

THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Draft Minutes of General Meeting
Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 7:00pm

Chair: Vivienne Scott

1. Attendance: (Total 22)

V Scott, A Scott, P Braithwaite, V McKendrick, R McKendrick, N Harvey, C Harvey, I Lucas, R Slater, J. Slater, A Rowland, P Seisums, N Gates, , H Nayna, K Armstrong, B. Nutt, S. Zgrasja, Jari Ihalanein (WSC), R. Sage, K.Wall, J. Thoreau, L . Rose

Apologies: M. Penning, G Penning, M. Lusted, B. McLachlan, Mayor Doug Eaton, Councillor Lynne Webster

1.1 The Chair, Vivienne Scott, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance. She also gave a warm welcome to Jari Ihalanein, Director, Land Management who recently joined Wyong Shire Council.

1.2 Minutes of 19 March 2013 Meeting: Moved: C Harvey; Seconded: V McKendrick

1.3 Business Outstanding

1.3.1 **Rate Rise:** Many of the matters included in our original submission to Council have been included in a number of submissions to IPART. The Precinct has focused on issues relevant for our area and requested that the 6.9%p.a. rate rise be rejected and that a more affordable increase be considered. Other submissions were lodged by individuals, dealing with more general issues, such as Council's conduct of the community consultation process and the calculation showing that 5.5% to 6% would be sufficient to meet the asset maintenance backlog.

1.3.2 **North Entrance:** Concern about Land values going down, Insurance premiums going up and rates going up. Residents are struggling to afford these increases.

1.3.3 **Mining in the Wyong valleys:** A copy of the Australian Coal Alliance case against coal mining is attached to the minutes for members who wish to pursue this issue.

Standing orders were suspended for the presentation from Jari Ihalanein

2. Presentation: Jari Ihalanein, Director Land Management

Jari's background: Jari worked in private industry (development & construction) and in the Middle East for the last 4 years (residential mixed use and man-made islands)

He sees The Entrance as a beautiful natural amenity that needs to be preserved. This can occur alongside future developments that bring benefits to the area: parking; open spaces; enhance natural assets. Development is important for generating jobs; long-term employment and investments.

His new position in Land Management covers: Property management (including management of Council-owned land), and Development.

2.1 As Jari was new to the Shire, the Chair suggested that members have an open discussion/questions in order to provide him the opportunity to engage with Precinct members and help him become familiar on some of our concerns.

Paul Seisums (Magenta): Magenta is developing a social amenity and working on plans are in progress to put in a village green and a country club in order to add value for the residents and the community.

Rod Slater (Engineer: water supply): Infrastructure lags behind development. Problem is that WSC does not have control over all infrastructure.

Kevin Armstrong: The Entrance has lost its character. The generations have changed: young people are no longer interested in camping and fishing. The State government is becoming more involved without local knowledge.

Anne Rowland (Long Jetty) The LJ community is moving ahead: there is a vibrancy and new businesses are opening. The focus of WSC in street beautification and the LJ Improvement Masterplan are very much appreciated and assisting in bringing about this positive change.

Herve Nayna (Rates) Spoke about the review process and its inadequacies. He noted the community feedback: 9.5% option is unaffordable. Suggested that modelling indicates that a 5.5% - 6% rise is more than sufficient for Council finances.

Brewis Nutt: Incongruence in LJ: main road is narrow, but side streets are quite wide.

Susan Zgraja (Berkeley Vale Precinct): Council should be focusing on the smaller issues of kerb & guttering, roads, stormwater drains etc. Leave the large issues (airport, Chinese Theme Park) for State and Federal. Infrastructure is creaking and groaning. Local area=local needs.

Meeting reconvened at 8:05pm after a short break.

Correspondence: A number of letters, emails and reports were tabled. See attachment for details. Moved: V Scott; Secoded: A Rowland

3. **Financial Report:** At 1/4/13 Balance = \$559.59 credit; this amount is unchanged at 15/4/13. Moved: C Harvey; Secoded: P Braithwaite

4. Other Business:

4.1 Irene Lucas reported that Tuggerah Station carpark is inadequate and she was forced to park at the Supa Centre, along with other rail travellers seeking to park their vehicles. The Chair suggested that she raise this problem with the local member, Chris Spence.

4.2 Rubbish at Shelly Beach intersection: not a good look at the gateway to the Peninsula. Rod Slater contacted Council to remove the rubbish and although some of it was removed, vegetation matter was left as it, apparently the responsibility of another section of Council.

01/04 Motion: The Precinct write to Council drawing their attention to the disgraceful condition of the gutters at the main entry to Long Jetty, notably the main intersection of Wyong Road – Shelly Beach Road and seeking information as which division of Council is responsible for keeping gutters clear of rubbish and vegetation.

Moved: R Slater;

Secoded: I Lucas

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:40pm

Next General Meeting on Tuesday 21st May, 2013 at 7.00pm.

Next Executive Meeting : Tuesday 7th May, 2013 at 4.00pm.