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## Annual General Meeting Minutes - 7 January 2022

Time of Meeting: 7.30pm, Friday, 7 January 2022

Venue: Point Lonsdale Primary School – Learning Common. Zoom  
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Meeting ID: 940 359 4095

- 1. Welcome and Introduction. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners.**
- 2. Welcome to Mayor & Councillors.**
- 3. Present: David Kenwood, Fay Agterhuis, Lynne Furness, Laurie Moscatt, Michelle Jepson, Andrew Rogers, Rob Minty.  
Cr Ross Ebbels, Cr. Michael Grout, Cr Fleur Hewitt, Cr. Trent Sullivan.  
Members (12 +)**
- 4. Apologies. Cr. D. Grigau, Cr. S. Asher, Cr. J. Mason, J & M Nichols, Dr. P & A Rumpf**
- 5. Matters arising from 2021 AGM Minutes** *(They have been sent to members via email)*
- 6. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting – 8 January 2021**

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be confirmed as a true record.

Moved: Laurie Moscatt Seconded: David Kenwood – Motion Carried

## **7. Reports**

1. Annual Report – President, Mr. David Kenwood

Motion: That the Annual Report by the President be received.

Moved: Laurie Moscatt Seconded: Lynne Furness – Motion Carried

2. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Andrew Rogers

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be endorsed.

Moved: Andrew Rogers, Seconded: Fay Agterhuis – Motion Carried

## **8. Election of Office Bearers and other Committee Members:**

**(All positions now declared vacant & Guest Chair Cr Ebbels takes meeting chair)**

1. Nominations are called for each Office Bearer separately, for the following positions;  
*(Note: only nominations received for all positions)*

President: Nominated David Kenwood  
Vice – President: nominated Fay Agterhuis  
Secretary: Nominated Laurie Moscatt  
Treasurer: Nominated Andrew Rogers

All Nominated positions duly elected.  
(Election by Ballot not required. Elected President chairs the meeting.)

2. Resolution: That for 2022 the number of ordinary committee member positions be 6:

Moved: Laurie Moscatt Seconded: Fay Agterhuis – Motion Carried

3. Ordinary Committee members that have been Nominated are:

1. Nominated Lynne Furness.
2. Nominated Michelle Jepson.
3. Nominated Rob Minty
4. Vacant
5. Vacant
6. Vacant

All Nominated positions duly elected.

(Election by Ballot not required.)

#### **9. Annual Subscription for 2023, Subscription Due Date & 2023 AGM Date:**

1. **Motion:** That the annual membership subscription for the 2023 year be \$10 per person  
Moved: David Kenwood Seconded: Lynne Furness – Motion Carried
2. **Motion:** That the annual subscription due date for the 2023 year be 6th January, 2023.  
Moved: David Kenwood Seconded: Lynne Furness – Motion Carried
3. **Motion:** That the 2023 Annual General Meeting be held on January 6th 2023.  
Moved: Fay Agterhuis Seconded: Lynne Furness – Motion Carried

#### **10. Guest Speaker:**

Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Cr. Ross Ebbels.

The BoQ Mayor, Cr. Ebbels gave an update on “Looking forward to 2022 and beyond” – and spoke to a presentation.

Cr. Ebbels gave a brief outline of the Community Vision and Council Plan, and how they will guide the next 4 years.

Cr Ebbels spoke about BoQ Pillars / Community Vision;

- Enhancing Health and Well Being,
- Protecting Country & Natural Environment,
- Supporting Business & Community Prosperity,
- Encouraging an Inclusive and Engaged Community,
- Protecting and Celebrating Wadawurrung & Borough Heritage.

BoQ Current Portfolios – Basically, the same as previous year.

- Health and Well being - Cr. Grigau,
- Environment - Cr. Hewitt,
- Local Economy - Cr Ebbels,
- Heritage and Planning - Cr Grout,

- Governance and Finance - Cr. Salter.

