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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 31 August 2020, by Zoom Meeting ID: 861 3268 5761

Meeting commenced 1730hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], Teresa Biscoe [Vice President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary], Stephanie Seckold, Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Caroline Todd **Apologies:** --- **Absent:** ---

**Guest:** Paula Newman, LCC Strategic Planner

3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts

4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

This Thursday is Police Consultation meeting, Biskit is attending.

5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING :**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 03-08-2020.

Steph / Diana	That the draft minutes of 03-08-2020 be accepted	Carried
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**SBVRL:** We have received the \$2000 p.a. previously expended by LCC for VIC out of our SBVRL.

**Website:** SEO [search engine optimization] would get us a high Google ranking and better hit rate. At present searchers must expressly type in the actual "Nimbin Chamber" to go direct to our website. The previous optimization was only done on keywords in the 5 pages that existed at that time. There are now 64 pages. Any new pages have to be freshly optimized. Sammi approached two website optimisers but one is in WA, the other local. Russell Lean (who did the earlier optimisation) from Web Strategies advised that he would charge \$2000 to optimise 64 pages, on basis that we are not a business. We will only engage him when the website is updated and current, in about 6 weeks. We are hoping that this will be THE Nimbin Website. We should consider having a YouTube channel.

Biskit / Steph	That we spend \$2000 on SEO, funded from SBRVL	Carried Unanimously
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Sammi reported that she can upload Word files & photos, and download photos, but she is unable to add new pages (such as are already required for Chamber Chat and Gallery pages) -- using Wordpress is beyond her skill. We need Lesley to set up these pages.

Biskit / Steph	That we authorise Sammi to engage Lesley to add required pages to website	Carried
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**Membership Drive:** The letter was sent to all financials, during both the last year and previously, and any businesses we know of with an email address. Kylie & Stephanie have been handing out membership forms, along Cullen Street and at markets. People are concerned they will be conscripted to do things, but it has been made clear that is not so.

**Roots Festival:** Is not going ahead this year but is planned for next year. We have already paid the sponsorship.

Steph / Peter	That we advise Lou she can retain the \$1000 sponsorship and apply it to next year's festival -- Diana to tell her	Carried
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**Bellevue Park:** David said that his searches revealed that Bellevue Park came into LCC's hands as a new allotment (not by way of transferring a pre-existing lot), probably as a condition of subdivisional approval. We need to check its status under the LEP, but that status cannot be changed without amendment to the LEP following public notice and with ministerial consent. About \$170 has been spent out of the \$200 allowance but some \$60 is required for a town planning certificate to check if it is registered as a public reserve (known as community land in town planning categories), apparently as a condition of subdivisional approval. We need to check its status under the LEP, but that status cannot be changed without amendment to the LEP following public notice and with ministerial consent.

Peter / Kylie	That the outlay approval for Nimbin Law be extended to cover a town planning certificate	Carried
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**Daizy's Mural:** Biskit spoke to Elspeth is willing to attend to this when time permits, but rumour has it that Kara from Daizy's has authorized Benny Zable to do a print over the mural. Biskit will talk to Kara & Benny.

**Advertising in NGT:** Biko's draft advert was emailed to everyone an hour ago, formatted to the smaller space.

## 7. NIMBIN DCP REVIEW

Paula advised that LCC funding is in place for a DCP review. Whilst councils take it seriously, The DCP is rather flexible and has relatively little planning weight compared to the zoning LEP & land management strategy. LCC is interested in land use & development issues. The first step in the process will be for NCOC & NAG to prepare a discussion paper (basically Q+A) for community comment, by the end of September. Notification could be content in Local Issues, an advert in NGT, email distribution to our address list and physical handout or collection of "tick + pick" forms. The document could contain basic information, traverse existing extant approvals, present the land management strategy (even outside of the village zone), identify issues and supply digital links to documents at LCC website. One issue is identification of heritage items; another is the incidence of standard suburban layout & house design. [1810hrs]

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence

From / To	Subject	Response / Action
Tim Gilmore LCC	SBVRL Funds spent on VIC	Deposited to our account
Alistair Young MLA	Women's scholarship	Forwarded to members
NCCI	Closure of VIC	
Fire Site developers	Request for comment on DA Process	
NSW Treasury	Small Business Grant (VIC Survey)	Granted

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** See minute items.
10. **TREASURER’S REPORT** (Tabled, Accepted).

We have spent (or made commitment to do so) the following sums from SBVRL Roots sponsorship, website SEO, hall mural, proposed Daizy’s mural, entry sign. He needs to buy an extra module to facilitate use of our software for job management. However, amongst funds received is allowance for Rainbow mural, which now may not proceed in near future.

