

Axedale Our Town - Our Future Inc. A0050594A

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Date: 11 May 2017

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: CFA Meeting Room

Welcome and Opening

Present:

Jennifer Jones (Chair), Sue Stuart-Dent (Minutes), Angela Gladman, Norah Rigby, Geraldine Pickett, Frances Ford, Wendy Barber, Lex Johnstone, Yvonne Wrigglesworth, Helen Byrne, Stephen Mason, Chris Hobson.

In Attendance

Liz Harrington, Karoline Kline.

Apologies:

Lyn Turner, Rebecca Constable, Ann Mason, Phil Hughes, Jon Constable,

Welcome to new member Chris Hobson.

2. Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 12 April 2017 accepted as a true record of proceedings with the following amendment.

Date in the previous Confirmation of Minutes incorrect. It should read 9 March 2017

Moved: G Pickett

Seconded: W Barber

CARRIED

3. Pre-Meeting Discussion

3.1 Axedale Township Entrance Signs

Ms Kline, landscape architect for the City of Greater Bendigo reported that following the mid-year budget review, money has been allocated for an upgrade to the township entrance signs for Elmore, Epsom, Goornong, Huntly and Axedale.

The position and size of the signs will remain the same. There was lively discussion regarding the proposed sign. Each township sign will have an emblematic silhouette relevant to the community. The committee members agreed that the image should feature a platypus/river/bridge theme and that the broader Axedale Community should have an opportunity to give their input via email and Facebook.

Actions:

- *Ms Stuart-Dent to send an email to all AOTOF members regarding the proposed image.*
- *Ms Wrigglesworth to post on Facebook page.*
- *Ms Jones to confirm the final choice with Ms Kline by 29 May 2017.*

3.2 Cricket Pavilion

Ms Harrington from the Axedale Recreation Reserve Committee presented that the last meeting the subject of the cricket pavilion was again raised.

- The cricket pavilion is in an advanced state of deterioration (major issue with white ants, central beams held up by ropes etc.) and is unsafe for use/access by anyone. Accordingly the structure has been 'fenced off' with 'No Entry' signs etc.
- In the last 6-9 months the Recreation Reserve Committee (COM) was issued with a demolition order by CoGB relating to the structure. The Committee challenged this order as the CoGB has no 'jurisdiction' over the land and seemingly that order has been shelved.
- There have been ongoing discussions (for years) with DELWP about the structure, including requests for funding assistance to repair, restore, etc. with no success. It should however be noted that there are now grants available from DELWP for up to \$20,000 to demolish or repair structures on Crown Land.
- Members of AOTOF have, in the past, expressed interest/concern about the structure being 'restored' for heritage, future community usage, etc. and quotes were obtained from builders. Cost requirements are substantial and neither AOTOF nor COM have the finances or grant access to make that happen.
- The Golf Club (as separate from the COM) have in the past utilised the structure for storage of golf carts but this ceased some time ago for safety reasons. Part of the structure is on the Golf Club lease area.
- Apart from AOTOF's interest in the structure there have been no approaches to the COM for decades from the community to use or access the structure for any regular/random purpose and it is unclear what use it would get and how often it would be used to assist to justify its full restoration.
- It would seem that unless someone from the community takes on an ownership/leadership/project management role to secure funding and consult with the community and the COM that the structure will be demolished (either by accident or design).
- The Golf Club is willing to excise the building from their lease.

Mr Mason indicated that the quotes for renovation of the structure that AOTOF received were between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

A proposal for the building to be moved so that it can be used by the Community was discussed followed by where it might be moved to if that was possible.

Y Wrigglesworth raised the fact that the CoGB may be able to assist. There is a Heritage loan scheme.

It was suggested that AOTOF work in partnership with the Recreation Reserve Committee to progress the issue with Danielle Orr at CoGB and investigate the opportunity to move the structure.

Action: A subcommittee including L Harrington, A Gladman and L Johnstone will follow up with CoGB.

4. Action summary arising from Minutes

Action Summary – 12 April 2017			
Date Arising	Action	By Whom	By When?
12 April 2017	Progress the Community Plan Survey in Ms Talbot's absence.	F Ford	Complete

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12 April 2017	Contact the organiser of the First Aid Station about the decision of the Committee regarding request to move the Defibrillator from the Police Station Sat & Sun 22 & 23/04/2017	J Jones	Complete
12 April 2017	Assist with the setup for the ANZAC Day Service.	Members	Complete
09 March 2017	Contact Mr C Hobson to ask if he would assist with the grant application.	N Rigby	Complete

5. Finances

April 2017 Financials, Cheques & Summary

Mr Mason presented the accounts for the committee's consideration.

