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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 21 March 2022, B+B Hall

Meeting (adjourned from 07-03-2022 due to flood impacts) commenced 1730 hrs
 Acknowledgment of Wai:Bal Country and Elders past & present

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Hyett [President], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], David Spain [Secretary], Diana Roberts, Tashanna Fuller, Caroline Todd. Samantha Allen, **Apologies:** Kylie Cain, Jodee Tichbourne, Elen Jones. Peter Hughes [Treasurer], **Guest:** Wil Polson
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Dave Hyett.
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
 -- President to email Peter commiserations on his losses in flood
 -- Resident opposite Bowlo has complained to EPA re garbage brought down in flood
5. **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Diana/ Caroline	That the draft minutes of the committee's meeting on 07-02-2022, as tabled, be accepted	Carried
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6. BUSINESS ARISING from minutes

Illuminate Nimbin Festival: This has been adjourned (no date set) due to flood and this has been posted on Facebook. LCC's events team recommends holding the adjourned festival in connection with its Shine Festival, from 4- 9pm on Friday 26-08-2022. The committee noted that this is a busy period, with Poetry World Cup the following weekend, then Fashion Show, then Nimbin Show: maybe we could advertise this string of events as Spring in Nimbin. Some village businesses have expressed concern at competition from street traders vending fast food, however these are limited in number, all are locals, they have done it really tough over the past few years and this facility meets a public concern for quick service. The committee agreed to liaise with local businesses so as to minimize clashes of location and menu [Tash to manage].

Tash / Biskit	That Illuminate Nimbin Festival be adjourned to Friday 26-08-2022 Provided Jyllie Jackson's lanterns are available (Wil to check).	Carried
Sammi / Diana	That we approve the Chamber Facebook page established by Sammi	Carried

Tables / Seats at main blister: In place of the existing heavy timber tables, Steph is designing new seating & tables that follow the wall, however this won't happen before August. Biskit to check Steph for progress and Sammi to upload proposal & survey (community consultation) to NGT & Facebook page.

Contribution to Wai:Bal The kooris have reorganized and NCCI is writing off the old group's debt. No formal koori internal structure or committee is in place. A couple of artists are trying to get the space operative, by collecting stock and installing lights. Rent is \$1250 per month, \$815 per month being covered in regular donations, shortfall in \$336.80 pm (plus electricity \$300 per quarter). Diana & Biko declared a conflict of interest.

Tash / Sammi	That we support the Wai:Bal Cultural centre for one year by subsidizing its rent \$100 per month	Carried
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Signage Brochure: Lismore Printery lost everything in the flood and were paid in advance, but they have sent the job to another printer (4000 brochures) and say the pre-payment will be honoured. Stephanie was contracted & paid for this brochure & map. The prior draft had numerous errors and there was objection to some buildings being upside down. The Chamber corrected the text and building orientation pursuant to its rights reserved in the contract (to change the artwork to meet future changes in building profile & use). However, the president will apologise to Stephanie for any offence caused.

Signage: The original artwork for the **village area maps** will be reproduced in triplicate, one sign on Telecom fence, one at Skate Park and one at Bush Theatre (the last two requiring posts). There will be three 'Welcome to Nimbin' signs (at Crofton Road/Blue Knob Rd, Stoney Chute/Nimbin Road and entry to the "doughnut" past the servo). There will be two **signs under cover** (roof), one being "Welcome to Nimbin" at western carpark exit and a covered sign at Rocks lookout (final design to be approved by Gilbert Laurie). **Directional signage** will be to 8 sites, each on an existing post, - caravan park, servo, public toilets, butter factory (with a white 'I'), candle factory, Aquarius Park (for erection at a later date), pool/skate park, and the Bowlo. The **sound trails** will all be attached to buildings, not on posts. We need to write to council regarding removal of its standard "Welcome to Nimbin" signs at southern & northern entries to the village. Wil to chase up LCC regarding roadside placement issues. Biskit to follow up Steph regarding the Armsigns quote and Elspeth's date for completion of the original village layout map.

