

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.

Thursday 24th September 2015

Venue: Tallong Memorial Hall

Meeting opened at 7:10 pm by President, Margaret Botticchio.

Attendance:

Kim Grey, Christine Wursten, Margaret Botticchio, Geoff Clark, David Woods, Geraldine Woods, Noelene Phillips, Jim Humphreys, Magnus Agren, Belinda Agren and baby Bud, Norbert Elberich, Jeremy Porter, Carolyn Hale, Nerida Tipping, Lionel Willison, Carl Wise, Janet Black and Dugald Black, Sue Nagy.

Apologies:

Jean and John Lombard, Sue and Noel De Mamiel, David and Christina Leese.

Minutes of AGM 2014:

The Minutes, having been previously distributed, The President asked if there were any other matters arising from the minutes?

There was none.

Motion: The minutes of the 2014 AGM as distributed be accepted

Moved: David Wood Seconded: Jim Humphreys

President's Report and Treasurer's Report: circulated prior to the meeting

Business arising from these reports:

There being no comments on the reports

Dugald Black moved that the financial report be accepted as a true account of the financial position of the TCFG incorporated body at 30/6/2015

Seconded by David Woods

Election of Committee for 2015-16:

David Woods assumed Chairman Duties.

The following seven nominations were received before the meeting for seven positions:

President: Margaret Botticchio Vice-president Lionel Willison

Treasurer: Jeremy Porter Secretary: Christine Wurston

Committee members: Noel De Mamiel, Susan Nagy and Kim Grey

There being seven nominations for seven positions, David Woods declared the new Committee duly elected.

Before David Woods vacated the Chair he congratulated the current committee on their achievements and an outstanding year of Tallong events.

President, Margaret Botticchio then thanked retiring member, Paul Holmes for his contribution and welcomed new committee member Noel DeMamiel to the team. Margaret congratulated the committee for their considerable efforts over the past year and said she looks forward to the new Committee working together and tackling the challenges the New Year will bring.

General Business following the Election:

Drawings and plans for the TCFG's projects for Tallong Village were displayed around the room. The president gave a short overview of the status of the various projects.

ANZAC Centenary Memorial nearly complete and awaits dedication service during Kangaroo March visit on 29th September 2015.

ANZAC Memorial grant application with DVA is being processed and historical research into WW11 metal plaque corrections is complete.

Tallong Memorial Park – plan on display for enhancements to the park – This plan to go to council for consultation and for further costing – includes clearing pathway, removal of dead trees, footpath construction for the Jim Watling Walkway, corrugated iron planter boxes and sculptural form for big apple, Historical signage about big apple and orchard heritage, planting apple trees, filling area adjacent to RFS shed and car park space along Bombala Street.

Railway Car park plan identifies features to improve this facility – resurface to correct poor drainage, improve lighting, fill (offered by Boral) area to extend carpark space, clearing of road side along railway fence, planting of apple trees, historical signage and footpath construction. While initial costing obtained these plans will be used to obtain detailed quotes and consult with Council.

Welcome signs / garden area for Tallong. The possibility of using large natural stone from Boral with metal letters organised in an edged garden was discussed. Site opposite Church with Casuarina backdrop was proposed for the western entry.

Geoff Clark said he would put drawings and plans on Tallong website.

David Woods on behalf of meeting thanked Margaret and the committee for their work in developing the projects and said they were acceptable and please go ahead with all plans and present the park and carpark plans to Council.

Noelene Phillips queried whether the memorial tree plans were presented at last AGM. The plan was not developed until after grant from Southern Phone Company was secured in February 2015 and then displayed to community on ANZAC day and Apple Day. Noelene also reminded the meeting of a suggestion made at last AGM that in the event the memorial trees were cut down they could be carved and made into sculptural memorials.

Margaret reminded meeting of Council Outreach meeting in Tallong Memorial Hall on the 10th November at 6.30pm and that advance notice of questions or issues to be raised to be sent to Amy Croker. Several issues were put forward: over growth on Barbers Creek under Viaduct and impact of recent flooding – Roadside safety markers replaced - repair bus shelter and so on.

There being no other General Comments, President, Margaret Botticchio declared the meeting closed at 8.02 pm and invited everyone to partake of the supper provided.