. My understanding is Dolphin Sands already has had a significant amount of money and time invested in to fire plans, etc' (email Jan 20).

- Living at Nine Mile Beach Booklet: We contacted Mel Kelly on Nov 5 regarding updating this booklet. Members of our community are now actively working on this.
- Dolphin Sands Emergency Management Plan: We contacted Council about reviewing this plan in April 2018. Latest response from Council (Tony Pollard May 10): The process for the review of our 'Dolphin Sands Area Sub-Municipal Emergency Management Plan' will commence later this calendar year, hopefully around September. The Committee includes one representative from the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association, which would be yourself as current President. At the commencement of the review you will be sent all the relevant documentation. (I have attached a copy of our email for your information).
- Markers at 5km mark beach access (to help tourists find their way off the beach): We contacted Council about this issue on Dec 4. Response from Mayor Wisby: 'Council will add this request to one of our workshop agendas, hopefully in January or at the latest in February as the January workshop agendas are full at this point' (email Dec 4).
- NRM committee: We first contacted Council about joining this committee on April 12, 2018. Due to various unanticipated delays in formulating the terms of reference, expressions of interest weren't open until late last year. We submitted an expression of interest to join the committee in early Jan this year. (NB: this issue has now been resolved.)

DSRA Income & Expenses 01.01.18 - 31.12.18

INCOME			AMOUNT
Membership subscriptions			\$1,650.00
Refund - fire trailer registration			\$807.00
Donations			\$110.00
Fire trailer hire			\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$2,607.00
EXPENDITURE			AMOUNT
Mail out January	Cheque	125	\$387.32
AGM notices & printing	Cheque	126	\$279.00
Annual return - Corporate Affairs	Cheque	127	\$62.00
Webpage development	Internet		\$250.00
Post box rental	Cheque	128	\$33.00
Mail out March	Cheque	129	\$474.72
Hire Swansea Courthouse (x3)	Internet		\$90.00
Web hosting - 2 years	Internet		\$274.55
Agenda notices GOBC news	Internet		\$75.00
Landcare Tasmania membership	Internet		\$30.00
Domain name renewal (for website)	Internet		\$32.89
Survey monkey software	Internet		\$288.00
Transfers to petty cash	Cash		\$340.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			\$2,616.48
Opening balance (01.01.2018)			\$1,464.96
Closing balance (31.12.2018)			\$1,455.48

PETTY CASH 2018		
Carried Over	01.01.18	\$45.65
Income - cash transfers		\$340.00
Total		\$385.65
Expenses		
AGM - hall hire, refreshments, stationery		\$75.60
Stationery - stamps, clipboards		\$23.20
All Saints Hall hire - meeting with Lesley King	04.03.18	\$10.00
Printing		\$46.80
Transfer to bank account	06.04.18	\$80.00
BBQ	27.10.18	\$95.00
Total expenses		\$330.60
PETTY CASH ON HAND	31.12.18	\$55.05