

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd November 2014

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Chris Paterson, Stephen Sedgwick, Brian Callahan, Caroline Le Couteur. Observers: John Fielding, Peter Carey,

APOLOGIES

Miles Boak, Jane Ahern, Patti Kendall, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 6th October 2014 were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Out

Letter to Minister about Downer toilets

In

1. Email from Minister Rattenbury's office acknowledging letter re. toilets.
2. Invitation from Capital Metro to meeting on 27th October.
3. Copy of Light Rail Newsletter from Capital Metro with notice of release of business case.
4. Media release from ACT Electoral Commissioner re. electoral boundaries redistribution.
5. Email from Shane Rattenbury re. legislation on use of call-in powers.
6. Several email orders for books/CDs, possibly as a result of exhibition on Downer run by CMAG.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Jingwen Wang reported that Jim Dehlsen had checked for roof leak but not found any problem. The 2 heaters in the SEE-Change office have been replaced. Di Fielding to talk to Carmen Ryan re. replacement of lights with LEDs. Apparently funding is forthcoming.

TREASURERS REPORT

Both the reports for the October and November meetings had been sent out to Committee members. During October there had been limited income (\$520) and significant expenses (\$1045.05) and other costs (wages \$1052; super \$385.10; tax \$272), resulting in funds in the bank declining to \$2889.76). There was some discussion of whether the large month to month changes in bank balance reflected the need to increase charges, as they have remained constant for many years. While it was recognised that the variation is a reflection of the uneven income and expenses which are normal in our operation, it might be prudent to review our financial situation.

Action: *Stephen Sedgwick and Denys Garden to provide a report to the Committee on the pattern of income and expenses over at least the last 5 years.*

DOWNER TOILETS CLOSURE

Di Fielding reported that the issue of closure of public toilets in many parts of Canberra had been raised with the Chief Minister on ABC Radio 666 recently. Di has forwarded to the Chief Minister a copy of the letter recently sent to Minister Rattenbury.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Plans for the meeting on 24th November were discussed.

- Di Fielding is arranging speakers from ACT Government and CHC. Representatives of Capital Metro will also be present.
- Speakers will be at start of meeting
- Denys Garden to arrange forms
- John Fielding agreed to be the returning officer
- Brian Callahan to arrange refreshments and nibbles
- The meeting will be advertised in the Newsletter. This will also be sent to the email group

CAPITAL METRO

Caroline Le Couteur reported on the release of the business case, with costs of \$800m plus. There was some discussion of how much public transport infrastructure might be removed if light rail is built. This may impact on Downer's transport options.

DOWNER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Di Fielding reported that she has had difficulty contacting Kylie Forrest (LDA) to arrange a meeting. However representatives of both LDA and CHC will be attending the AGM on 24th November.

CANBERRA MUSICIANS CLUB

There was discussion about the proposal to hold a joint event in autumn 2015. It was suggested we form a committee of 2 from each group and obtain a clear picture of what may be involved. If we are not agreeable to a joint event, we can fall back to separate events. Di Fielding and Chris Paterson will represent DCA. A meeting should be held early December.

DOWNER PRESCHOOL

Di Fielding reported on a discussion with David Jones, Education Directorate. A review of catchment areas is currently in progress, and it is likely that Downer Preschool will be in the catchment area for Majura Primary. A new sign will be installed at Downer Preschool reflecting this. Education Directorate is happy to talk to DCA Committee once catchment areas are finalised.

DOWNER SHOPS

The lack of progress with the shops was discussed again. Di Fielding reported that she had spoken to Theo Poulos, who still remains positive about progress.

NEWSLETTER

Denys Garden reported that the Newsletter was awaiting some information on planning issues before finalisation, but should be printed in the following week.

NEXT MEETING: AGM: Monday 24th November at 7.30 pm
Committee meeting: Monday 1st December at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary