

# **Minutes of MVA General Meeting**

**Sunday 26th October 2008**

**Montville Village Hall - 4.00 pm**

## ***1. Welcome and Apologies***

Mary Hynes, Yvette Nivana, Dianna O'Connor, Anne and Hamish Borthwick, Brian MacLennan, Colleen and Barry Brady, Jenny MacKay.

## ***2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 28th September, 2008***

It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Michelle Biggs

Seconded: Alan Felmingham

CARRIED

## ***3. Business Arising From Minutes***

Deb Davis responded to the question on notice from Brain MacClennan, regarding the role of the Community Infrastructure Subcommittee. Deb advised that the Subcommittee would be dealing with all issues relating to Montville's infrastructure; such as car parking, the Russell Family Park and the Montville Sports Ground. She explained that the committee will aim to be representative of the Montville community and will be working with other community groups and dealing with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Judy Exeley, representing the Montville Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, thanked the committee for organising the recent Range News press release that appealed for volunteers to fill key positions within the organisation. Judy informed the meeting that she has had some interest as a result of the appeal. She would like to encourage anyone else who is interested, to attend their Annual General Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 18th November at 7.30pm.

Jenny Hansen-Read advised that in her role as press officer, she intends to continue publicising the Montville Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

## **4. Treasurers Report**

### **Bank Reconciliation Statement of MVA as at 26 October 2008**

CR Balance as per Bank statement as at 30 September 08		7705.16
Add Deposits not yet credited	875	8580.16
<b>Less Unpresented cheques</b>		
	1584	240.00
	1585	23.75
	1586	80.00
	1587	21.00
	1588	38.10
	1589	38.50
	1590	41.80
DD to come		
	AGL	465.11
		948.26
<b>CR Balance as at 26 October 2008</b>		<b>7,631.90</b>

### **Statement of Receipts & Payments for the month of October 2008**

#### **Receipts**

Hall Hire 875.00

#### **Payments**

Hall Caretaking 240.00  
Reimbursement of hall & cleaning expenses 23.75  
Marquee erection - Mapleton School 80.00  
Montville Village News - September Account 21.00  
Office of Fair Trading - Annual Return of Association 38.10  
Website maintenance 38.50  
Gregory's Fire Services (inspection of fire extinguisher) 41.80  
AGL 465.11

948.26

Deficit for Month of October

-\$73.26

## **5. General and Other Business**

### **5.a Regular Community Get Together**

Peter Blaxland, a new resident to the area, proposed that the Russell Family Park would be an ideal site for a regular community get together. He suggested that these events might include food, music concerts (classical and contemporary), family picnics, market stalls and a community bulletin that would inform residents about forthcoming events. Peter suggested that this should happen on a regular basis, perhaps monthly to start with and eventually weekly. He envisages that such events would work on multiple levels to facilitate community connections.

Andrew Walter voiced his support to the Russell Family Park, community get together proposal. Andrew informed the meeting that he has organised the Christian and Easter Festivals in Montville for the past eight or nine years. He advised the meeting that these events, as well as the Santa Night, are very well attended by the local community; with 200 - 300 people

attending the Christmas Carols. Andrew asked for confirmation from the committee that they would continue to give their support to the Christmas Carol night and that it will proceed as usual. Alison Rexa assured Andrew that permission from council to hold the event, on Wednesday 17th December, was already being applied for. Andrew asked that he may bring to the meeting's attention the Easter Sunrise Festival which is held at 6am on Easter Sunday.

### **5.b Car Parking Plans for Russell Family Park**

Jenny Hansen-Read advised the meeting about the Council's 2001 Master Plan for the Russell Family Park. She asked the meeting to consider whether this plan still reflects the needs of the community, in light of changes such as the recent inclusion of Montville in the Iconic Legislation.

Deborah Davis called for a collaborative solution to the parking issue, saying that both recreational and business needs must be met. She expressed concern that one should not be sacrificed for the other.

John Moore, representing the Montville Chamber of Commerce, showed the meeting the 2001, Council Master Plan for the Russell Family Park. He expressed concern over the plan's footprint for parking. He advised that there was a meeting planned between the Chamber of Commerce, Jenny Hansen-Read, Deborah Davis and the Council Engineer, to investigate the new circumstances. John expressed that he would like to see parking limited to the area which he had talked about at the last MVA meeting.

Judith Sinnamon asked how and why this plan differed to the one that was presented at the last meeting?

John Moore responded that at the last meeting he had addressed stage 1 of the current footprint for parking and explained that the council have been working to another plan.

Jenny Hansen-Read advised that this council plan had been passed four years ago and that it made allowance for up to 200 car parks, access off Western Avenue and a roundabout.

