

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.

Held: Tuesday 20th September, 2016

Venue: Tallong Memorial Hall

Meeting opened at 7:06pm by President, Margaret Botticchio

Attendance: Margaret Botticchio, Christine Wursten, Lionel Willison, Kim Gray, Jeremy Porter, Noel DeMamiel, Sue DeMamiel, Susan Nagy, Jim Humphreys, David Leese, Carl Wise, Janet Black, Dugald Black, Geoff Clark.

Apologies: Kerry Anderson, Eva Humphreys, Christina Leese.

Minutes of AGM 2015:

Minutes have been made available for viewing. AGM information was unable to be sent out via email however sufficient notice has been given via website, shop noticeboard and Tallong sign. The president asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes. Nil noted.

Motion: The minutes of the 2015 AGM as distributed be accepted

Moved: Jim Humphreys

Seconded: Christine Wursten

Presidents Report 2016: Distributed.

Margaret informed members that she tried to make her report brief. ANZAC day is a recognised Tallong event, well supported. Tallong Apple Day was a great success reaching what is probably its height. It is also now a well-recognised event by Council and has possibly reached its maximum numbers, another wonderful Tallong event.

Jim Humphreys would like to know what is happening with Twittering's. Margaret informed October Twittering has been prepared. Chrissy wrote the first month however not all of it was published in the Goulburn Post. Janet Black is going to assist with historical information. We intend to look at, gather and publish information from all Tallong groups in the Marulan news and Goulburn Post. Margaret will then pass on all copies of Twitterings to Geoff Clark for the website.

Treasurers Report 2016: Distributed.

Geoff Clark would like to know the current balance as at today's date. Bank statement is as at 18th September- \$3124.31 with nothing drawn or banked since this date.

Moved: David Leese

Seconded: Geoff Clarke

Election of Committee for 2016-17:

David Leese assumed Chairman Duties.

Eight nominations were received before the meeting for the positions. There are normally seven positions; however David's opinion is that we should not knock back any good person who wishes to contribute to the betterment of the Tallong District. He proposed "that sub

Clause 14 1 of the Model Rules be suspended for this meeting and then the Committee is to consist of The Office Bearers of the Association and four ordinary members". Many feel that more hands make work easier and allows for projects to be completed.

Motion: To move to suspend the sub Clause 141 for the meeting.

Moved: Geoff Clark

Seconded: Noel DeMamiel

Carl Wise asked if this was against the Constitution. All agreed to vote in favour of suspension of the sub clause.

The following nominations for the positions were received:

President: Margaret Botticchio

Vice President: Lionel Willison

Treasurer: Jeremy Porter

Secretary: Christine Wursten

Committee Members: Kim Gray, Sue Nagy, Noel DeMamiel, Kerry Anderson.

David declared the new committee duly elected.

General Business:

Memorial Park Project- Plan has been publicised many times in order to use Council's village funds to complete the project. A conservationist group from Canberra were here today with visitors from Germany, China and Japan assisting to remove blackberry bush, rubbish and have cleared and mulched. They will be back tomorrow. Marulan Engineering have designed, engineered and are currently constructing the framework for the big Apple. Signage by Alan Weston will display the apple orchard history of Tallong on this frame and Boral will be supplying decomposed granite for the walkway and scalping and rock fill for the car park and the reclaimed area adjacent to the RFS shed. Goulburn Mulwaree Council will be donating 5 crab apple trees. Questions were raised as to whether 2.1 metres off the ground is high enough for placement of Big Apple. Members expressed the notion that kids will be able to jump up and hit it. Margaret informed that this is all under engineering specifications. Footings are to be completed this week subject to over wet ground conditions. Kevin Roberts will then come in and complete all remaining work. This is all due to be completed by November. The TCFG intends to organise a celebratory opening at the Christmas Party of the park project in December.

Once memorial park work is completed there will be \$20,000 remaining in the Village funds. We are seeking community input into the two remaining projects.

Railway Carpark- Margaret recently met with Geoff Kettle and Matthew O'Rourke from Goulburn Mulwaree Council. The Railway car park is in bad repair. This is in council's scope to complete this work and won't need to come from Village funds. There will be an increase in the number of parking spaces, drainage and re-sealing will be part of the works. The Mayor said that the village funds could go toward beautifying by planting crab apple trees and clearing both sides of the railway station.

Welcome Signs- According to a Council representative the current council signs are not going to be replaced in the near future. They will stay in place. Chrissy said that under one

of the signs are the ruins of the railway gatekeeper's house. Chrissy then presented to the meeting graphic designs for new signs for both ends of Tallong. Through consultation with the Council and Alan from Alan Weston Signs the design using the image of the Big Apple has been developed. Chrissy said, we have a great feature in our Big Apple and we should use that as a focus. At the meeting it was said they were bright, cheery and a great representation of Tallong and should be used. The locations for the signs will be on the corner of Bumballa Street coming from Wingello and before and opposite the church coming from Marulan. The cost is \$2,800+ GST for each sign completed not including the engineering certificate and any DA approvals from Council. It was expressed that we should display the in situ designs and promote feedback from residents on the shop noticeboard, on the website and an explanation in the October Newsletter with a section for comments to be left in the shop box. Jim contributed with the suggestion that the designs could be on display at the Council Outreach Meeting in November. Some discussion followed as to time needed to obtain community feedback and when we can use the fully costed designs to access village funds and complete the project.

There being no other General comments, President, Margaret Botticchio declared the meeting closed at 8:05pm and invited everyone to partake of the supper provided.