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MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING Mon 26 October 2015
At Cygnet Hotel (Top Pub) in the Restaurant.
******(There was no September meeting)******

1 **ATTENDING:**

Trent Cowen (TC CHAIR), Kraig Carlstrom (KC), Roger Hart (RH), Pat Synge (PS), Jack Synnott (JS), Judi Willoughby (JW), Martin Eaton (ME), Andrew Blaxland (AB).

ALSO PRESENT: John Huckerby (JH)

APOLOGIES: Elisabeth Haworth, John Diment, Steve Cumper (SC), Greg Coad (GC), Kevin Sawford (KS), Robin Winter (RW),

2 **MINUTES** from previous meeting on Wed 31 Aug 2015 at the Cygnet Hotel (Top Pub), circulated by email on 05.09.15, were approved.

3 **Treasurer's Report**

There were some bills to pay for Expo costs, ME requested certain bank statements from AB and 3 new members joined at the Expo –

4 **Town Banners**

Brief discussion confirmed an earlier decision that TCA would prefer "quality or none". ME asked whether Council has some used or usable banners in stock? AB to clarify with Hannah Matthews at HVC Consensus from committee - 'No banners rather than bad banners'.

5 **Street Planting**

JW reported discussion with State Roads, who are prepared to Approve planting on chicanes, provided Council approves also. A circular discussion, still to be resolved.

6 **Cygnet Expo**

Trent was disappointed with attendance – but consensus was the plan was a good one and it should be pursued next year – or one suggestion was every two years, possibly not on a market day, to avoid crowd conflicts. Discussion about an evening or Saturday (sport conflicts). KC asked were all the topics relevant? TC noted that the Fire Brigade promised but didn't appear. Some speeches were too long. AB congratulated Trent for organizing the Expo and putting so much work into it.

7 Le Weekend at Cygnet

Ctee asked AB to write to Lesley with special thanks for preparing and lodging the successful Huon Aquaculture grant (done). SubCtee is very busy with several smaller groups working on different elements. Project budgets required by 15 November. Funds limited so far but all elements will be pursued, reviewing each one as they go.

JH noted suggestion from Michael Lynch – a couple of French companies operate in Tasmania. Funds to date: \$1k from HuAq, \$2k from Bendigo, CBA unknown. RH said the project is not aiming to make money, just not to lose money and remain viable. Most elements are self funding or provided free. Must still use this as a first year tryout. JH spoke to HM who suggested talking to them in December.

8 Website

Some listing of local accommodation are up there now.

9 Pedestrian Safety

AB wrote to Council about the teatrees and the untidiness behind the BP site. Positive response back from Simone, HVC will not remove teatrees without discussing without TCA first.

10 Plaques

Since the meeting, HVC has confirmed they will advance the balance of the allocated funds (approx \$8500) as a grant, requiring a brief grant agreement to be signed by TC. TCA will then handle ordering and payments and report on costs back to HVC. 9 more glass plaque panels have been ordered and will be received in mid-December.

11 Events Board

KC to call State Growth (DSG) for apt to propose Events Board including a photoshop of “What’s on in Cygnet” masthead sign and engineer’s details.

12 Council Funds for Cygnet

RH believes the change of policy is being used as a smokescreen to avoid the promised carrying forward of accumulated funds. JH and AB have still not received the promised statements tracking all council town funds since the old CTC was closed in 2012. To be pursued with Hannah.

In parallel with that, RH is drafting and expanding a list of Cygnet Projects, including cost estimates and design fees, to secure allocations under the “new five town averaging” funds system. ME noted we need to reconstruct the history of the funds under the CTC. RH: we need to prepare and lodge a number of viable projects So Cygnet is always in there with requests.

ME: Write the history, flood HVC with projects, Analyse HM’s statement if we ever receive it, to “reiterate” what was promised; HVC has effectively not delivered on their undertakings since we met Simone, Hannah and Lisa at KC’s on 19 August 2015.

Establish when the policy was changed. AB to consult Liz Smith (done, She's thinking about it, wants to discuss). Risk is that the old funds will be lost unless we clarify the statements and promises clearly.

13 Proposal to review Membership Fee Structure

Discussion. Basic "Individual Membership" to remain affordable at \$5.00. New categories to be created such as:
"Supporting Member" – at \$20.00
"Business Member" – at \$10 or some other level.
For discussion at next meeting.

projects.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

16 NEXT MEETINGS:

AGM: Monday 30th November

Final Committee Meeting for 2016 – Mon 30 Nov after the AGM