Michael Simpson proposed a motion that the MVA no longer supports the 2001 Master Plan for the Russell Family Park that has been passed by council, and that no support can be given for a plan which increases the current footprint for parking. Michael reasoned that the Russell Family Park belongs to the people for recreational and environmental use. Increasing and bitumening the car parking areas will have a direct affect on the waterways, in relation to petro chemical runoff. The current parking situation poses much less of a threat. Michael does not want to see recreational space used for parking, because that would be environmentally inappropriate. He stressed that the Chamber of Commerce and the MVA should work together to ensure that the footprint is not extended.

Syd Kirkby expressed caution over Michael's proposed motion. He reasoned that the 2001 Master Plan was prepared in 2000 by council with input from the MVA. The council had understood that the plan was an acceptable proposal to the MVA. Syd was concerned that if the MVA should be seen to be changing its mind, its reputation will be damaged. Syd acknowledged that there are deficits in the 2001 plan, particularly regarding the Western and Northern sides of the park. He would like to see the proposed Northern car parks removed.

Michael Simpson replied that he felt that it is okay to change a plan that has been on the table for 8 years.

Pam Maegdefrau asked John Moore about the proposal to cut down the trees in the current car park and pointed out that this would increase the existing car parking space.

John Moore replied that the proposed route in and out of the park is unclear at the moment. According to the 2001 Master Plan the exit will go out through Western Avenue, requiring the construction of a roundabout at the eastern end of Western Avenue. John stressed that this would be mandatory.

Alan Felmingham raised concern that the proposed motion was problematic in that it stated that the MVA was against an increase in parking. Alan felt the emphasis should be on achieving sensible parking.

Rick Rexa expressed support for Michael Simpson's proposed motion. He spoke of two different interests that need to be served; the business community and residents. Rick talked of his concern over changing the ambience of the park by turning a green area into a car park. He urged support for Michael's proposed motion because of the potential impact of the plan and its affects on visitors and the community.

Syd Kirkby argued that when the land was originally purchased by council, it was not conceived as a green space. Syd went on to reiterate that if the MVA renege on their past approval of the plan, they will not be regarded by the Council as a reliable partner.

Syd Kirkby proposed an amendment to Michael Simpson's motion; that the MVA should write to Council asking them to revisit their parking plans for the Russell Family Park, and to establish a working party consisting of the MVA, the Montville Chamber of Commerce and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Jenny Hansen-Read summed up the opinion of the meeting as being a general consensus that the MVA are not happy with the 2001 Master Plan.

Alan Felmingham seconded Syd Kirby's proposed amended motion.

CARRIED

Michael Simpson asked why the letter of concern was being written?

Syd Kirkby replied that it was for;

1. The MVA to express their reservations about the 2001 Master Plan for the Russell Family Park.
2. The MVA to urge the establishment of a working party consisting of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Montville Chamber of Commerce and the MVA.

Alan Felmingham identified that the 2001 plan has been slightly modified and that some of the details do need changing.

Jenny Hansen-Read reminded the meeting to contact Deborah Davis with any concerns regarding this issue.

### **5 c. Marquee Access**

Rick Rexa reported to the meeting that the MVA's marquee has, on several occasions, been borrowed without permission and without being paid for. It has been returned dirty and the indicators on the trailer have been broken. He informed the meeting that it will now be locked up, so that it cannot be used without permission. The committee are currently investigating somewhere for it to be stored securely. Rick said that the marquee is a major money earner for the organisation and that the trailer needs to be registered and the marquee requires cleaning.

Michael Simpson asked who is in charge of erecting the marquee?

Alison Rexa replied that it is Peter Deal .

### **5.d Sports Ground**

Jenny Hansen- Read reported that she has successfully liaised with the owners of the adjacent properties to the sports ground, to resolve the issues outlined in a Council letter demanding that the overgrown vegetation near the southern boarder is addressed. Jenny has also been in contact with Barung Landcare, who have agreed to work with the MVA to assist them to plant trees with the aim of minimising the mowing. It has been agreed that the Morning Glory problem will be tackled in association with the adjacent landholders, Barung Landcare and the MVA.

Jenny advised that Dave Bannister, President of the Woodworkers Guild, has offered to monitor the locking of the grounds, as this has been a problem in the past.

## **5.e Grants**

### *Volunteers Organisation Grant*

A \$5000 Volunteer Organisation grant application has been applied for. If the application is successful the committee plan to buy:

- 1 A lap top computer
- 2 A data projector
- 3 A portable computer holder
- 4 A printer/fax/photo copier

### *Sports Ground Grant*

Deborah Davis spoke about a submission she has made for a \$5000 grant application from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. If the application is successful, the grant will be used to pay for mowing the Sports Ground for the year. Deb told the meeting that the application will be decided on in Dec/Jan.

## **5.f Valuation of Assets**

Leanne Michell has been compiling a list of the MVA's assets. She stressed the importance of this in relation to getting adequate insurance. Leanne intends to have the Register of Assets ready to present at next month's meeting.

