

DSRA Committee Meeting 7

December 15, 4pm

Minutes

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

1. Secretary/Treasurer report – 169 financial members, membership renewals now due.
Bank balance: \$1455.
Re Cambria planning scheme amendment – 55 members who did the DSRA electronic survey didn't submit individual representations; 68 submissions to Council from the peninsula (49 properties); additional ones from family members etc; 8 saying 'DSRA doesn't represent me' or similar.
Paul Carswell's emails are bouncing – have sent Facebook message and mailed a letter to his PO Box but had no reply

Follow-up from October General Meeting

2. Access ways – emailed new Council Nov 15; reply from Mayor Debbie Wisby & Deputy Mayor Jenny Woods. Mayor Wisby said she'd respond with either the requested info or an update on progress within fourteen (14) working days. Emailed Mayor Wisby on Nov 30 to let her know we've heard nothing. No response.
3. Litter bins - emailed new Council Nov 14; reply from Mayor Wisby, Deputy Mayor Woods and Councillor Cheryl Arnol. Mayor Wisby said she'd respond with either the requested info or an update on progress within fourteen (14) working days. Emailed Mayor Wisby on Nov 30 to let her know we've heard nothing. No response.
In the absence of a response from Council, DSRA will contract Roscos to provide 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. Data about the quantity and type of litter collected will be used to inform future decisions. Dave to contact Rosco's. Robyn to notify Councillors.
4. Meredith River working group established – David Cooper, Rob Curran, Dianne Flannigan, Yon Kikkert. Dianne following up with Jeni Crawford re: existing information on this issue.
5. Fire shed/truck at eastern end – emailed Mark Klop (TFS)
6. Bushfire prevention working group established. Steve Barrett and Robyn Moore organising fuel reduction mulching & applying for grants. Grant application to Council referred to a workshop. Email from Mayor Wisby: 'There were concerns of municipal wide cost implications to introduce Council paying for this in one area, could result in the need to be fair and equitable across the whole municipal area'. On-site discussion with Mayor Wisby, Gary Stoward and Ken Nichols (Swansea Fire Chief) to be held in January. Suggestion from various members to clear verges up to property boundaries to widen escape route in the event of a fire and create a buffer zone so that wildlife are more visible. This will hopefully reduce roadkill somewhat.

Emailed Mel Kelly (Manager NRM) and some Councillors about Council doing the chipping for us, protected species and updating the 'Living at Nile Mile Beach' booklet on Nov 5. Reply from Mayor Wisby and Deputy Mayor Woods. Mayor Wisby asked to be 'kept in the loop with how things progress'. Emailed Mayor Wisby on Nov 30 to tell her that we'd heard nothing. Mayor Wisby replied (same day) requesting response from Acting GM/Manager NRM.

Response from Mel Kelly on Dec 4: 'As Council has free green waste disposal we will not be involved in any mulching/chipping arrangement at this stage'.

Steve Barrett has volunteered to work with Mel Kelly on updating the 'Living at Nine Mile Beach' booklet. Response from Mel Kelly on Dec 12: Mel asked Diane Bricknell for input and requested the DSRA apply for funding to cover printing costs and to pay Diane for her work. Mel Kelly's understanding seems to expand this issue way beyond the committee's intent. We envisaged a relatively straightforward task of correcting minor inaccuracies in the electronic addition of the booklet. We consider printing more booklets wasteful as boxes of the original edition are yet to be used. We don't feel it's appropriate to use DSRA funds for a project that doesn't have tangible benefits for our members. Robyn to email Mel Kelly and Diane Bricknell with our decision.

7. Volunteers for fire fighting referred to the local brigade
8. Constitution discussion session Dec 1 – reached consensus on all decisions. Updated draft of constitution now on the website. Next step is to inform members of intent to change constitution at a General Meeting. Kate Shield volunteered to draft meeting procedures
9. Signage at the 5km beach access – emailed CLS on Nov 14. Reply from Fiona Steele on Nov 28: 'In the first instance you are encouraged to seek involvement of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council re the installation in this same style, if this cannot be provided by Council, the Parks and Wildlife Service may consider an application from the DSRA to undertake the installation and ongoing maintenance of the asset.'
Emailed Council on Dec 4. Reply from Mayor Wisby and Deputy Mayor Woods. Mayor Wisby said: '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.'
DSRA will install a temporary pole at the beach access near the 5km mark to assist tourists through the upcoming tourist period.

Other business

10. NRM Committee – Council to put out an EoI in next GOBC news as per Guideline 4.8 '*All Committee members are appointed by Council following an expression of interest process with responses from individuals or interest groups*'
11. Cambria planning scheme amendment directions hearing: Ireneinc to submit requested documents by Feb 1; responses to these documents to be submitted by March 1; TPC hearings will be before Easter (to be confirmed once correspondence from TPC received)
12. Council workshop re business signs: Have sent DSRA submission to local businesses for feedback.

13. Mowing verges – Emailed Councillors Dec 14. Reply from Mayor Wisby (same day): to be completed before Christmas (probably Dec 20)