

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.
18th September 2014 **Venue: Tallong Memorial Hall**

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

Attendance:

Kim Grey, Christine Wursten, Margaret Botticchio, Geoff Clark, Faye Danckwardt, David Woods, Geraldine Woods, Noelene Phillips, Jim Humphreys, David Leese, Christina Leese, Magnus Agren, Belinda Agren, A Van Der Byl, Norbert Elberich, Paul Holmes, Jeremy Porter, Wolfgang Purucker, Lionel Willison, Carl Wise

Apologies:

Sue Nagy, Jean Lombard, John Lombard, Janet Black, Dugald Black

Minutes of AGM 2013:

The Minutes (abbreviated from verbatim 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 2013 AGM as amended and distributed be accepted
Moved: David Woods Seconded: David Leese

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

Business arising from these reports: As the Presidents Report announced the TCFG's Tallong Village Plan these items were held over to the end discussion on improvements for the village.

Business arising from Treasurers Report:

David Woods – questioned the style of accounting used in the financial report. Accrual accounting would show an operating profit rather than the net profit figure for the year. It would be helpful if members could see all the income and expenses for the year and he noted that the insurance payment and community distributions were not included.

Wolfgang Purucker – added some information about various accounting options the TCFG could use.

Jeremy Porter the Treasurer – replied that the style or form of reporting/accounting was set by the Department of Fair Trading as the period of reporting was determined by them to be the financial year from the beginning of July to the end of June in the following year. Jeremy said he wanted to keep the report as simple as possible and explained that the missing items were not presented in this financial period.

David Leese – said that the missing figures would be taken up in the next financial year.

Margaret Botticchio the President said she noted that it would be helpful for members to see all income and expense transactions for Apple Day and the distribution of funds to community organisations.

Election of Committee for 2014-15:

David Woods took over as meeting Chairman from Margaret Botticchio.

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

President: Margaret Botticchio Vice-president Lionel Willison

Treasurer: Jeremy Porter

Committee members: Paul Holmes, Susan Nagy, Christine Wursten, Kim Grey

No additional nominations were received at the meeting.

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

President, Margaret Botticchio then thanked retiring member, John Lombard for his contribution as committee member and as our roving reporter. John has delivered information and a means of communication with community residents through the Newsletter and Tallong Twitterings published in the Goulburn Post every month and happily he plans to continue with these communications. John also intends to volunteer for the Tenth Apple Day Festival Committee. He urges everyone to get involved so that we can make this an outstanding event.

The President then welcomed Kim Grey, our new member and said she looked forward to the new Committee working together and tackling the challenges this New Year will bring.

David Woods finished by saying that as there were no nominations for the position of Secretary, one of the members of the new Committee would take on the role as Acting Secretary at the next TCFG meeting in October.

David Woods then vacated the Chair, and handed it to Paul Holmes who would lead the member's discussion of The Tallong Village Plan.

General Business following the Election:

The TCFG's plan for Tallong Village was displayed around the room. The display consisted of photographs of village items needing attention, maps of the various sites marked for improvement and the plan diagrams laid out by Gavin Phillips, secretary for TRFS.

Paul Holmes outlined the procedure for the discussion and Margaret Botticchio gave an overview of how the plan had developed through items being placed on the TCFG agenda. The TCFG intends to access funds from Council's village plan budget over three years and seeks community support for these improvements to the Village.

After much discussion of the details of costing, planning priorities and complications of ownership of sites the President asked for support from the meeting to continue with

developing the plan. The members present agreed to support the following principles which they thought underlie any planning for improvements to village amenities.

Safety – foot paths (to Railway Pde and to Hope St) and a crossing on Highland Way

Improving Appearance of village – Welcome Signs, cleaning up site, stone walls, plantings
Clean up Railway Fence, Extend Rail Car park area, Bush Block becomes a named park with walkway and sculptures dedicated to orchard past -

Tourist Potential – Signage and directional signs, publications re Orchard/ Rail Heritage, develop tourist potential of recreation reserve.

Heritage – Memorial Trees, plaques for 100 years, Planting Apple Trees in Village precinct, Clean up railway so display Tallong Tanks, Name bush block Jim Wattling Park.

Amenities in Village – improve parking, pathways for walking about village, extend power supply for Apple Day in park, and also add toilets.

There being no other General Comments, President, Margaret Botticchio declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.