

AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2014

MINUTES

1. WELCOME / PRESENT

Barbara Fletcher welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees included Libby Coker and Margot Smith (current Surf Coast Shire Councillors), Libby Mears (former Surf Coast Shire Mayor and Councillor), AIDA Committee members and local residents.

Approximately 50 people attended the meeting.

2. PROXIES

No proxies were submitted.

3. APOLOGIES

Rose Hodge (Mayor, Surf Coast Shire), Clive Goldsworthy (Councillor), Lynn Barnett, Alan and Dorothy Ambrose, Annette Comte, Rachel Faggetter, Perry and Leah Gaylard, Nan McNab, Barry and Wendy Meek, Graeme Murrell and J Arnott, Charlotte O'Loughlin, Anne Porter, Peter and Megan Short, Frieda Wachsmann.

4. PRESENTATION BY LOCAL (ANGLESEA WARD) COUNCILLORS

MARGOT SMITH (MS)

Margot Smith thanked AIDA for the invitation to attend the AGM and noted that she was having a busy Easter Sunday, having attended a meeting earlier in the day to consider options for the future of the Alcoa coal mine following the closing of the Point Henry aluminum smelter and rolling mills. This is an important issue for the shire, with 83 local families dependent on continued employment at the mine. MS noted that she and LC would be putting a notice of motion at the next council meeting that council should write to the State Government requesting that any licence regarding the Alcoa site only be interim pending a full review of land use and power generation options for the Anglesea area in consultation with the community; and publishing of full details of that review and its outcomes.

MS noted that another important issue in Anglesea was the river going through another difficult period with fish deaths associated with acid runoff from the catchment.

Further afield in the shire, the development of Point Grey in Lorne under the control of GORCC has been causing significant community concern. Furthermore, the council was very disappointed by the recent announcement of Planning Minister Matthew Guy's siding with the independent planning panel on Amendment C66 to reject the Surf Coast Shire's position, which supported the community's wish for no growth in the Spring Creek valley. There was disappointment also about amendment C95 which in part creates the Special Use Zone for the development of Christian College's Torquay campus. On a more positive note, the green belt between Bell's beach and Torquay will be preserved.

Finally, over more than a year in office MS has seen the great value of the review of the Anglesea Structure Plan that sets out the values and objectives of the community, and she strongly encourages AIDA members to participate fully in the development of the new Structure Plan for Aireys Inlet to Eastern View during the next financial year.

LIBBY COKER (LC)

Libby Coker welcomed Libby Mears and echoed MS's comments that with regard to Spring Creek the council's efforts have at least saved part of the valley from development. She also noted that it was good to see the Community Hall being put to such good use with the

Community Market in the morning, followed by the AIDA AGM and then the Community Forum in the afternoon and early evening.

LC noted that a contentious recent issue in our area has been the new pathway and fence across the Painkalac Valley. She feels the replacement fence is better, more transparent for the view to the valley. Most importantly it has prompted reminders to the council staff that it is necessary to communicate with the community not only on the larger issues but also on smaller issues that can cause equally great concern.

LC also noted that it has been 20 years since the Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Structure Plan was developed. She and MS are pushing for a budget for the new plan, which should include community values and expectations, neighbourhood character, and current and future needs.

LC then listed items that council will be addressing over the next year:

- Parking requirements. In this context LC had a recent meeting with the Tourism and Traders Association about an upcoming trial of a small number of timed parking spots at the top shops, as well as a possible option of a public toilet at the top shops
- Affordable housing for older or disabled members of the community in Fraser Street with the possibility of including the Community Garden in this project. LC noted that AIDA had already had a long involvement with council in planning for older persons housing at the Fraser Street site
- Residential zonings – again LC acknowledged AIDA’s long-term involvement on this issue. LC emphasised that we need to ensure the community continues to have the protection and planning overlays that we currently enjoy
- The Skate Park upgrade should be completed by July, which should be great for our younger people
- A great deal of continuing weed management
- The continuing issue of the Neighbourhood Safer Place, as determined by the CFA, there being much concern in the community as to whether the bottom shops are an appropriate location. Council will be looking at additional possibilities
- Recreational and open space for the community for organised and non-organised sport

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Jennifer Knee

Asked how to access the current Structure Plan?

LC advised that it should be on the council’s website. [The current (1993) Structure Plan can also be found on the AIDA website – the link is towards the bottom of the “Community Views” page under the “Planning Matters” button. The Structure Plan forms the basis of the Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Strategy in the Planning Scheme and is a reference document to the Planning Scheme.]

James St John

Asked about the state of progress re the proposed pathway along the Painkalac Creek, voicing concern that dogs could cause havoc with the kangaroos?

LC advised that the plan had been shelved pending discussion during preparation of the new Structure Plan, especially in the context of recreational space for the community.

Peter McPhee

Noted that AIDA will be 50 years old next year and for much of that time one of the most important issues for the community had been protection of the river valley: provision of recreational space has also been an ongoing issue during AIDA’s history.