Peter /David	That the committee believes that Association can pay its debts as they fall due	Carried
Peter / Kylie	That the Financial Statement be accepted	
Peter /David	That we upgrade our software to improve the job management module	
Diana /David	That we contribute 50% of Peter’s Zoom subscription for every month we use it.	

11. **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

**We have 39 members, two of which are prior members Craft Gallery &**

The following applications were received and admitted to membership:

Peter / Biko	Yvonne Campbell, Nimbin Hills	Carried
	Danielle Voinot – nominated rep of Nimbin Organic Food Co-op	
	Scott Sledge -- nominated rep of Nimbin Environment centre	
	Summerland Credit Union	
	Nimbin Craft Gallery	
	Nimbin Artists’ Gallery	

12. **General Meeting (public) about VIC**

Our survey indicates (somewhat surprisingly) that the favoured time for any meeting about VIC is daytime [75% of businesses, 61% of community]. The week beginning 19 or 26 October would be appropriate. Venue to be in hall (can accommodate 70 people with distancing). Jane Laverty is researching guest speaker.

Diana to see when hall is available, preferably on a Monday  
 Sub-Committee to organize: Diana Steph, Sammi, Caroline, Biko.  
 Accredited centres are usually self-funded.

What sort of product do we want – verbal discussion, touch screen?

Training, maps, charge to leave brochures?

Chamber website to link to LCC, any VIC?

Sheree is still analysing the surveys and that should be completed first.

13. **ROUTINE INFORMATION TO MEMBERS**

We will send Chamber Chat and approved Minutes (via separate emails) to all current members and also past members, even though not currently financial. Diana to action.  
 However, only current formal members will be listed on website.

14. **MUSEUM SITE – REVISED PLANS**

Revised plans are going to LCC next week. Diana will be away but Biskit can deliver by Zoom. The main sticking point is likely to be car-parking conditions. The Developer is supplying a 24-hour pedestrian access from western carpark to Cullen Street. However, in addition, originally the town planner offered \$150k contribution but did so without approval by the developer, which withdrew the offer when lodging the plans. LCC [Neil Marks & Elly Bird] attended the NAG meeting and were reluctant to see an approval without this community contribution. Likely amount is \$2000 per car parking space (between 13-16 caused by intensification). The developer might agree to \$20k even \$26k. This could be applied to (e.g.) trees along the back fence of western carpark or stairs at bottom of sealed (asphalt) path on steep slope down from B+B.

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**15. NAG MEETING**

Diana met with Lismore C of C, who were seeking our assistance. They are writing to the Deputy Premier (Minister for Regions) requesting the dismissal of the GM Shelley Oldham and that LCC to go into administration. They have issues regarding LCC's proposed diversion of flood relief funding. Also, 2480 is not eligible for small business bushfire funding as the GM never lobbied. (Kyogle & Tenterfield lobbied and got approval). LCC did apply for some state bushfire funding but never included Nimbin & Channon in their claim. There is also lobbying to include Nimbin & Lismore in the GC-Tweed bubble, due to closed backpackers & empty shops. From our point of view, we are loathe to lose councillor representation but (as regards the GM) are concerned at removal of the walking trail without consultation, poor relations with our governmental representatives (Jannelle Saffin & Kevin Hogan), poor consideration of local community generally and the naming & shaming of rate delinquents in Local Matters.

**16. JANE LAVERTY MEETING**

Diana will meet next week with Jane Lavery of the regional C of C. Craig Jenkins & Michael Thurstan of Destination North Coast are likely to attend. She will press for our proposed Walking Trail.

**17. 11A ALTERNATIVE WAY**

Diana has met with RPC, LCC, and the subdivision manager. RPC will probably make a bid and subdivide off bits to go to adjacent holdings (by boundary adjustments) with balance to community for walking trail.

Probably RPC would seek donations from community, maybe \$180-\$200k, with NCOC to contribute up to \$20k. Construction & maintenance = Level 2 walking trail (stairs in at least 1 spot), not wheelchairs & bicycles, bridge, 2-3m wide

Sharon has left LCC but still supports the Walking Trail. The Alternative Way subdivider is responsible for regen along the creek strip for 5 years after final lot sold. Diana meeting John Blatch tomorrow.

Fiona at 12 Cecil is also selling; it will be hard to raise funds for both properties. Community Centre owned peace park but gave to LCC for skate park! This is a most important opportunity to acquire the land for a vital project, held up by profiteering land ownership.

**18. WEBSITE UPDATE** – Sammi advised that Leslie has added the new pages (for pictures). SEO will start on 14-09-2020.

**19. COVID SIGNAGE:**

LCC's signage section will give us a stencil (for footpath in front of key businesses, or on signs or boards) saying 2m distancing. The stencil will say "spaced out in Nimbin 1.5m", maybe with spinning eyes! Diana to tell Tina Irish at LCC to go ahead.

**20. NEXT MEETING: 05-10-2020**

**End:** 2000 hrs

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