Dealing with Emails: We are getting about 100 emails a month (and very few paper letters). Sammi checks these and forwards selected items to personal email of the member with relevant portfolio. Members can get direct access if desired, but should leave accessed emails marked as unread. Tash expressed interest in having access. A code lock may have come into place (not known why). If this is encountered, email the secretary to organize concurrent access to the code.

Website Grant: Diana provided a lengthy written update on progress a few weeks ago. Collecting new images has become problematic as the proposal was for images from Illuminate Nimbin to replace the existing images, but that is not happening now until August. Also, we have had very few visitors due to Covid, continuous rain and floods, so that stock of anticipated images has not eventuated. When we are required to report on the grant, we will seek an extension. Most business shots have been completed and simply need uploading. Video how-tos are going to be created by Dogwhistle so members can update the listing – and are encouraged to do so if they want their search rankings to improve.

Sibley Street Basketball Court: The future of this site rests with LCC. Some councillors want this site to be repurposed, perhaps as a library. A site inspection proposed for the week of the flood has been postponed but will occur before the matter is determined by Council.

Roadsides at Entry points: LCC has done some maintenance on these.

Old Bridge: LCC is tentatively open to this becoming a viewing platform.

State of Public Toilets: Wil has sent our concerns to the LCC Asset Manager

Tunable Falls Lookout: All plans for a viewing platform are now disturbed by landslide, from which a massive amount of mud (a pile several metres high) has been dumped on this roadside reserve.

General Meeting: Maybe we can hold this on 02-05-2022 (in lieu of a committee meeting), theme being various planning issues and inviting LCC councillors. Wil to sound out councillors & staff. Item to be addressed at April meeting.

Aquarius 50 Year Celebration: The Aquarius Foundation is chaotic; if any group is going to promote this it will have to be NCOC. It is necessary to develop a proposal then seek grant funding. There would need to be a central organizer and an EOI needs to go out to the community (via Chamber Chat) by mid April; Diana to prepare same. We are envisaging various workshops or events, not a central festival.

7. **FINANCE REPORT:** None due to Treasurer being hit badly in flood.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Gin Waters stationery outlay for Illuminate \$336 – to be repaid from SBVRL Tash / Biko -- approved

Nimbin Mardi Gras advert in their newsletter (25,000 copies printed). Diana / Sammi: That we pay \$600 for double business card size (just Logo with brief wording)

Ventra IP monthly invoice, paid by Diana -- Sammi & Kylie to operate the NCOC account sufficient to reimburse Diana

Janelle Saffin Visit: Post flood. About 40 people attended at Bush Theatre. Was not political, was a reasonable exchange

Business NSW -- Northern Rivers Business Hub (at Southern Cross Uni), aims at assisting local businesses recover from flood. Has been bcc'ed to our membership.

Fire Lore: Assistance to indigenous people doing slow burn work. President to write expressing support

9. **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Diana / Biko	That the following applicants be admitted to membership, conditional on payment of current membership dues:-- Rick Elliot (plumber): Sophie Stouff (Colourist / Homescaping) Sandrine Rangeon (Rainbow Goats)	Carried
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10. **QUORUM:** Is half the number on committee plus one. As there are 11 on the committee, this means 6.5 (= 7) individuals. Secretary to write to Nell regarding three absences.

Tash / Sammi	If no quorum is present at a regular meeting, discussion may proceed and decisions may be taken by those present, but any resolutions are subject to ratification via letter, email or text prior to or during the next committee meeting, such that a majority is achieved.	Carried
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11. **CHAMBER ACTION FOR FLOOD RECOVERY.** Before the recent flood, LCC asked us to get involved in a disaster preparedness initiative but we directed this responsibility to the Nimbin Disaster Response Planning Group despite Tash's concerns they were over-stretched. Tash advised that the Community Disaster Plan is currently under extensive review and will be put out for community input in a few months – informed as well by the latest flood experience.

We should write to LCC particularly requesting attention to the Blue Knob road at boundary of TSC. (Secretary to do and Sammi will provide photos).

Mayor Steve Krieg did visit the village after the flood. Money for flood victims delivered by Sammi's friend is being distributed by Neighbourhood Centre.

NEXT MEETING: 04 April 2022 at B+B hall.