

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
18 August 2014**

Present - James Walker (acting chair), Kay Murphy, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca, Sharon Farrell, Bruce Smith

Apologies: John Carty, Greg Haughey

Minutes - Minutes - accepted (moved Kay and Dorothy)

Treasurers report - Terry reported a balance of \$2008.93. We gained \$57.51 in membership fees but payments for the iPad and brochure stand were \$330.

Contact table - While it was very cold and there were not a lot of people around shopping centre, there was still interest. Neighbourhood watch and FoMM also generated interest. We gained 5 new members and a number of renewals (including 2 politicians). One person took the opportunity of the table to say that not enough women are involved in the Association.

There has been a suggestion that in spring we have a community contact day. We could invite a wider range of organisations, have a sausage sizzle, sell books etc.

Garbage collection - Marian has been talking to garbage drivers, who are saying that the current bins will be replaced by stronger ones. The problem is that the lids are coming off. In addition one of drivers has heard suggestions that government is reconsidering about garden waste bins.

Older people without cars really would like to have garden waste bins. It was agreed that the Secretary would write an email to seek confirmation. We can then tell people about it.

Annual General Meeting - It was unclear whether this has been scheduled for the 22nd or 23rd of September. We need to confirm. The possibility of holding the AGM in October was also discussed. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact the Office of the Registrar General and see if it would be possible to delay the meeting until October. This would give us more time to organise speakers and sort of nominations.

In relation to speakers, it was agreed that Dorothy would approach Marian Halligan to see if she would be available, and we would also see if Mike Hettinger from the NCCC will be available and would be willing. It was also proposed that we could have a photo display from the birthday party.

Future meeting venue - Most of the sports organisations in ACT Sports House are moving out. Greg has approached Community Services, who have indicated that HCA may not be able to use the meeting rooms in future (all bookings this year will be honoured). It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the ACT Chief Minister to draw the matter to her attention and see what options we will have.

Update on shops - There is nothing happening in relation to the toilets at the shops for for at least 12 months. But we should keep pressure up. Greg is, however, more hopeful about getting tables and chairs. It may not happen through the veterans' money but another source is possible.

Membership and membership list - the number of financial members is now quite low. This could be caused by inconsistency in updating the membership list. Greg wants to make sure the current list is accurate. Greg, Terry and Bruce will get together to regularise how this happens.

Other business

- Kay noted that TAMS have done a great job on trimming the lanes near Brennan street.

- we should write a letter to Clair McGrath of Neighbourhood Watch to thank her for her participation in the contact table. She may also be an interesting speaker at the AGM about how the newsletter came about.
- We should introduce ourselves at the beginning of meetings if there is a new person.

Meeting closed 8.55pm