

## Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Monday 3rd March 2014

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

### PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Brain Callahan, Chris Paterson, Amit Barkay, Stephen Sedgwick, Caroline Le Couteur, Jane Ahern. Observers: John Fielding, Peter & Aniko Carey.

### APOLOGIES

Miles Boak, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

### MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2014 were accepted.

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

*Graffiti on Downer Centre:* Amit Barkay said he had contacted Government authorities several times, but no action had been taken. Will contact them again.

*Maintenance of square before Party:* Di Fielding had contacted TAMS who indicated they could do this.

### CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. Email from Diane London re. advertising in DCA Newsletter: Our present policy is to allow businesses from Downer to advertise in the Newsletter (space permitting).
2. Email from Jodie Pipkorn re. Party at the Shops and Energy and Water Audit. Also need for repairs to kitchen door:

**Action:** Di Fielding to talk to the Diana Crombie re. fate of possible funding for energy-saving measures. Jodie Pipkorn to be encouraged to go ahead with an Audit.

3. Email from Capital Metro re. website launch: Address is [www.capitalmetro.act.gov.au](http://www.capitalmetro.act.gov.au)
4. Email from Leon Arundell with notes from Combined Community Councils of the ACT meeting.
5. Email from George Main, National Museum re. Dickson Experiment Farm plough.

**Action:** Denys Garden to follow up.

6. Email from Emma Williams, CMAG re. permission to use photos from Stateline segment in display at CMAG.

**Action:** Denys Garden to follow up.

7. Email from Kate Cummins, Downer Preschool, re. material for Newsletter.

Out.

1. Email to Contact Canberra confirming our details in their Directory.

### CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

*Kitchen door sticking:* Amit Barkay reported that this was an ongoing problem caused by weather changes. He had already planed the door, and would try it again. It was suggested that maybe this is TAMS responsibility

*Phone problems:* The phone had been out intermittently over the past few weeks. It has been reported to Telstra.

*Problems with tenant Wednesday morning:* There were still reports of mess in a room after use, fans left running, light on, etc. There was discussion about whether someone else is getting in, maybe with an old key. It was thought that the problem may come from the last tenant on Tuesday night.

**Action:** Di Fielding to email the Yoga group who have a class on Tuesday night.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that in February there was of income \$1020 and expenses of \$3118 (wages, tax, superannuation and other bills). Main account balance at the end of February was \$8,989.53.

## **PARTIES AT THE SHOPS**

Amit Barkay reported that some artists had pulled out, but the following were coming.

Leon Arundell (musician) and another band.  
Watson Preschool (cake stall)  
Capoeira (dance)  
Machine Knitters  
Majura Womens Group  
SEE Change/City Farm  
Rural Fire Service  
The Big Shave (Amit)

Chris Paterson agreed to ask the Girl Guides if they wanted to do the BBQ.

On 15th March, setup will be from 8.30-9 am.

## **DEVELOPMENT ISSUES**

*Downer Planning.* There was discussion about the lack of response to issues raised about planning by DCA. It was agreed that we should write to Simon Corbell (Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development) along the lines of our submission on light rail, pointing out the anomalies in planning in Downer particularly. It was suggested we should also write to Alastair Coe (Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure). After we have responses, we could consider whether to go public with our concerns.

**Action:** Di Fielding to write a letters to Simon Corbell and Alastair Coe. Di also to send results of our survey to the Government as agreed.

## **Cleanup Australia Day**

Barbara Burns had reported that weather was good and the day went well. Eighteen people turned up, and most of Downer was covered. There were 8 bags of rubbish and recycling, as well as other rubbish, including a dishwasher dumped in a laneway, and an ipod complete with headphones.

**Action:** The Secretary to write and thank Barbara and Frank Mills, and Jim Dehlsen for running the Cleanup day and disposing of the rubbish.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Newsletters:* Caroline Le Couteur noted that she had been several Newsletters short in the recent distribution. Denys Garden added that he had discovered some residents in the flats in the same block as the Centre have been missing out, and Meg Boyd had reported that she was short (in doing Brian Callahan's area).

**Action: A review of the numbers in each section should be undertaken and, if necessary, extra copies of the Newsletter printed in future.**

*Constitution:* There was some discussion about whether changes need to be made to the Constitution, as some items were out of date (e.g. membership, references to Jump Track). Chris Paterson advised that the ACT Government has changed the requirements for Incorporated Bodies, which may have implications for the Constitution.

**Action: Di Fielding to contact the Office of Regulatory Services to check changes.**

*Solar initiatives:* The possibility of having solar panels on the Centre roof was discussed.

**Action: Amit Barkay to discuss this with SEE-Change.**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 7th April at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Di Fielding  
Convenor

Denys Garden  
Secretary