

Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
13 October 2015

Present — James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marian Williams, Lorraine Mason, Terry de Luca and Kay Murphy, Bruce Smith

Apologies : John Carty

Minutes : Bruce apologised for being unable to find his notes for the August meeting. He will continue to try to find them.

The meeting noted correspondence from Mrs Jill Huntington expressing her appreciation for having been nominated a life member of the HCA at the AGM.

Treasurer's report - Terry reported that the bank balance is currently \$2428.14. Terry noted that, while there were substantial outlays for the party at the shops on toilets etc, nevertheless we were only out of pocket for around \$200. Kay noted that we made around \$100 from the raffle. We spent \$90 for pizza at the AGM. James donated the plants for the lifetime members (the majority of Committee members felt that James should be reimbursed for this, but James did not share that view).

James reported that he has had a call from the auditor-general about the Association's finances - there have been problems with community groups. James assured him our books are in order and that we are very transparent.

Follow up from AGM — It was agreed that the night went well. The food and wine were appreciated. The letter drop advertising the meeting worked well. There were problems with booking the venue (we hadn't checked that the venue was available). Terry suggested that only one person be in charge of catering - we ended up with a bit too much.

Follow-up from Party at the Shops - James circulated a document summarising lessons from the party. The ensuing discussion covered a number of points, including:

- We need to give people more notice in the lead-up to the event
- There was an organisational hiatus in the Association because we don't have a July meeting
- We really do need a power outlet. This will be particularly important if the empty shop is leased out. It was suggested that we need a working group on this, and we need to talk to ACTEW about it. It was agreed that Bruce will write to the relevant Minister about a power outlet. The letter should also ask about the toilets at the shops.
- We should progress getting a table apron and setting up a table sign.
- We should consider T-shirts for Committee members and bunting in our own colours. We could also consider suction cups for the bunting.
- Future timing should go from 10-2 or 3
- The possibility of a Film night at the shops was discussed. Its feasibility depends on the number of people willing to help. The films would need to be suitable for kids.
- We should thank people for their contribution to the party at the shops - Bruce and Terry will do.

Contact Day 14 November — It was noted that:

- James has spoken to (or attempted to speak to) a number of organisations and individuals, including the Greens, the heart foundation, the cancer council, with an eye to building up a health theme. He has also spoken to the Liberals.
- a notice was included in all the newsletters which went to the politicians
- We should do free sausages
- Decisions about timetables can be finalised at the next meeting.

Membership —There was a discussion about how we can increase membership, including the number of people who can put some time into the Association also increasing our shop representation (we need to be seen to be a community association rather than just a residents' association). It was agreed that we need to do another brochure drop, and that it may be desirable to update the brochure slightly. This could be done in February or March 2016.

Brand Hackett —Greg outlined a proposal for a website which would bring together the range of commercial, community and event-based interests and causes in Hackett around a vision of Hackett as a particular place to live with a clear identity. He has obtained the Hackett.com url and is looking at how this could be monetised. Discussion included:

- It could link a range of businesses and community groups —the HCA would only be one element (it needs to be bigger than the HCA)
- It would leverage off social media
- It could have advertising
- It could have information on a range of community events (eg. Music in the Park)
- It could build a brand for Hackett —a hidden gem —close to the reserve and close to the city
- There are a number of businesses who may be interested.
- It would, however, .

There was general support for the vision and concept, but it was noted that it would require commitment and work.

Hackett history update —It was agreed that Committee members need to fill out the questionnaire .

HCA Christmas dinner —It was decided to hold the dinner at Wilburs on Thursday 17 December.

Other business -

Small grants - Greg spoke about an email from Andrew Leigh about the Commonwealth government giving small grants for local projects . Ideas discussed included:

- Street scape improvements
- Furniture
- Community garden
- Flag poles
- a bust of Sir John Hackett
- an electric sign (similar to Dickson College)

It was agreed that Greg will bring back a proposal for the next meeting. We also need to check out what is meant by in-kind.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm