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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 07 February 2022, Jodee's Deck

Meeting commenced 1730 hrs
Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Hyett [President], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary], Diana Roberts, Tashanna Fuller, Jodee Tichbourne, Caroline Todd. **Apologies:** Samantha Allen, Kylie Cain, Elen Jones. **Guest:** Wil Polson
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Dave Hyett.
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
-- Wil Polson advised he is an LCC employee
-- Dogwhistle will arrange for fresh photos of committee members

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

No comments were forthcoming about the draft AGM Minutes as tabled.

Diana/ Caroline	That the draft minutes of the previous committee's meeting on 06-12-2021, as tabled, be accepted	Carried
Diana/ Tash	That the draft minutes of the committee's meeting on 13-12-2021, as tabled, be accepted	Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING from minutes

Contribution to Wai:Bal The kooris have reorganized and NCCI is writing off the old group's debt. NCCI will supply a report; then we will reassess. Adjourned to next meeting. Action Biko

Diana/ Tash	That assistance with Wai:Bal funding be adjourned to next meeting.	Carried
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Signage Report from Stephanie: 2 updates provided by Steph via email. Welcome to Nimbin sign ??? – Steph not happy yet and will work on a better outcome. Elspeth's mural is not yet complete but is progressing. The sound posts ready, two-button audio post and 8 directional signs are ready, with the yellow I sign to be changed to white.

David /Diana	That Gilbert Laurie be paid \$2500 according to invoice	Carried
Diana / Biko	That Benny Zable be paid \$2500 according to invoice	Carried
Diana/ Tash	That Stephanie Seckold be paid \$2500 for artwork according to invoice	Carried
Diana/ Biko	That Stephanie Seckold be paid \$900 less \$265 = \$635 towards the development of brochure & map and that \$265 from the grant be refunded to the Chamber in respect of contribution to brochure map	Carried
Diana/ Biko	That Elspeth Jones be paid \$2500 upon invoice, when the mural is completed to satisfaction of the executive	Carried

7. FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer tabled a financial report. Peter has set up Quickbooks online as requested and advised that work needs to be done in tidying up the membership list and considering content of special fields.

Peter / Diana	That the financial report be accepted	Carried
Peter / Diana	That the committee believes the chamber can pay its debts as they fall due	Carried
Peter / Diana	That the treasurer pay the website hosting invoice and arrange for an annual, or automatic payments	Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE IN

Forwarding of emails in between meetings to be discussed with Sammi by Dave H

9. ILLUMINATE NIMBIN FESTIVAL

Illuminate Nimbin is a street party from 4-9 pm on Friday 11 March. The idea is that all businesses are open that day to around 8pm. We got a \$15k grant from Destination NSW and an extra \$5k from LCC, making a total grant of \$20k, with the aim being to re-energise the main street. There will be live music with DJs, lighting, a kids' event at skate park, and a lantern parade at 8pm. Shops should stay open until then. We have lodged a traffic management plan with LCC to close street for 30 mins (which involves a cost). Wil is communicating with schools. We need about 20-30 volunteers for marshalling, lantern organization, first aid.

Diana / Biko	That \$120 from SBVRL be authorized for a poster advert in NGT	Carried
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8. EOI FOR WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION

The decision NCOC made on 06-12-2021 has been queried by one applicant. However, NCCI managed this entire project and NCOC's role was only subsidiary. Item deferred to NCCI for action.

9. WEBSITE

Wil is managing the VisitNimbin site; Dogwhistle is managing the NCOC Website. Photographs have been taken for uploading and this project will be completed when the weather is finer and the Illuminate Nimbin Festival is finished. Chamber Chats plus an image and approved minutes must be emailed to Liz at Dogwhistle for uploading. A website link is then sent to members via our email list drawing their attention to the latest chamber chat.

10. LCC REQUEST FOR DISASTER PLANNING INPUT

Secretary to write to LCC advising that our community has a disaster response planning group (the Chamber has a committee member on this group) and they will liaise with LCC.

11. BASKETBALL COURT

This is on the vacant lot adjacent to 7 Sibley Street. Diana rang the new Mayor (Steve Krieg) and got the impression LCC would not take action on motion by freshman councillor Big Rob for LCC to plan a development. However, he indicated that he believes Nimbin has been neglected and this might be a good site for a public library, since the mobile library is about to die. From our point of view, this would constrain the extra parking space and access needed for developing or using the rear of the 7 Sibley Street block, thus constraining development. To do a boundary adjustment, the land has to be reclassified from community to operational. Possibly the library could go into Community Centre grounds, but that needs parking too. LCC is awaiting its own report.

Streets for Shared Spaces: LCC put in an EOI for a project based entirely in Nimbin following discussion with Wil, Steph & Diana. The EOI was successful and Council is now writing the actual application. It's a 6 month project that would see land like the basketball court at 7 Sibley developed temporarily as an activity space.

Diana / Biko	NCOC to supply a letter in support of LCC getting a "Street for Shared Spaces" Grant, Wil to draft same	Carried
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12. PUBLIC TOILETS & PROPOSED AMENITIES BLOCK AT PEACE PARK

The public toilets at Community Centre badly need painting & repair but LCC is cash-strapped. Really the whole building needs demolition and installation of new fixtures. The secretary wrote to LCC on 15-12-2021 recommending budgeting for a new amenities block at Peace Park but it is unlikely LCC could stretch to it. Possibly this could happen in a long-term plan, as could a similar development in the western car park. **Action:** Caroline to make a list of toilet issues and email same to chamber.

13. CUTTING OF ROADSIDE ENTRIES

The roadsides at both High Street and entry from the north need brush-cutting, for amenity & safety reasons. **Action:** Wil to talk to LCC with a view to organizing.

14. NEW MEMBERS

The pub has paid its membership invoice. No new applications, but Dave Hyett is talking to relevant locals who come through the Bush Factory. Hopefully, our new website & range of activity will encourage more new members to join.

15. BRIDGE DWELLERS

Squatters are living under the concrete bridge. This is a social issue. Police involvement is likely, to relocate those involved to homeless shelters. Considered not really a Chamber issue despite the impact on nearby businesses

16. OLD BRIDGE

The old wooden bridge is dangerous for pedestrians and at the least needs improved entry constraints. Either it should be repaired or it will have to be demolished. Council, as owner, is reluctant to shoulder more financial burden, so the community would have to win a grant to rehabilitate it for pedestrian use on historic & cultural grounds. We should look at securing it in the immediate term. **Action:** Secretary to write to LCC.

17. COVID GRANT

Is rather useless as it compares current income to a period of reduced income; to be forwarded to members for information.

18. GENERAL MEETING: A possible general meeting was foreshadowed in about June (after the Illuminate Festival, Easter & Mardi Grass), Covid willing, inviting the Mayor & council. Item adjourned to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 07 March 2022 at B+B hall.