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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday 04 May 2021, at Nimbin Law

Meeting commenced 1605 hrs
Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], David Spain [Secretary] Peter Hughes [Treasurer], Stephanie Seckold Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Caroline Todd
Apologies: Peter Hughes [Treasurer]
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nil
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 12-04-2021.

Steph / Sammi	That the draft minutes of 12-04-2021 be accepted.	Carried
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Insurance: Is required by the BCRRM Funding Agreement. Will be needed for public liability (hall, grant for information signage) and for professional liability – secretary to arrange tomorrow

Stencilling: Has been done all around town but some paint left over. More stencils could be done around Allsop Park. Stephanie will invoice for paint.

Village Voice Candidate: The working group has identified a candidate, Gwen Trimble, who will go #2 with Ellie Bird.

Tourism Development Grant: We have the grant and LCC will basically give us carte blanche to develop its old VisitNimbin website (which it licences to us) and will assist with signage consents. We need to decide how to select 40 businesses to go on the website. In particular, many accommodation providers (including AirBNB) are not members of NCOC and so cannot be on the list, but should be. Travel businesses and distinct local tourist attractions (such as art gallery) should also be on the site. Only members of NCOC, who must pay an extra \$45, will be selected. Steph to work on the map. In the long run, it would be best to have a single, local person manage all three websites (NCCI, NCOC & LCC's VisitNimbin).

Business Activation Plan: This is an LCC initiative anchored by Kathy Gray. The immediate plan is to assemble proposals that support business. The Mayor, various councillors & LCC and some major business representatives attend the Zoom meetings. Diana to attend if possible.

Under-Awning Lighting: Some lights are just dirty, others need to be repaired. NCCI is attending to this but will invoice NCOC. Further, when the Tesla solar battery at B+B is being accessed, power fluctuations are experienced with equipment in same building accessing that battery. Any power shortage causes the lighting power to be drawn from the mains (and paid for by NCCI). RPC can do work (costing \$>300) to force equipment (as distinct from lights) to use mains power at times of shortfall. Biskit & Diana declared a conflict of interest as NCCI benefits from power drawn from the grid that is not used by local lights & equipment. Getting a Tesla battery connected to hall array is a potential solution if a grant can be obtained.

Steph / Sammi	That NCOC share equally the NCCI costs of paying RPC	Carried Biskit & Diana abstaining
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NCOC Membership Renewal: These invoices should go out, but first we need to be clear on what content we are proposing for VisitNimbin website and which businesses will be listed on it.

Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund [BCRRF] Deed: We have been granted of \$117,647 so conduct works as per our Application, and have received the Funding Agreement, which must be signed & returned soon. Executive to check Deed, execute it and return it to Resilience NSW.

LCC procurement Policy: We need clearer guidelines from LCC about their definition of “local”. Diana has contacted LCC and an answer is in train.

Yamba Business Survey: Is not very pertinent to us, so not to use.

St. Vinnies: Don’t intend renewing operations and may sell the building. LCC is interested in it as a library, and private interests are considering it as a gym.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled a spreadsheet of correspondence:--

To / From	Item	Outcome
LCC	Business Activation Plan	See Minutes
Service NSW	Business assistance (with regulation)	
NNIC	Nimbin Water Supply & DCP	
NAG	Street Lighting & DCP review	
Yamba CoC	Summer Survey Form	
Roger Foley-Fogg	Street Lighting review & quotes	
Resilience NSW	BCRRF – Acknowledgment Guidelines	
Resilience NSW	BCRRF – Funding Agreement	
St Vinnies	reply to our letter re empty building.	
Cr. Elly Bird	LCC Tourism Budget Info	

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: See Minutes

9. TREASURER’S REPORT

The treasurer tabled a Financial Statement to 30-04-2021.

Kylie / Biskit	That the financial report be adopted	Carried
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10. **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Nil
11. **LCC TOURISM -- DRAFT BUDGET:** LCC budget for tourism generally is \$178,000. This is proposed to cover one full-time employee, two part-time positions and some touch-key kiosks. No physical, staffed offices are envisaged. The LCC officer (Tony Duffy) plans that the employee will be based in Lismore 3 days pw and 2 days pw in Nimbin (largely doing product development), but we doubt that will eventuate. It would be better if part of the funding went to us for engagement of a local staffer. Tony did not receive the report from our public meeting. NCOC will make a submission on the budget once it goes on display (Diana to anchor).
12. **LISMORE BC:** Is proposing a Nimbin Business of the year category within their own raft of rewards. NCOC would set the selection criteria (innovative, sustainable etc.) and decide who wins. The committee felt this is a nice idea but that we are too small & time-poor to get involved this year.
13. **MEET THE LCC CANDIDATES:** Election is 04-09-2021. We arranged a public meeting in hall for last election and there was a good attendance. Agreed to hold event again in about mid-August. No debate, just structured questions supplied in advance, followed by open questions. Diana to develop details.
14. **NIMCANN:** Has bought the land (60 ac.) on corner of Stoney Chute Road for commercial (non-THC) cannabis growing. They are applying for a licence and plan to prepare medicinal product approved by TGA. There is an advisory board and a prospectus is planned to sell shares to public.
15. **MARDI GRASS DEBRIEF:** NCOC sponsored \$1000 but our advertisement, to which we were consequently entitled, was sent to NGT and didn't get printed in the program. Indications are that attendance was reasonable. 30% fewer stalls, and locating them in one place away from Cullen Street (except for some locals on fire sites), meant increased turnover all round. Some problems arose from traffic exiting carpark during parade, difficulty in reading program, use of non-eco (micro-plastic) glitter, and early closure of food outlets (8pm) – need for a dedicated late-night stall. Local policing was fantastic with no complaints of discriminatory behaviour (secretary to write to Sgt Renee Ashcroft). However, the out-of-town RDT Testing police at all entrances to village were over-zealous & rude, with a distinct lack of regard for Covid-safety (no gloves, inadequate social distancing, putting same masks/equipment in many faces. The RDT upset children, delayed motorists and generally undermined a valuable community policing effort by the local police.

End: 1745 hrs

Next NCOC Committee Meeting -- 5.00pm on Monday 07 June 2021 at Nimbin Law