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Minutes of General Meeting 13 March 2015

Time of Meeting: 7.30 pm, Friday, 13 March 2015

Venue: Point Lonsdale Primary School Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Vice-President, Merv Jaensch, opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed members, visitors and the guest speaker, Mr Michael Doery, President, Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club. He advised that the President, Fay Agterhuis, was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Attendances and Apologies

There were approximately 60 attendees. All Borough of Queenscliffe Councillors attended. Written apologies were received from Lynn and Lester Hunt, Lynne and Michael Dowling, Elizabeth Heathcote and John Smelt.

3. Minutes of Previous General Meeting, 13 March 2015

The minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 13 March 2015, were confirmed as circulated.

Motion: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record.

Moved: Peter Rumpf Seconded: Laurie Muscat

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

5. Correspondence

The Secretary advised that key correspondence in the last month was a letter of thanks sent to the Mayor, Cr Helene Cameron, for her presentation at the PLCA Annual General Meeting and a letter from Mr Michael Doery, seeking support for the Borough of Queenscliffe's notice of intent to sell land to the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club .

6. Reports

a. President's Report

The Vice-President indicated that the President had advised that it had been a relatively quiet period since the last meeting and that we were awaiting Planisphere's report to the Borough in March regarding Option 2 for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve; that the Surf Life Saving Club clubhouse was moving to the next stage; that there was no word as yet regarding any consultation around the caravan parks; that community input had been sought for the Fort Queenscliff Tourism Plan; and that there would be a watching brief for any sale of Borough land in Murray Road.

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that in the last month there was income of \$420 (\$90 membership fees and \$330 donations). Expenses for the same period were \$15 and the ending total assets were \$10,645.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be received and confirmed.

Moved: Laurie Muscat Seconded: John Goodman

7. Guest Speaker – Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club

The Vice-President introduced the guest speaker, Mr Michael Doery, President, Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club.

Mr Doery thanked PLCA for the invitation to speak and for its earlier role as one of the community groups that participated last year in a forum to discuss the Club's planning for a new clubhouse.

He then outlined the history of the club and the work it does including the provision of emergency support services throughout the year. He went on to outline the problems with the present clubhouse and the various options that had been studied for a new location, including the process adopted to consider and weigh the various options.

He thanked the Council and Council officers for their patience in working with the Club to find a suitable location and acknowledged the circuit broker role of Hon Lisa Neville MP in leading to the Council's notice of intention to sell the land known as 56 Ocean Road, Point Lonsdale to the Club for the nominal amount of \$1. This land is 606m² in size and is the land presently used by the Club that sits between Ganes Reserve and the present clubhouse land (888m²).

This link to the PLCA website leads to a copy of the PowerPoint presentation used by Mr Doery in providing the information outlined above:

<http://www.plca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/PLSLSC-Civic-Presentation-March-201521.pptx>

Mr Doery then advised that, if the proposed sale of land to the Club proceeds, the new clubhouse would be built East/West across the land to provide a better aspect. He then made the following points about the proposed new clubhouse:

- Will be a small kiosk but not in competition with local traders
- Will have a bar similar to present
- Not planning to compete with Monahan Centre in terms of facilities - it is a life saving club
- Board riders and others will be able to hold functions
- No accommodation to be provided
- Wants open access from Ganes Reserve so other users could the access and use land at the back of clubhouse
- Plan to consult with community regarding the design of the clubhouse
- Construction hopefully in 2016
- Cost of \$2.5m to \$4m, with \$1m+ from government, with donations needed to fund the balance of the cost and with the Club likely needing to go into debt

There were only two speakers in the Q&A session, one of whom spoke in support of the sale of land by the Council to the Club given the pressing need to re-develop the clubhouse. The other made several comments and questions:

- Proposed use of some of Ganes Reserve, with part of it for the Board Riders. Mr Doery responded that Ganes Reserve is a Council issue.
- Overall town planning needed for Point Lonsdale including the clubhouse, community facilities, a gym and asked about community input on features of clubhouse. Mr Doery responded that the Club has a good track record of engaging with the community and will do so on the clubhouse, but it needs to be recognized that it is a life saving club.

In concluding his presentation Mr Doery thanked PLCA for its support and urged all in the community to make a submission to the Council in support of the proposed sale of land to the Club by the due date of Thursday, 2 April 2015.

At this point in the meeting the following motion was put by the Secretary:

This PLCA meeting supports the proposed sale by the Borough of Queenscliffe of the land at 56 Ocean Road, Point Lonsdale to the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club for \$1 subject to conditions to be negotiated with the Club.

Moved: Jasper Coghlan Seconded: Brian Capp
Passed unanimously

Cr Bob Merriman requested that it be noted in the minutes that all Councillors present at the meeting abstained from voting on this motion.

The Vice-President thanked Mr Doery for his presentation and urged all to make a submission to the Council in support of the sale of land by the Council to the Club. The Club made available at the meeting copies of a template for making submissions including a list of possible grounds for submission.

8. General Business

There was no general business.

9. Close

In closing the meeting, the Vice-President advised that the date of the next General Meeting has not yet been determined.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Jasper Coghlan
Secretary