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Minutes of General Meeting 13 February 2015

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

Venue: Point Lonsdale Primary School Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale

1. Welcome and Introduction

The President, Fay Agterhuis, opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed members, visitors and the guest speakers, Mr John Fendyk, Ms Hazel Ingram and Ms Helen Nikolas from Bellarine Community Health. She also acknowledged the attendance of Cr. Sue Wasterval.

2. Attendances and Apologies

There were approximately 50 attendees. There were no apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous General Meeting, 11 April 2014

The minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 11 April 2014, were confirmed as circulated.

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

Moved: Laurie Muscat Seconded: Merv Jaensch

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

5. Correspondence

The President advised that there was no significant correspondence in the last month.

6. Reports

a. President's Report

The President advised that, following the input from members at the meeting on 9 January 2015, the Committee has determined that the following matters will be treated as "priorities" for the Committee in 2015:

- Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve
- Front Street Revitalisation – whole of Stage 3 including playground
- Bellarine Community Health – services and infrastructure
- Surf Life Saving Club Clubhouse
- Caravan Parks Master Plan
- Structure Plan for the Borough of Queenscliffe including that part of Point Lonsdale located in the City of Greater Geelong
- Fort Queenscliff Precinct Tourism Plan (subset of Structure Plan matter)

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that in the period 1 January 2015 to 11 April 2015 there was income of \$1,475 (\$760 membership fees and \$715 donations). Expenses for the same period were \$260 and the ending bank balance was \$9,982 which includes the \$3,000 received from the Coastal Spaces Group in December 2014.

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

Moved: Laurie Muscat Seconded: Peter Rumpf

7. Guest Speakers – Bellarine Community Health

The President introduced the guest speakers, Mr John Fendyk, CEO Bellarine Community Health, Ms Hazel Ingram, Board Chair Bellarine Community Health and Ms. Helen Nikolas, Executive Manager Primary Health Care Services, Bellarine Community Health.

Mr Fendyk outlined recent changes at Bellarine Community Health (BCH), the planned expenditure of new government grants and the governance of BCH. He made the following key points:

- Aged Care:
 - Fees and charges are the same in both private and not-for-profit aged care
 - There is a trend for smaller aged care operators to exit the field in favour of larger providers
 - Growth is taking place in the area of aged care "packages" and there is a need to enhance them

- Eric Tolliday Retirement Village:
 - There are presently six residents with BCH as the manager of the village with vacancies not being filled
 - Tenants have various long term tenancy agreements
 - BCH is having ongoing discussions with residents as the need arises and cited example of support provided to a resident who had chosen to move from the area to be closer to family
 - Future uses of this site have not yet been determined
- Meals on Wheels:
 - This service continues to be provided by volunteers with meals cooked at Arcare
 - There has been a slow reduction in the number of meals delivered
- Maternal and Child Health Service:
 - This service is normally provided by the Borough of Queenscliffe
 - The Service was relocated from BCH as it needed the space for a redevelopment
- Redevelopment Plans:
 - \$3 million of federal government funding has been secured to upgrade the Point Lonsdale site (may start during 2015)
 - \$1 million of government funding has been secured to upgrade the Drysdale site
 - BCH funds will be used to relocate the BCH executive team from the temporary building at Point Lonsdale to a new second storey at the Drysdale site (construction to start in June with completion in February)
- Governance of BCH:
 - Prior to 2005 the BCH Board members were chosen by BCH members
 - From 2005 to 2009 five Board members were chosen by BCH members and four by government
 - In 2009 the BCH structure was changed from a government corporation to a stand-alone company limited by guarantee in order to preserve staff salary sacrifice benefits with all Board members chosen by the BCH members
 - Nearly all recent applications to become a BCH member were approved at a Board meeting on 12 February and there will be a marketing drive to expand the BCH membership base
- Change in Name from Bellarine Community Health to Bellarine Health:
 - The change of name to Bellarine Health was discussed with a focus group
 - A new website is to be developed
- Car parking in Nelson Road:
 - Community concerns about car parking issues in Nelson Road were acknowledged
 - He has recently emailed staff reminding them of parking spaces made available by the Point Lonsdale Primary School

