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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 06 June 2021, at Nimbin Law

Meeting commenced 1704 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], David Spain [Secretary] Peter Hughes [Treasurer], Stephanie Seckold Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen
Apologies: Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], 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 04-05-2021.

Steph / Kylie	That the draft minutes of 04-05-2021 be accepted.	Carried
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Insurance: Public Liability Insurance (personal injury & defamation) is now held from Protecsure. We obtained same via Austbrokers NCFs 1 Cook Street South Lismore, NSW, 2480. This policy does not cover professional negligence.

Stencilling: Stephanie has invoiced for paint.

LCC Procurement Policy: Diana has conferred with some councillors. A workshop in Nimbin may be arranged for persons applying to supply services. e.g. regen, jungle patrol. Diana to write to LCC encouraging.

Business Awards: LCC criteria are on Lismore App. The award is made each July. NCOC should develop its own specialist criteria (based on the LCC criteria) for a Nimbin business and offer to participate only on that basis. We may have to put up the prize and pick a delegate to attend the LCC committee. Conflicts of interest permitting, probably NCOC would be able to pick our winner.

NimbinCAN: Needs to meet with LCC about its proposal for growing processing & sale of cannabis products (CBD anti-inflammatory & skin oil, and THC, both for medicinal purposes only).

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled a spreadsheet of correspondence:--

To / From	Item	Outcome
Diana	LCC Vic proposals	See minutes
Lismore BC	NR Business Awards	See minutes
Diana	Breakdown LCC Ec. Development	See minutes
David Spain	Letter to police re Mardi Grass	Tabled
Regional BC		Diana will go if Zoom meetings

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Diana asked why David had not mentioned in his letter reports of bad behaviour by police in Allsop Park. David said this was because the reports were weak, merely verbal hearsay about hearsay, and no direct eyewitness statement was supplied, despite several emailed requests, from anyone (Koori or not) who saw this event, even on basis of name withheld. Also, there was no evidence on the crucial question of whether the police, allegedly involved, were local or not.

9. TREASURER’S REPORT

The treasurer tabled a financial report. This financial year we received \$16157 but spent \$2,000 on website plus \$365 on street lighting and \$20,000 on Rainbow Road land purchase (to enable economic development of the village). Peter to prepare & lodge an acquittal with the council.

We have not got the grant yet, Diana to chase up. \$30,000 is in bank.

For purposes of the grant, we had to the register for GST (which will actually enable us to claim a bit back). Due to the size of the BFRR grant , we must charge GST on memberships (this year anyway).

Peter / Kylie	That the financial report be adopted	Carried
Peter / Kylie	That we are solvent and can pay our debts as they fall due	Carried

10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Nil

11. WEBSITE: Sammi advised that she had a meeting with Dogwhistle and looked at the backend of the current LCC “Visit Nimbin” website. This is a custom-made platform, not Wordpress, but is simple to use. Consequently it can present various user templates. We are awaiting decision from LCC whether it will allow us to use the website & existing software. We would have to move the NCOC website from Wordpress but this just involves data entry and there is a grant for it. Each business on the “Visit Nimbin” website would have to accept the same presentation as on our NCOC site. As a result of LCC leads, we have had some queries about going on website.

12. SIGNAGE UNDER GRANT: Stephanie has drafted a one-page brochure and supplied a mockup which was tabled. This would be printed on A3 then folded. She is also researching the history of various buildings & sites. It was agreed to use Benny’s “Rainbow Flag” as a central image for our signage & website. Biko, Caroline & Steph to decide more detail. Steph to supply a monthly update & accounting on progress.

13. LCC’s Economic Development budget; \$15,000 from LCC’s Economic Development budget [contact Tina Irish], as distinct from its Tourism budget, has specifically been allocated to improve Nimbin’s NBN connectivity. This allocation should be part of the LCC budget.

14. WORLD CHAMBERS COMPETITION: There is a possibility Nimbin would be a credible competitor, based on Nimbin’s “Sustainable Communities Plan”, which was largely prepared by NNIC but they don’t want to run. We have another month and Diana will prepare an Application if she can.

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15. **BUSINESS ACTIVATION PLAN:** LCC has accumulated \$300,000 from its CBD SBVRL, which is somewhat embarrassing for them as they need to account for it. Their accounting does not specify any actions. Diana has prepared a draft analysis, which she tabled.
16. **LCC VIC :** Diana's tabled draft written submissions, substantially based on the public meeting last October. The committee agreed this was a good basis and empowered her to run with it.
17. **DRAFT DCP REVIEW:** Is going to LCC council meeting in July and will then go on public exhibition. The Mill land (from Gungas Road up to Newton Drive) has been removed from rural residential development, so as to maintain the integrity of the village and due to lack of infrastructure. In two other parcels, near showground, potential residential has been removed and is now an "investigation zone".
18. **MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT:** Diana has booked B+B Hall for 18 August, probably starting at 6pm. Diana to attend to advertising.
19. **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION WHITE PAPER:** Investigates statewide infrastructure issues affecting productivity. Emphasis of universities, Decimation of TAFE, diminishing of trades, Covid constraining tourism & hospitality, affordable housing shortage. Peter to peruse & comment.
20. **REGIONAL BC MEETINGS:** Chambers have their own issues. Regional meetings have become less useful now Covid issues are receding, but attendance does enhance profile & credibility. It all takes time. Even in a Zoom meeting only 3-4 chambers get represented.
21. **AQUARIUS FESTIVAL 50th ANNIVERSARY MEETING:** Was called by Benny & Aquarius Foundation as a celebration (not as a festival with infrastructure), for 10 days starting the week after 2023 Mardi Grass. The public meeting but did not fix definite plans. Possibly AF-NCOC together could work out co-ordination over the next 6 months and call for suggested events that individuals (artists, permaculturalists, communities) will organize themselves, maybe subject to funding from (or raised by) NCOC. We would need to apply for co-ordination funding e.g. from university students, NAG, NimbinCan, and regional BCs. The general feeling of the committee was that the proposal is a huge economic event, for which we have two years to plan, with major business & tourist potential, so NCOC is open to contributing co-ordination funding from the SBVRL funds. Informal communications with prospective co-ordinators & sponsors should be initiated over the next month. Cost of a co-ordinator would be say \$10,000 for 1 day pw over 6 months.
22. **Next NCOC Committee Meeting -- 5.00pm on Monday 05 July 2021 at Nimbin Law**

End: 1900 hrs

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