

SMRRA > Snowy Monaro Ratepayers & Residents Association.

Minutes 30 October 2022 3pm Cooma Ex-services Club

Present:

Grantly Ingram GI, John Last JL, Hans Saxing HS, Mick Newman MN, Charles Kolano CK, Jenny Kolano JK, Roland Janbergs RJ, Craig Bergsten CB, Terese Skowron TS, Andrew Thaler AT, Keith Wright KW, Peter Anderson PA, Harry Longworth HL.

Present online: Micheal Freeman MF, Vele Civijovski CV, Lee Smith LS, Amy Long AL, Alisa Thaler AIT

Apologies: Olivier Kapetanakos OK ...

Business Arising from previous minutes:

Unsure if registered as an Incorp of Association

AT – suggest postpone election of Executives.

AT suggests Interim Executives, HS second Motion put. Unanimous.

Nomination and Awarding of Interim Positions -

JL- nominate GI as Interim President. GI declined.

GI – nominate HL – awarded Interim President to HL.

HL- nominate GI as Interim Vice President. Second AT. Passed unanimous.

HL- nominate TS as Interim Secretary. Passed unanimous.

AT- assistant Interim Secretary

GI – nominate HS as Interim Treasurer – HS declined.

HL – nominate MF as Interim treasurer. Second TS. Passed unanimous

HS offer to be Interim Executive.

HL recommended all attendees become Interim Committee Members. Put, passed unanimous.

Treasurers report : NIL

General Business:

1. Press photo and media release for Monay. GI

2. Land use strategy – info that there was a briefing on.

a. Council did have a briefing – missed by LW and ND.

Luke Williamson (Councillor, not in attendance) to be briefed Mon 31st Oct.

b. All keep an eye on business papers for Land Use info.

3. FFSR – Future Financial Sustainability Review – on exhibition, survey extended to 6 Nov.

MN suggests SMRRA does own survey.

PA – no rate rise until and audit.

- FFSR survey is biased.

- FFSR questioning is set up to drive an outcome.

- FFSR questioning modified during operation to have demographics added.

a. Comprehensive audit.

b. Incompetence

c. Motion from first meeting “audit before rate rise”

d. Premature.

e. Incomparable data sets – 2 surveys

f. Mayor set up FFSR to support rate rise.

7. IPR- 80% respondent rejected rate rise
Moved PA, Second HS. Passed unanimous.

4. Our own survey (SMRRA) T.B.D.

5. Cooma WATER TANK DEVELOPMENT

GI concerned SMRRA might be distracted.

MN – Water tank issue is significant.

PA – parliament admission – misleading.

Snowy Monaro Advocates written to ICAC, Minister, OLC, work-safe, opposition, premier.

Recommendation and investigation.

GI – expenses concern by group. Support investigation

HS – as above.

JL – SMRC has no public officer as far as he knows.

MN – do we need to have an “informer” to refer to police.

HS - ‘support process by Portfolio No.4 committee’

Send letter...

HL- can't use organisation name as not Incorporated.

JL – write as individuals. AT & TS to distribute letter template.

“urge council to fully assist in any investigation...”

to council and councillors

to member – Nicole Overall

to Minister Wendy Tuckerman

to Kristy McBain

Mark Banasiak

Victor Dominello

Premier and Opposition Leader

6. De-Merger Position:

Labor position on demerger – still support.

Gundagai Tumut approved to demerge

Inner West Canterbury – preparing demerge business cases.

Demerger Alliance met with Labor, Green, SFF, One Nation, Joe Gurr

GI – thinking new govt in 2023, concern that SMRC is steaming along on long-term plans.

PA – factor in there might not be a council come end Nov. > OLG, deficit, water tank.

HS- demerger business case should be conducted

MOTION: “this group call on SMRC to conduct a demerger business case with full community consultation, and involved a full forensic audit of Council.”

PUT > Passed unanimous.

7. Statement “about OLG review and 2021/2022 financial statements” omitting red fleet of RFS

AT – auditor granted one month extension for auditor process

We keep watching brief

HS- Move “request update from OLG of the OLG SMRC review” Second TS. Passed unanimous.

8. Inclusion of Red Fleet>

AT – quick explanation

HS – should be a record of assets.

GI– wait for auditor general response

9. LS (online comment) - Globe Hotel

“Discussion needed about community safety. Globe Hotel Bombala fire damaged months ago, no attempt to contain dust, open holes everywhere, no roof etc. Sign put up yesterday (29 Oct2022) “Asbestos” deadly dust contaminating people and town”

MF (online comment)- “we need to invite all progress associations to join and support SMRRA.”

10. NSW planning – briefing session on community housing out at Polo Flat. Tuesday 8th Nov.

MN to attend to get information then report back to SMRRA, others also encouraged to go.

11. Communications portfolio – HL nominated. Passed unanimous. AT to help.

12. Press release = GI to make a draft, hold off until incorporation completed. Agreed.

13. HL, AT – follow up meeting with OK re: Incorporation.

14. Propose Community Survey

Members propose survey – survey monkey.

HL/ AT to arrange >

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www.SMRRA.org registered.

& www.SMRRS.asn after incorporation

Facebook group

15. HL - “introduce ourselves after incorporated” HS second. Passed unanimous

16. Roads, Rubbish, Rates. 3 beginning survey questions.

Meeting closed. 1658 hours.