

Minutes

AIDA COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 6 March 2020

7pm

The meeting commenced at 7pm so that Ms Liz Price from Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism could brief the Committee.

Among the points made by Liz Price:

- GORRT is primarily concerned with increasing length and diversity of tourist stays rather than volume of visitors. She referred to a hub-and-spoke model rather than 'linear' visits by tourists.
- GORRT seeks to develop better and more varied infrastructure for tourists.
- Its annual funding of about \$1.2m comes from the six constituent councils (approx. 50%), the State government and members' contributions (each approx. 25%). GORRT is responsible to all in different ways.
- As an individual she supports tolls for travel along the GOR, the Eden Project in Anglesea, the (failed) development in Apollo Bay, and the closing of the Memorial Arch area.
- She is open to limits on overall tourist numbers but primarily concerned to encourage tourism outside the first four months of the year, which account for 60% of 'bed-nights'.
- She is concerned about lack of detailed knowledge and transparency of decision-making within government departments.

1. PRESENT

Charlotte Allen, Suzanne Cavanagh, Frieda Wachsmann, Annette Comte, Catherine McNaughton, Peter McPhee, Chris Ryan.

2. APOLOGIES

Mary Jane Gething, Barb Fletcher, Ian Porter, Anne Porter

3. SPECIAL ITEMS

The meeting noted the resignation of Anne and Ian Porter following their decision to leave Aireys Inlet. Their significant contribution over many years will be marked at the AGM.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion that the Minutes be accepted:

Moved: PM
Seconded: SC

5. BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Painkalac Valley Land update

CA

CA reported that, despite repeated assurances and undertakings, there was still no draft letter from the lawyers.

The planning application for a new bridge is still open and the newsletter will remind members that objections may therefore still be lodged.

(b) GOR communities/ Friends of Lorne meeting

SC

SC had had a positive meeting with Friends of Lorne and had contacted the Anglesea Community Network.

Other groups mentioned are in Torquay, Wye River and Lorne.

(c) Summer forum

CA

An unsatisfactory response to most of AIDA's follow-up questions had been received from Colleen White and David Birrell.

CA will write to the Minister thanking her for her department's participation but pointing out our disappointment with the generally evasive and disappointing nature of the response.

6. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Motion that the Correspondence Report for February be accepted:

Moved: CA
Seconded: CR

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion that the Financial Report for February be accepted:

Moved: FW
Seconded: SC

The Annual Financial Statement was approved:

Moved: FW
Seconded: PM

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Motion that the Membership Report for February be accepted:

Moved: FW
Seconded: SC

The meeting noted the difficulties faced by Lecki Ord in circulating newsletters, etc. and the necessity of having at least one other person with access to membership lists and capacity to contact members. CR and Sc are to investigate options and pricing for a suitable package to enable this.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Planning

CM/BF

A SCS consultation re 4 Federal St will be held in Winchelsea on 16 March.

(b) Shire agenda items - VEC ward boundary changes.

ALL

BF will liaise with member David Quin about AIDA's submission.

The SCS is also opposed to some or all of the boundary changes.

(c) Committee Members' absences

May – BF, PM

June – BF, CM

July – CR, CM, PM, CA, MJG

August – CR, CM, SC

September – CR, SC

(d) International Dark Sky Association

FW

FW has written an article for the newsletter.

FW will approach the Association for advice on processes to apply to register.

(e) AGM organisation

ALL

The meeting distributed tasks for the AGM and Forum. Set-up to commence at 1.00.

The forum has been advertised online and in shops.

Committee members to bring a plate of nibbles if possible.

SC to record the forum.

FW to arrange cups and glasses

PM to obtain gifts for the Porters and wine for forum.

(f) Information table – Sunday March 8

ALL

Who	Time
CA & PM	8-9.30
FW	9.30-11
CM & AC	11-12.30

NEXT MEETING – 7.30pm, Friday 3 April 2020 (if felt necessary)

	ISSUE	DESIRED OUTCOME	ACCOUNTABILITY
1	Appropriation of public rights at 83-85 GOR	Clarification and implementation of public access to pathway and rear of buildings.	CA
2	Parking	Clarification and communication of AIDA position when required. Ascertain current Council policy.	All
3	Road Sealing	Recognition by SCS of AIDA's position on desired neighbourhood character	CA
5	Memorial Arch	Seek AIDA's preferred outcome of closure.	BF
6	Pathways	Ensure maintenance of Council pathways	FW
7	Painkalac Valley	Seek AIDA's preferred outcome	All
8	Coalmine Road	Retain closure	All