## **5.g Santa Night**

Rick and Alison Rexa are organising Santa night. Rick has approached the Montville State School's music teacher regarding the students singing Christmas carols. He also intends to ask the teachers if students in the the lower grades will make the decorations - these will be auctioned at the end of the night as per last year. Rick intends to approach the Mapleton Choir to invite them to perform and will organise the evening so that all performers are respected. The Bahai and Christian groups will also be invited to contribute. There will need to be a revenue raising element to offset the expense of hiring the choir microphones. Last year glow sticks were sold for this purpose. The theme of the night has yet to be decided.

Jenny Hansen Read offered to invite the Australian Youth Choir to perform.

## **5.h Upcoming Working Bee**

Rick Rexa spoke of the need to hold a fortnightly working bee to maintain the sports ground. He explained that this would save the organisation \$300 per fortnight. Rick sees this as a short term solution to the upkeep of the grounds - a job that was previously done by council.

Dave Bannister advised that the Wood Workers Guild would continue to mow their section and the tennis club area. He voiced his concern that pushing a mower around such a large area might prove too strenuous for some members of the community.

Syd Kirkby offered the use of his ride on mower.

Alan Lewis raised concern about old irrigation pipes and equipment that have been dumped on the grounds.

Jenny Hansen-Read offered to discuss this problem with Jeff Martin, the Soccer Club's ground keeper. Jenny will also contact the Range News to publicise the working bee and appeal for volunteers.

It was decided that the first working bee will be held on **8th November 2008 at 8.00am.**

### **5.i Special Events**

Judith Sinnamon reported that events currently being organised are:-

- 1 Santa Night - December 10th
- 2 Christmas Carol Night - December 17th
- 3 Australia Day Celebrations 26th January

Michael Simpson requested that the Car Club should be given an invite to the Australia Day celebrations.

Judith Sinnamon advised of two future events:

#### *The Local Produce Market*

Judith informed the meeting that there has already been some interest from potential stall holders. The first market will take place on Saturday 14th February 2009, from 7am to 11am. Judith proposed that a motion be passed to support a six month trial period for the local produce market.

Pam Maegdefrau spoke in support of the motion saying that it will promote community networks and sustainability.

Robert Read advised that the committee should keep an eye on other local markets such as Mapleton, and it should be ensured that they are not held on the same day.

Seconded: Deborah Davis  
CARRIED

## Bingorama

Judith Sinnamon advised that a second Bingorama night is planned for 14th February 2009. It will have a Valentine's Day theme. She appealed to members for donations of:-

- 1 New/pre-loved goods
- 2 Any unwanted Christmas presents
- 3 Anything that would be suitable for a Valentine's Day theme.

Judith asked for people to volunteer to join the Special Events Subcommittee.

## **5.i Montville Citizen of the Year**

Pam Maegdefrau reminded the meeting to put forward their nominations for the Montville Citizen of the Year.

## **5.k New Signs at Russell Family Park**

Rick Rexa informed the meeting that he recently noticed new signs in the Russell family Park prohibiting skateboarding and bike riding.

Rick voiced his concerns regarding these signs. He explained to the meeting that the park is a safe place for children to ride their bikes and questioned whether there had been any community consultation over this issue.

Deborah Davis will follow up these concerns with council.

## **5.l MVA land on Eastern side of the Hall**

Michael Simpson spoke about the MVA land on the eastern side of the hall. It is currently used as an informal car park. Michael proposes to clear the land 4-6m south and grass it, making it suitable for picnics and the like. He would leave the current car parking space as it currently is. Michael envisages that this proposal would add to the amenity of the hall. He will bring more details about his proposal to the next meeting.

## **6. Reports**

### **6.a Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild - Dave Bannister, President**

- 1 The Woodies would like to thank the MVA for giving them permission to paint their water tanks.
- 2 They would like to thank Matt Roy for his help cutting down the dead black wattle tree.
- 3 Dave asked if anyone had the contact details for the tennis club; he would like to thank them for their great work upgrading the roadway.
- 4 Thanks was expressed to the MVA committee for allowing them to reposition the entrance gates further in from the road. The Woodies intend to move the gates a further 9 meters.

5 Dave enquired whether there has been any progress, regarding the MVA contacting the council about their request to install signal above the existing sports ground sign, to indicate the location of the Guild.

Leanne Michell replied that she has photographed the existing signal and will be contacting the council soon.

### **6.b Montville State School Principle's Report - Mary Hynes**

Report will be emailed to members during the week

### **6.c Tree Planting at Russell Family Park - Dianna O'Connor**

Report will be emailed to members during the week.

Jenny Hansen-Read suggested that we include an appeal for volunteers to help with the tree planting when the working bee is publicised in local papers.

Pam Maegdefrau suggested that the committee should write a letter thanking Dianna for her all the hard work she has dedicated to this project.

***17. Date of next General Meeting: Sunday 30th November 2008, 4pm***

MEETING CLOSED at 5.45pm.

Signature of President - Jennifer Hansen- Read

Signature of Secretary - Matthew Roy