Other Key Documents:

- Municipal Health and Well Being Plan,
- Climate Emergency Response Plan, a huge success and Council /community proud of the work done
- Financial Plan,
- Wadawurrung Healthy Country Plan,
- Coastal & Marine Management Plan (currently under development)

2022 Borough Priorities:

- Queenscliff Hub (Completion due in Autumn 2022) delayed due to Pandemic.
- P1 Hut restorations at PLMDP – we have now a Project Control Group for PLMDP, (*Note: a PLCA Committee member is on this group*), a Project Manager is also now on board, a Cultural Management Plan is also now completed/in place about to finalise this and then we will go to tender to get fences removed and the place cleaned up ;
- Point Lonsdale Bike Park continue design. We will be going out to “tender” to youth for design.
- Continue support community through pandemic.
- Outdoor activation in Point Lonsdale – continue to work with business/traders. Business have appreciated having a Covid Officer from Council.
- Continue working with Traders on new ideas such as Christmas Tree lighting in Pt. Lonsdale main street.

Providing a Greater Strategic Direction for Council:

- Coastal and Marine Management Plan.
- Active Transport Strategy – movement around the Borough via different forms of transport, & a promise to work with the PLCA on this/consultation. A more user friendly township(s). CoGG have a pathway strategy as well. Will continue to work with CoGG.
- Tourist Park Operation Review & consultation – Review will come to Council in February. Then community feedback

Current and Upcoming Consultation Opportunities:

- Coastal and Marine Management Plan consultation (now open)
- Active Transport Strategy (January)
- Tourist Park Operation Review (expected in February)
- Point Lonsdale Youth Precinct consultation (two consultation opportunities in first half of 2022)

Advocacy – Both State and Federal elections due in 2022. Shovel ready projects for State and Federal election local projects that Council has already begun advocacy towards. Council already started talking to politicians and candidates and other key people.

All Priority Projects – all have been costed and shovel ready: trying to make it easy for the Politicians to allocate funding towards these projects: e.g.

- Royal Park community and sport facility;
- Bike Park/Youth Activity precinct;
- Electric vehicle charging; Noted that already we have some funding, but announcement soon!
- Community battery project.

Some smaller projects can perhaps begin sooner, for example in Active Transport like:

- Ocean Road,
- Lawrence Road,
- Fellows Road,
- Kirk Road;
- Point Lonsdale Road works

Boundary Realignment

We have been keeping PLCA up to date via regular meetings. This has taken some time with a

previous Local Government Minister sacked – process had to begin again – which resulted in delays.

First step was that we had secure interest of CoGG – however CEO's met and outcome was GoGG not interested. Still will advocate to have a united Point Lonsdale, but even if boundary does not change, but all still are one community.

Perhaps Cr Sullivan can assist for Bike Park contribution!

Looking forward to working with PLCA and keeping a close relationship for many years to come.

## 11. Q&A with members:

1. *What is going to happen with sale money from Murray Road Land?*

It should be finalised in the first half of this year. Policy is that it will be invested to make more money for the Council, we will work with Councillors and officers to make this happen.

2. *[ Comment - Thanks for Olive trees appearing in towns.] Symonds St Resident Question: Parking allocation to Queenscliffe Brewhouse of 8 of very scarce spots in Symonds St, for outside dining. I have spoken to you in October, about this. I have written to Council about this.*

*Why can't the spots be moved around the corner? No/Lack of consultation, we were never informed. What can't they be allocated fairly?*

Cr Ebbels – I note your concern, and after you called I spoke to the CEO, regarding the possibility of moving the spots into Gellibrand St. I do note concern about that being a major road. Meanwhile I will follow that up and will get back ASAP – and apologise for the lack of consultation. I do note that there was a similar problem last year (2020?) The Olive Trees are part of State Government outdoor activation funding - we could not hire skiplets, it was a whole town approach. I will definitely follow that up.

*Questioner – A couple of the changes the CEO made were terrific, and still in place and thanks for that, however it's quite unfair for one business to get precious parking spots.*

3. *PLMDP – What exactly is happening in that precinct? What is the big picture, (with the) pretty ugly Toc-H site ? Regarding P1 Huts, what are they going to be used for? What about “Corner” block? What will happen?*

Cr Ebbels – We have not decided, P1 huts have been used for lots of different illegal uses over the years. Current funding is really for re-clad of huts, and landscaping, get rid of fences, and then look at what we will do with them – we have not really decided.

