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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 13 February 2023,
At Bush Theatre Cabin and by Zoom

Meeting commenced 1739 hrs
Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dafydd Hyett [President], David Spain, Diana Roberts, Peter, Aline, Carolione Todd, **Apologies:** Samantha Allen, Nicole Lindner
Guest: Wil Polson,
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **MINUTES**
\$ came from BCRRF

Dafydd / Peter	That the v 08 draft Minutes from 06-02-2023 be adopted	Carried
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5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Email Folders: Sammi & Aline tabled a spreadsheet of mail categories & proposed folders. Diana will sort incoming mail into the folders, but those responsible must deal with it. Liam will automate notice to the folder manager if there is a change (principally, a new communication). Managers must append signatures (can be automated using pen icon at bottom).

Grant Guru: LCC maintains this facility. We can register for free access

Newsletter: Dafydd to email Chamber Chat to members

Mural Tins & Audit on State of Murals: Caroline to do

7. **CORRESPONDENCE :**

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE :**

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

\$15k from LCC may be refundable, so has been taken from AQ50 line and treated as a liability. We have \$49k and another \$10k is expected. However, we owe about \$3400 (mostly to Dogwhistle) and our promised contribution of \$10,000 to the AQ50 account. Diana has chased up payment of our \$18k SBVRL invoice. BCRRG paid \$28,000 being the second payment and a final payment is due. We have \$49k and another \$10k is expected. However, we owe about \$20k (mostly to Dogwhistle) and our promised contribution of \$1,000 to the AQ50 account. Monies remaining in the AQ50 account are held in trust for AQ50 purposes and will be made available at the call of DH, no call below \$100. As regards the excess funds, SCU has a saver facility at 2.9% interest so long as we maintain deposits \$200 pm , with funds at call.

Dafydd / Peter	That we set up a Bonus Saver account at SCU, to receive direct deposits from our operating account	Carried
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10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Stuart McConville has filled out a membership application and paid \$50.

Dafydd / Aline	That Stuart McConville t/as Pooh Solutions be admitted to membership	Carried
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GENERAL BUSINESS

11. MEETING WITH LCC REPS

Tina should be asked to advise what her team is planning for Nimbin (not big picture). The meeting with Tina should focus on:--

- (a) LCC’s contribution to tourism, not on the ‘bigger picture’. We want the Domain Name visitnimbin (not the url) but should ask LCC to fund its management. Previously, LCC agreed to this on basis that a fulltime LCC officer would do the maintenance. This officer was Wil, but he then got shifted into a different position (sport) until we arranged for him to be relocated to economic development, where he now has a job description we have not seen. LCC is no longer putting \$180k pa into a VIC. We should tell LCC that we want Wil to be appointed as a Nimbin Economic Development role and to work out of the Neighbourhood Centre (not from home).
- (b) No response to our detailed report about village condition, which Diana filed with LCC – brush-cutting
- (c) No response to issues raised with John Walker (including Peace Park ablutions block, surface of western carpark & Thorburn Street),
- (d) LCC is no longer putting the ped x opposite the hall because NSW Roads & Traffic interdicted this, but is upgrading the big blister and the walkway up from western carpark.
- (e) Responsibility for maintain the new signage
- (f) Issues with planning & relations with developers & local application of local s.94 contributions

12. AQ50: Dafydd will advise the community in Chamber Chat as to why NCOC is no longer auspicging the event.

13. EVENTS CALENDAR for our website. Nicole to manage.

14. **ONLINE SHOP** Has been set up on Wix software, operating out of the VIC, and is posted on NCOC & visitnimbin websites, but needs to be promoted via social media. This has the potential to generate an income stream and even employment. If we take back the visitnimbin website, we need to simplify its content & layout, making it user friendly, and maintain up-to-date event calendar. Maintenance is a full-time job, so if LCC will not fund this then we should not take the visitnimbin website and walk away from having a VIC. At present NCOC is paying Liz when necessary, including to upload information. The only other profile for social information is Nimbin hookups on Facebook; these social media postings are funded through the Resilience grant.

15. **Welcome to Nimbin signs:** The new 'Welcome to Nimbin sign on eastern approach was flooded under and is being relocated to Bowlo by LCC (so as to block the view!). The sign on the northern approach, at intersection with Crofton Road (which has some LCC gravel heaps) was flattened by a truck; cost of repairs is five hours at \$35ph plus materials \$48.35 = \$218.35. Coming from the south, the gravel heaps are not next to the Nimbin Rocks signage – they are at the StonyChute road entrance to the village.

Dafydd / Peter	That we pay Bryan \$218.35 to re-erect the sign on northern approach, closer to the Bush Theatre	Carried
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16. **LCC's VILLAGE ENTRY HOOP SIGNS :** Now that there are new Welcome signs, the hoops are at present empty. The old signs were badly defaced. Mitch has the old inserts (we will need the dimensions) and artwork, or we can use Benny's flag (for which we have copyright). Armsigns will fabricate replacement inserts. Alternatively, Steph is interested in doing artwork for the Nimbin markets. Cleaning of LCC assets -- letter

17. **INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Adjourned.

18. **VILLAGE SECURITY:** Thieves got into Nimbin hall (perhaps a door was left open) and took all lighting equipment & alcohol from the office. The police need LCC permission to review (fast forward) the street security camera footage. Perhaps we need to review night security. We will talk to police.

19. **DONATE SCULPTURE:** Leigh Oldmeadow, at own cost, wants to construct a big timber & canvas structure, maybe 5m high, on old Museum site over to old Rainbow site. Eventually this will be dismantled. This will require LCC approval. Resolved not to be involved, save for a letter of support.

20. **7 HIGH STREET:** Has a nice arboretum but owner wants the rest subdivided into 6 lots, perhaps as community title. He has invited our feedback. Perhaps passage through the arboretum could be an extension of our walking trail.

21: **STATE OF MEDICAL CENTRE:** Needs repainting. Petition available at Food co-op.

End 1940hrs

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