Money for the Irrigation Project is to stay in the General Account until the project is complete.

Moved: H Byrne

Seconded: N Rigby

CARRIED

6. Items for Decision

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Should AOTOF continue to hold events in Axedale?

Ms Jones raised the issue of whether AOTOF should continue to run events such as Christmas Carols, Australia Day and Anzac Day.

It was decided that it is time to review the Terms of Reference for AOTOF.

The proposal for members of AOTOF to hold portfolios was put forward.

Actions:

- **Ms Wrigglesworth to forward the AOTOF Terms of Reference to Ms Jones.**
- **Ms Stuart-Dent to add the above item to the agenda for the June meeting.**

8. Items for Noting

8.1 "Project acquittal" to the Public Records Office Victoria for the Historical Loop App

Ms Gladman has almost completed the paperwork that is required at the completion of a grant funded project for submission to the Public Records Office. It is expected that the process will be completed in the next few days.

9. Standing Items

9.1 Axedale Community Plan

Ms Ford reported that the survey has been mailed to residents and is available on line. A large print version is available as requested at the last meeting. The published deadline for the survey is 19 May 2017, however it will be extended for another week until 26 May.

Ms Ford requested that the survey be shared with the school children.

Axedale is leading the way by including questions about emergency planning.

- 9.2 Library Agency progress**
Ms Rigby reported that the library signage has been delayed. Once received, it will help to advertise that the library is open. The library still needs more volunteers. Keeping the library open for 3 hours is proving difficult with so few. It was agreed that an A3, laminated poster be placed in the General Store advertising the library, the afternoon tea and the trading table.
- 9.3 ANZAC Day Service 25 April 2017**
It was reported that that the day was a great success in spite of the inclement weather.
Mr Hughes is to be congratulated once again.
- 9.4 Remembrance Day Service – planning**
Not discussed.
- 9.5 Axedale Park Precinct - Axedale Park Irrigation Project**
The irrigation project is yet to commence. It is due to be completed by the end of June 2017.
- 9.6 River Reserve Project**
This item can now be removed from the agenda. The project is complete.
- 9.7 Transport**
This is to remain on the agenda until the outcome of the McIvor Transit Proposal is known.
- 9.8 Greater Bendigo Rural Communities Committee (RCC)**
There was no meeting this month.
- 10 Correspondence**
- 10.1 Outward**
Axedale Township Entrance Signs – Angela Gladman
- 10.2 Inward**
- 10.2.1 Cricket Pavilion - Axedale Recreation Reserve – Liz Harrington
- 10.2.2 What are the issues and opportunities to address through Greater Bendigo's Public Health and Wellbeing Plan? – Lindy Wilson for Vicky Mason, the Director of Health and Wellbeing at the City of Greater Bendigo
- 11. Other Business**
- 11.1 The O’Keefe Rail Trail Marathon 23 April 2017**
Mr Johnstone thanked those who volunteered on the day; Y Wrigglesworth, J Jones and her partner Chris Hodges, L Johnstone and his mother.
Feedback has been requested by the organisers and forms are available from Mr Johnstone.
Ms Jones recommended that next year the organising committee meet with Community groups, e.g. AOTOF, to discuss plans for the event to ensure that what is required is understood well ahead of time.
- 12. Meeting Closed 8.20pm**
- Next Meeting: Thursday 8 June 2017 at 6.45pm**

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11 May 2017	Send an email to all AOTOF members regarding the proposed image for the township signs.	S Stuart-Dent	12/05/2017
11 May 2017	Post to the AOTOF Facebook page regarding the image for the Axedale township signs.	Y Wrigglesworth	11/05/2017
11 May 2017	Confirm the final choice of the image with Ms Kline for CoGB.	J Jones	29/05/2017
11 May 2017	A subcommittee to follow up re Cricket Pavilion	L Harrington A Gladman L Johnstone	08/06/2017
11 May 2017	Forward the Terms of Reference to Ms Jones.	Ms Wrigglesworth	08/06/2017
11 May 2017	Add AOTOF Terms of Reference to the agenda for the June meeting.	Ms Stuart-Dent	08/06/2017