Just to note; you can look on our BoQ website for latest on projects. Emails will be sent, to existing email recipients who have participated in the past consultation events, for consultation on new projects.

To answer your question - we have not decided what the P1 Huts will be used for. RDV funding/Priority for Council is for fence removal/clean up and planning to make it safe, and more user friendly.

*Questioner follow up – The large block towards the main street, the large grassy area – what about that area? It's just vacant and has been discussed over many years.*

As far as the “corner block” – first priority is to clean everything up, certainly some landscaping...

*Questioner follow up – Does the Council have any plans for this area, of what they'd like?*

Nothing has been decided – it has been suggested it could be made into to be bus parking as per the first iteration of Management Plan for the Precinct (*Note: which has since been rescinded*). No

agreements as yet. Priority is to clean up the area.

*Audience follow up – In a previous original plan, that area was for car parking – to take it away from the engine shed and relocate to that area?*

That was on the plan, perhaps at stage 2 or 3 of the current staging, but priority Stage one is to clean it up, and landscaping.

*Audience follow up – So at some point in time, in a few years, depending on funding, could that be envisaged as Bus/car parking?*

Yes that was what the plan had, but stage one was changed – and now Heritage Victoria have listed the huts - that was what the planning we had in Stage 2 or 3, and they are still current but at the moment Stage 1 will be for a tidy up/Landscaping and tidy up P1 huts.

*4. The Track from Lighthouse – to top of the dunes to around Lonsdale St. It just stops. Why can't we have a scenic walk like other side of the bay – a 'top of the dunes' track? It would fantastic to have a track to walk along!*

Cr Ebbels – again, nothing decided, but could be possible in the future with extra funding. That area has been enlarged and forms part of the expanded PLDMP – through to Winterley Rd that possibly may come under some more funding in the future.

We could possibly talk to the Project Control Group, and the community, on what are the next steps. There are lots of amazing Gun emplacements in that area, some we need to keep hidden until they are restored, but also need to be carefully managed. The track the other way from the lighthouse to Rip-View Car Park, to Bowling Club area, we have done a lot of work with fencing. There may be an opportunity to do something the other way as well.

*Questioner follow up – I know there are serious and complex environmental issues, I'm not quite sure...*

Cr. Ebbels – We certainly don't want a Bike Track!

*Questioner follow up – No no, I don't why you can have a track in one area, but not another, it would be great, the Gun area near the top of the track near Winterley Rd is not maintained there is a lot of grass...*

Cr Ebbels – Certainly in regard to that area, we have done some cleaning up, around near Ocean Rd that is sort of Stage one, we still have 2 more stages to more cleaning along Ocean Rd.

*5. With the emphasis on people walking, I agree that the track should be fixed so walkers can utilise the track all the way to Surf Club. I was at Barwon Heads and they have one, I agree, Mr Mayor, we should not have bikes on it, it should be only for walking.*

Cr Ebbels – I agree it should not be for bikes on the dune system. Cr Grout and Cr. Hewitt are part of our Active Transport Committee, it's something they will take on board to think about not just making it safe on our roadways, but walks along the Walking tracks in the Borough.

Please David, as I said, this is about members, let them know it's all about relationships and openness to get the best result for the Borough.

*6. (Cr Sullivan and Ebbels) What are the Chances of CoGG and BoQ working together on connectedness of bike track all the way through from Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove?*

Cr Ebbels – Yes it's something we are really keen on, G21 – as part of integrated transport strategy, as well as part of Active Communities projects. We are having discussions at an officer level, It should be a seamless process to ride or walk, and through to the Point, and Trent there is a little bit of

land there we might need to do a bit of negotiating on, for 50/100m to get to Creswell Rd . I think we can do it.

We will continue to do our bit such as Murray Rd connection. Again, we will work together for funding. Particularly during the election cycle.

Cr Sullivan – Our shared pathways, which we are implementing along the Bellarine, is a high priority project as far as the CoGG is concerned. Particularly, the linkages from, Ocean Grove to Point Lonsdale; Ocean Grove to Drysdale; and Drysdale to Portarlington.

