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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 01 March 2021, at Nimbin Law

Meeting commenced 1737 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
Apologies: Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Caroline Todd
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 01-02-2021.

Steph / Peter	That the draft minutes of 01-02-2021 be accepted.	Carried
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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Insurance: Will be needed for public liability (hall, work pursuant to grant for information signage) and for professional liability (in business advice etc.)

Stencilling: Biskit advised that she used 2 cans of yellow spray paint on 4 footpath stencils, which was not very effective. We need to use heavy white paving paint, maybe with rainbow overlay.

Biskit / Steph	That the Chamber allocate up to \$200 for paint to continue the stencilling project	Carried
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ABC TV Program: Have not replied to Diana's lengthy overview.

Purchase of 11A Alternative Way: Completed. We contributed \$20,000. Next, there will be a regen design meeting with John Blatch, which will help locate the meandering route of track. This will probably enter up the old driveway at Sibley Street corner, with one creek crossing & various seats & sculptures, and end up at Headers' land.

Tennis Courts: Discussion with Headers indicates an engineering report will be obtained to fix existing tennis courts (white-ants in clubhouse, fix court fencing & surface, and strengthen retaining wall). They say they have to sell the existing tennis courts to build a multi-purpose court (mostly for tennis), however our advice indicates fixing them would not be that expensive and we are loathe to see the land privatized. They don't want a boundary adjustment any more.

AD IN NGT: . Nimbin Good Times rang in as the meeting closed . Bob advised that he hadn't had enough notice to remove our \$60 ad from the March edition so it will appear in full. He will send us the dimension for a 1/2 sized ad and, as a community venture rather than a business (NGT contributed \$5000 towards acquisition of 11a) would value our continued support.

Biskit / Steph	That the Chamber takes out a \$30 monthly ad in the Good Times	Carried
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VIC: Diana tabled a draft submission to LCC. Kaz & Dave Hyett from Bush Factory and Diana visited the Byron VIC (100,000 visitors pa). This is kept afloat by contributions from local businesses – which we can't achieve. This VIC does luggage storage & does carry brochures promoting Nimbin - Channon. It makes no profit from merchandise but does get a commission on accommodation bookings. An initial contribution of \$60-\$80k would be required for fitout & furnishings, signage and accreditation (by Destination NSW) at a Bush Theatre venue; possibly we can get an LCC grant towards this. Dave & Kaz will cover staffing & admin. Diana will chase LCC to release the \$2000 that they retained for VIC out of SBVRL.

Biskit / Steph	That the Chamber supports lodgment of Diana's submission, as circulated and as amended, to LCC for funding to establish a VIC at Bush Factory	Carried
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Village Voice Candidate: The working group has identified a possibly candidate but is not going public yet as another may emerge. May go #2 on ticket with Ellie Bird. More next month.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled a spreadsheet of correspondence:--

To / From	Item	Outcome
Sandra Campbell LCC	Business Activation Plan Working Group	No action
Regional BC	Bi-monthly Zoom meeting dates	Diana will attend if Zoom
Service NSW	Business Support profferings	
Business NSW	Top Town Tourism Awards	
Diana Roberts	LCC Grant Application	Delivered
Support Letter	From NCOC for Roots Festival	Supplied
Support Letter	From NCOC for Waibal NAC	Supplied

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer advised that he had paid BSP web hosting for a year in advance. The \$20,000 towards 11A should come out of SBRVL grant money.

Biskit / Steph	That we not renew our POB and use address C/- PO Nimbin	Carried 3-2
Peter / Biskit	That the financial report be adopted	Carried
Peter / Biskit	That we are solvent and can pay our debts as they fall due	Carried

10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Nil

11. TOP TOWN TOURISM AWARD: We would go for the small town <5000 category. This is aimed at recognizing innovation. Diana to research and apply if appropriate.

12. LCC DCP: LCC has about 100 responses for comment on content. We can expect a draft DCP in a couple of months. Paula of Strategic Planning has carriage. However, due to slackness by the LCC water engineers, it is clear there is not enough water available even for the developments that are already approved. To maximize availability, there will be no new rural connections and (once Level 2

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rationing is in place) no filling of domestic or roadworks tankers off village supply. Better filtering at weir will reduce need to flush pipes. Also, we are trying to reduce or eliminate the requirement for street lighting on rural-residential developments.

13. **DISASTER RELIEF [FLOODING] ROAD FUNDING:** LCC has applied to NSW government for disaster relief caused by the flooding last December. If received, this will be spent on verge slip opposite Bazzana quarry (Nimbin Road), Pratt bridge on Blue Knob road, slipped embankment on Stangers Road, causeway at Black Sheep Farm (Gungas Road), and gravel on [Upper?] Tumble Falls road.
14. **MUSEUM SITE** Not many expressions of interest received for tenancies. Is on market for \$1.3m. The block cost them \$600k, plus DA costs.

End: 1855 hrs

Next NCOC Committee Meeting -- 5.30pm on Monday 12 April 2021 at Nimbin Law
(5 April is Easter Monday)