

# OEPA COMMITTEE MEETING

7.00pm, Thursday, 5 February 2015  
at the Community Hall, Oaks Estate

## minutes

**1. Attendance:** Karen Williams, Kate Gauthier, Ewan Maidment, Dan Heldon, Michael , Alex Saeck, Judith Saeck.

Apologies - Adam Stephan-Slade  
Guest - Charlie Richardson

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting held 4 December 2014**

Alex moved to accept Ewan second, all agreed

### **3. SSCC Community Resilience Project Report -**

Charlie Richardson provided a project update to the Committee. From the meeting held at the community hall and door knocking he found community attitudes were no concern re flooding, but lots of concern re grass fires from lack of land management.

Charlie provided maps showing the areas that TAMS are supposed to manage fire fuel loads through grass cutting. These are available via ACTMAPi.

Charlie provided copies of the surveys he used to gather community attitudes to disaster risk.

Idea was raised of community fire unit. ACT fire said no, there are 50 units and that takes up all available funding. Suggestion was to join the Jerrabombera volunteer fire brigade. Karen said her neighbour might be interested. She will follow up with Charlie. Charlie to draft up a note to include in the newsletter.

Charlie will be developing emergency handbooks. Will also be available via PDF for us to put on our website.

Suggested there should be an ongoing effort from community to keep the information he prepared updated e.g. vulnerable residents register. OEPA agreed to undertake this.

Charlie suggested holding an event - trivia night with a disaster resilience theme. He will write up the idea and send it to the committee.

Railway street was mentioned by a lot of people as a problem. TAMS have done a minor cleanup. Footpath would be a handy firebreak.

### **3. Financial report**

No change from last report. Cheque account \$2204.62. On 10 Feb term deposit is maturing. Will automatically be reinvested at rate of 2.2%.

### **4. Matters arising (items below from previous minutes)**

- Motion passed for Ewan to spend \$200 to replace community signs. Kate to look into getting planning permission from ACTPLA.
- Community Resilience project: Ewan to start drafting a short letter and sent to committee via email. Karen will add from the list of items prepared for the funding proposal. We need to push for practical outcomes.

Not needed anymore

- Robertson House consultants have asked us to include a notice of the report they are doing into our newsletter to let community know. Karen to provide words for Ewan.

Not needed

- Kate to look into using schools to lobby for the house to be turned into an education site for school visits. Work with Karen on possibly having a tour for history teachers to promote.

Work not started yet.

- Alex to start audit process soon to enable an AGM in first quarter of 2015.

Will get statements.

#### 5. Newsletter

- Discuss items to include.
- NBN update for newsletter

#### 6. Planning Issues

- Precinct code response - discuss draft prepared by Kate (to be distributed via email prior to meeting)
- Have Petra set up meeting with Simon Hawke to discuss precinct code.
- Lobbying / media strategy

#### **Discussions on strategies**

Have an open public meeting to meet the Minister?

1. Leaflet to community about precinct code. Flagging key issues. Will be coordinated by Ewan. People to send lines to Ewan about precinct code. Michel will make notice on chalkboards and draft dot points on actions to include in the community newsletter.

2. Draft up list of questions for Simon. to send via email.

3. OEPA get independent planning advice - Michel to ask Jane and other contacts to find some advice.

4. Follow up report to the community this is what OPEA thinks of the PC.

5. ESDD drop-in consultation session Sat 28 Feb 9am 1.30pm

6. Media release & strategy - Michel and Kate to draft a media release

#### 7. Urban projects

- Determine what municipal projects we want funded - possibly by community survey?
- Develop a lobbying strategy - shall we try to have key pollies come to Oaks to do a walk through and meeting in community hall (not an open meeting)

#### 8. NBN update

Terry has drafted a notice for the newsletter - Kate will edit down and send to Ewan

#### 9. Other business

- AGM / Karen handover
- Kate or Michel to attend ISCC meeting with Karen to discuss precinct code issues.

Minutes confirmed at meeting 8 April 2015