Both LGA's are not competing interests, the more we work together, as we do with G21, the better the outcomes for residents are concerned. We are working actively together. Officers have had meetings, as have Councillors on this topic.

Furthermore, Wyndham Council have also indicated to CoGG, that they also want to connect with CoGG to connect communities/Networks. There is nothing but goodwill between the CoGG and the BoQ. These connections will not stop at municipal boundaries and we will continue to work together.

*6. In the City of Stonnington, we have scraps bins for kitchen/household green waste? When will that happen? It's been highly successful!*

Cr Ebbels - State Government Legislation says it has to be done - but not legislated until 2027, but we are working on rolling that out this year. Just working out logistics, and a timeline when it will begin. It may be fortnightly, and a 4<sup>th</sup> bin dedicated for glass will also come into service. The State Government is also bringing in a container deposit scheme.

It will come as a cost for Council – even though the State Government have told us we have to do this. As with waste/recycling, it (cost) will eventually be passed back to ratepayers.

*Questioner follow up - In Melbourne LGA's bins are a uniform color. Why can't councils across state agree on color schemes Victoria wide?*

Cr. Ebbels – That's exactly what that legislation provides. That will happen. It's interesting you talk about councils collaborating – we have, through G21 - signed a Heads of Agreement with Barwon Water, and Renewal Organics Network out at Breamlea. So a lot of that recycling will come back to local farmers.

*7. Health and Wellbeing, particularly obesity. It's not just active lifestyles it's food with far too much sugar and portion size. Could we work with the community/traders? If people eat less they may have more success in reducing obesity. This is harder in a large community , but in a smaller community like the Borough it could be successful.*

Cr. Ebbels – It something we can work together with BCH on, we have a really good working relationship with them. We can get messaging out with them.

Cr Sullivan (*Waste bin issues follow up*) – In CoGG, the reason we don't put our Green waste into the Green bins, is that we have a purpose built facility in Anakie. All this waste goes to facility in Anakie. Then it's processed on site, and on sold to farmers.

However, if we introduce separate kitchen waste – due to the micro-organisms, it cannot be currently be processed in Anakie facility. So, we have a Bin scraps trial in Lara.

The reason we don't have a separate glass bin is that, as at the moment it cannot be used if separated using our current glass recycling processes. At the moment, it is used for pavements mainly.

At the moment it's all being extracted and put to good use!

10. *With the Bike park could the CoGG and BoQ work together on this project, as there are lot of kids in The Point, that would use it. Would the City put there hand in there pocket and contribute?*

Cr Sullivan – No. It’s so difficult putting money in areas outside your control. People may be familiar in Portarlinton where we have a large play-ground next to Parks Hall – on crown land. It took a while but we got money to get the development of that park.

Putting CoGG funds into a different municipality, is incredibly difficult, and not common – but these are all questions we are open to, and if we can reach an outcome where this piece of infrastructure can benefit all residents. In, Point Lonsdale it’s a community of likeness, unfortunately split by the Boundary, it’s split, but it’s one community. So I don’t see that we should shut off this conversation, and try and make this reality happen - it’s just how we go about it.

*Audience Comment: The PLPS Student that advocated for bike park, and spoke to Ross so elegantly about the bike path, lives in CoGG/The Point and my next meeting will be a meeting with you (Cr Sullivan). The original letter was going to go to the CoGG – but we though we would have more chance with the Borough, and we will be asking CoGG what they will be doing! We will be setting this up as soon as school starts!*

Cr Ebbels – Even though we are advocating to the State/Federal Government, for funds, even if it is supported by the CoGG, it shows it’s a community asset that we want that crosses 2 Councils. I do note Cr. Sullivan, that the CoGG gives financial assistance to the PLSLSC – I don’t know how much.

There is a precedent. It’s important we work together that we work together.

I noticed today that there are some sport and recreation funds around.

The President thanked Cr Ebbels and Cr Sullivan, and all Councillors that attended; Cr Grout and Cr. Hewitt.

- 12. Next Annual General Meeting:** 7.30pm, Friday, **6th January 2023**  
**Next General Meeting:** 7.30pm, Friday, **22 February 2022. TBA**

**13. President Closing remarks.**

**14. Meeting closed. 8.50pm**