

The voice of the community

General Committee Meeting: Monday 19th April 2021, 5:30pm

Place: The Hub Monbulk

Minutes

1. Welcome Guests: Deputy Mayor CR David Eastham, Jeanette Scott, Dawn Jones, Nathan (SYR), Rod Stebbing, Liz Dumps, Dr Dan, Helen Roberts Ferguson, Kees Koutekens
2. Committee Members: Luke Schroder, Teresa Schroder, Paul Utting, Helen Reithof, Paul Bennet, Richard Licciardi, Nathan Schroder, Tony Stevenson, Belinda Grooby, Brent Grogan, Jeanie Stroh, Jill A'Vard, Peter Edyvane

Apologies: Debbie Trewavis, Gary & Robyn Jans, Hillary Mellis, Merryn Van Bremmyn, Aimee te Boekhorst, Maree Dawson

6.1 President's report: Luke Schroder: CCTV cameras ready for sign off. Liz Dumps will now release balance of CCTV funds held in traders account to the MADCOW CCTV bank account. Luke stated that the cameras are still under warranty and they are working well. There has been an expense of \$231 since the attached Treasurers 12FEB-14APR21 report.

6.2 Treasurer's report: Debbie Trewavis

Moved:

Seconded:

6.3 YR's Council Report – David Eastham

David gave a comprehensive summary of his report. See attached

6.4 Exec Report: Aimee te Boekhorst / Luke Schroder

No Report except a variation has been made to the ABCD 2019-2020 document to include a focus on the older demographic of our community.

6.5 Partnership Grant Report: (ABCDE Learning & EPIC grants)

No new updates

Discussed:

- Working with Trek Learning to confirm start date for school permaculture program – a work in progress. Aim is for St Paul's year. 6 students and year 10 students from Monbulk College to plan and implement 4 x edible permaculture garden beds in Main Street. See Item 6.7 for YR Community Development Officer Jeanette Scott's report on this and other matters.
- Need to connect YRC with interested parties for street art project – this item led to extensive discussion and debate around ideas put forward that included:
 - o By artist Sonyd Ward, that art works should include recognition of indigenous history and culture.
 - o a need for attracting tourists to Monbulk.

- Jill A'vard from Monbulk Historical Society is interested in taking part of the street art project from the MHS perspective for our history to be recognized as well as assistance with funding for the upcoming projects.
- a question by Sonyd as to identifying the locality of the local natural springs and opening them up to tourism led to discussion and a conclusion that most of the springs are on private land and that the remainder have been capped due to the poor quality of the water.
- Update on ageing workshops – Belinda Grooby – Belinda answered queries from Dawn Jones about community consultation on this and various other matters with a comprehensive summary of the of the planning and infrastructure directions and strategies to date and of the upcoming strategies to ascertain current community needs and wants. Belinda also explained that as with many things, Covid restrictions have caused considerable delays to these plans.
- Shop local website nearly ready to advertise. helpyourlocal.com [Monbulk: Monbulk](http://Monbulk.com.au)
 - This topic also generated considerable discussion in response to comments by Dawn Jones regarding public toilet cleaning regime, rubbish around the central Bus stop and council's responsibility in these matters. The meeting generally agreed that in both matters, the responsibility is a social one and that whilst the toilets are cleaned regularly and rubbish is removed, the onus is on society to be responsible in the first place.

6.6 Risk Management Report:

Luke called for nominations for this role. One suggestion made was that we should perhaps look outside MADCOW members for a candidate to fill this role.

6.7 Community Development Officer: Janette Scott

- Jeanette asked for member feedback on the community comments on the Monbulk Laneway community space installations of outdoor furniture and planter boxes by YR Council. Jeanette reminded members that the installations were a trial but that if liked by the community, could be left in place. Member consensus was that the tables and seating is well used and that despite and generally liked and accepted by the general community.
- A Tardis book swap unit is under construction for the Laneway space with Nerida ... to manage the books.
- 4th year of the ABCDE Grant Funds focus to include a focus on:
 - A Main Street mural with the possibility of the location being the Woolworths wall.

6.8 Planning and infrastructure: Paul Utting & (YVW) Aimee te Boekhorst

Meeting booked with YRC 20/04/2021.

This meeting was to be held prior to today's MADCOW meeting but was rescheduled for the above date.

6.9 Youth – Belinda Grooby

- Belinda reported that a trailer has been purchased with grant funds. This will be used initially to transport camping gear for the following upcoming TRIBE campouts.
 - Children 8-12 day camp

- o Teens 13-18 overnight camp
- o Belinda has purchased with support of sponsors, tents and camping equipment for these and future events. The upcoming campouts will include various entertainments again these events have received sponsor support for which Belinda expressed gratitude.

6.10 Car Show – Richard Licciardi

- Richard reported that the Car Show Committee have held their first 2021 meeting and that they have retained some funds from the last car show -2019.
 - o The date for the 2021 Car Show is the last Sunday in November.
 - o The committee plan to add some items to their previous acquisitions.
 - o The goal is to invite a special Guest as, or in conjunction with, a major Feature.
 - o Compliance starts in June/July.

6.11 MEG – Paul Bennet

- Paul reported that MEG have acquired additional radios which affirmed to Richard that they could be lent to the Car Show event.
 - o Next meeting set for June.
- In response to the question Helen asked i.e., 'where are the towns defib units situated?'
 - o It was determined that they are situated at:
 - Woolworths, The Bowling Club games room. Monbulk Pharmacy, the three Medical Clinics, The Hub, RSL, and Monbulk Sports Pavilion.
- In response to Helen's question: 'what happens when all of these places are closed?'
 - o It was decided that an additional unit be placed externally at the Police Station entrance this being deemed the most optimal, central, visible and accessible site in Main Street.
 - o Dr Dan stated that he would be pleased to source and provide a suitable unit and to make the required arrangements for its installment.

6.12 Monbulk Sewage program update – Helen Roberts Ferguson

- 1st stage is works are completed except for reinstatement.
- The pump Station works are underway.
- Connections are out to tender.
- Rate of sign up is slow and asked for member feedback as to our thoughts on the slow uptake within the community to make appointments for property assessments.
 - o The census reached was that there may be several factors including Covid post lockdown financial hardship.
 - o Uncertainty as to what the cost will be to individual homeowners.
 - o Concerns about loss of power affecting the pumps.
 - o Tree Root damage

7.0 General Business: Nil

Meeting Closed: 7.30pm

Next Meeting: TBA