LC acknowledged the ongoing issues and the great difficulty in solving the recreational needs given the limited space available. She said that she had personally been struggling about how to go forward on the issue and planned to make it a priority issue in the new Structure Plan to get a definitive understanding of community opinion. The challenge is where?

Liz Wood

Noted that two major studies focussed on recreational space had already been undertaken – by Gary Henderson in the late 1990s or early 2000, and by Sally Jeavons in 2007. How can the Structure Plan process do a better job on this issue?

LC We don't want to overconsult.

Liz Wood

If the valley is used for a recreational space there will be drainage problems and continuing pressure for lights, facilities, car parking and more and more infrastructure.

LC There are examples of low-key facilities. I just want an outcome.

Guy Tuddenham (GT)

The best answer for the valley is keeping the status quo. All previous studies say the valley should be a quiet undeveloped space.

LC I hear you. But I am confident that we can do it. The council has a fantastic new person – Kate Sullivan – who is sure she can do it.

Liz Wood

Will council be using outside consultants for the Structure plan?

LC Outside consultants and council staff. It is not decided yet.

Libby Coker closed the question and answer session by saying that AIDA is a very important part of the community and that the councillors very much appreciate the communication they have with us. She noted that acquaintances in the area have told her that AIDA has managed to preserve the character of the area. **Margot Smith** added that this was because it has a very good set of values.

Barbara Fletcher then thanked the shire representatives for their attendance at the AIDA AGM.

5. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 25/1/2013

The Minutes of the AGM on 25/1/2013 were distributed at the meeting.

Motion "to accept the minutes as a true record of the 2013 Annual General Meeting"

Proposed by Lloyd Fletcher

Seconded by Ian Godfrey

Agreed unanimously.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barbara Fletcher presented the President's Report for 2013. A copy will be published in the next newsletter and on the AIDA website.

No questions were asked.

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2013 Financial Report was distributed at the meeting (see attached).
Ian Godfrey presented the Financial Report. No questions were asked.
Motion “that the 2013 Financial Report be received”
Proposed by Ian Godfrey
Seconded by John Howie
Agreed unanimously.

8. ADOPTION OF NEW AIDA RULES

Ian Godfrey explained that in 2012 state parliament passed the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, replacing the Act of 1981. The government has proposed new model rules conforming with the Act. These govern the operational and financial provisions to be followed by not-for-profit associations like AIDA, and are designed to ensure proper accountabilities and to protect the rights of members. The new rules will replace AIDA’s current constitution but will not significantly affect the way AIDA operates. A document (attached) containing the new rules and outlining the discretionary text together with a single change to the model rules text was circulated at the meeting. **IG** interpreted the document and invited questions. None was forthcoming.

Motion “that the Aireys Inlet and District Association adopt new rules under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, in accordance with the Model Rules provided by the Government – with the discretionary text required in Model Rules 1, 2, and 3 and a proposed change to Model Rule 43 as highlighted in the document circulated at the meeting”
Proposed by Barbara Fletcher
Seconded by Ian Godfrey
Agreed unanimously.

9. SETTING OF MEMBERSHIP FEE AND DUE DATE

Barbara Fletcher explained that under the new model rules it is necessary at each AGM to vote to set the membership fee and its due date for the subsequent year.

Motion “that the AIDA membership fee be set at \$10 per voting member i.e. a single membership will be \$10 and a family membership \$20, and that the due date remain the 1st January”

Proposed by Barbara Fletcher
Seconded by Ian Godfrey
Agreed unanimously.

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014-2015

Barbara Fletcher explained that under the new model rules it was first necessary to vote to determine the maximum number of ordinary positions on the committee (the old constitution had a minimum of two and a maximum of eight ordinary members).

Motion “that the maximum number of ordinary positions on the committee should be eight”

Proposed by Barbara Fletcher
Seconded by Ian Godfrey
Agreed unanimously.

BF then reported that the following nominations have been received for positions on the Committee:

President:	Barbara Fletcher
Vice President:	Frieda Wachsmann
Secretary:	
Treasurer:	Ian Godfrey

Committee Members: Charlotte Allen
Angela Berry
Annette Comte
Mary-Jane Gething
Gary Johnson
Charlotte O'Loughlin
Peter McPhee
Lecki Ord
Anne Porter

There were no nominations for the position of Secretary, but the new rules require that the position be filled by the AIDA Committee within 14 days. There being no more than one person nominated for each position on the committee, the persons listed above were declared to have been elected to the new committee.

11. QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

None.

12. CLOSE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President closed the Annual General Meeting at 4.45 pm

Following the AGM a Community Forum was held, chaired by Libby Mears and with speakers from the Fairhaven Life Saving Club (Paul Shannon), the Tourism & Traders Association (David and Anne Dansick) and the Community Garden (Terrence Hoffman). Light refreshments were served by AIDA at the conclusion of the Forum