Ms Nikolas outlined a number of health care initiatives being undertaken by BCH, some collaboratively, including:

- Future health care workforce – with Barwon Health and City of Greater Geelong
- Palliative care services consortium

- Healthy Together Geelong – with Barwon Health and City of Greater Geelong
- Headspace – working with youth
- Dental service including school assessments
- Appointment of an indigenous worker
- Use of volunteers – drivers, assistance in programs

Ms Hazel Ingram provided details of the Bellarine Community Health Fund including:

- This health and wellbeing fund is in recognition of community contributions to Sims Lodge and Ann Nichols House which have been sold by BCH
- At the BCH Board meeting on 12 February it was decided to increase the Bellarine Community Health Fund from \$1 million to \$1.2 million
- An advisory committee with an independent chair is to be established to manage the Fund and there will be a call for expressions of interest from the community to join the committee
- Will be an annual applications process for one-off funding of projects similar to that followed by the Bendigo Bank Grants program and will not include capital grants
- The Fund will earn interest but is not expected to operate in perpetuity

Mr Fendyk and Ms Ingram responded to a wide range of questions including the following:

- What options under consideration for the Coorabin site – options unclear as there has been uncertainty about securing the \$3 million building grant; will be used by staff from Drysdale site for about 12 months during upgrade of that site
- If there are major works adjacent to the Eric Tolliday units, what consideration of alternative interim arrangements for residents – have made offers of support such as payment of relocation costs
- How can someone become a BCH volunteer – inquiries can be made through the Volunteer Co-ordinator
- What will happen to the community garden constructed by members around the portable building and walking paths – garden area will not be disrupted
- Why taking “Community” out of the BCH name – new name (Bellarine Health) is considered a more contemporary name; will still have “community” in branding via tag line for each location, e.g., Point Lonsdale location will be “Bellarine Health – Point Lonsdale Community Health Centre”
- What is the difference in for profit and not-for-profit aged care fees – fees and charges are set by the Commonwealth Government; it is a misconception that you pay more in private aged care; however, private providers charge more where they provide additional services
- How will the new government funding be allocated – \$3 million for Point Lonsdale, \$1 million for Drysdale; BCH to provide \$1.7 million for Drysdale
- What are aged care packages and are they integrated with NDIS – still waiting for clarification on funding of packages; those over 65 years are not eligible for NDIS
- Why have BCH member applications not been approved in recent months – many applications were incomplete as they did not provide all the information required to comply with ASIC rules; only a few incomplete applications were not approved on 12 February; new applications will be approved at each Board meeting

- What financial protection is available for residents in private aged care – a proposal for government guarantee of bonds under review
- What proportion of BCH costs are staff costs – generally staff costs are 70% of total costs but can range from 65% to 75%
- What is the financial viability of BCH – as funding is from the State Government on a three year cycle with a top-up from BCH funds, a problem will arise only if Government funding ceases
- Is there anything to hide or of concern due to Lisa Neville's proposal for a government investigation regarding the re-zoning of the land at Ann Nichol House – BCH complied with all statutory requirements; issues could only be found with the former State Government
- What is planned for the Coorabin site, could it be residential – no decisions have been made but there is a need to provide good facilities for staff and to rebuild the community health centre
- Will plans for the future development of the Point Lonsdale site be made available for community comment – yes
- Why is the office for the executive team being moved to Drysdale – they are presently housed in a temporary portable building
- What is the planned future of Sims Lodge and Queenscliff nursing home – do not know as they were purchased by private owners

The President thanked Mr Fendyk, Ms Ingram and Ms Nikolas for their presentations and responses to questions and suggested that they may wish to return and outline future development plans when available as part of a community consultation.

8. General Business

There was no general business.

9. Close

In closing the meeting, the President advised that the next General Meeting is scheduled for 13 March 2015 and it is expected that there will be speakers from the Surf Club and the Board Riders Club.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Jasper Coghlan
Secretary