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MEETING MINUTES – October 4th 2010

Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Heytesbury Room, at the Cobden Civic Hall

PRESENT: Frank Martin, Milton Parlour, Garry Moorfield (chair), Bob Anderson, Kerryn Cain, Jo Beard, Dennis Walsh, Heather Walsh, Kelvin White (secretary).

APOLOGIES: David Buckle, James Green

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved F Martin/D Walsh that the minutes of the meeting held on September 6th, 2010, be confirmed. CARRIED

2 CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Inward correspondence

Rachel Donovan (Insight Communication) - Report from Twenty20 Vision Community Forum

Jodie Gillett (Commerce Ballarat) - details of Professional Development day for local business organisations on October 18 in Melbourne

Sara Napier (Corangamite Shire): Local Tradies Fightback - details of forum at Camperdown Golf Club at 6 pm on Tuesday 5th October

Introducing Corangamite Vocational Education Consultative Council (CVECC) – a partnership of Corangamite District Adult Education Group, Corangamite Shire and South West LLEN to form an industry group to consider the skills needs for vocational education in Corangamite

Australia Day Awards - Community events etc

2.2 Outward correspondence

Twenty20 Vision Community Forum Report – sent to participants, prospective Action Group members and leadership group members.

Moved J Beard/B Anderson that inward correspondence be received and outgoing correspondence approved. CARRIED.

3 REPORTS

3.1 **Membership:** Forty paid-up members.

- 3.2 Finance:** \$23,975 in PC cheque account, largely due to Spring Festival revenue. Dairy Park account at \$858.45. Neighbourhood Watch account of \$1130 set up with signatories being F Martin, K White and Brian Smith. Spring Festival sponsor TRUenergy inquired about Chamber of Commerce/Progressing Cobden ABN anomaly. Treasurer has carried out research and is responding to TRUenergy.
- 3.3 Community Bank Christmas celebrations:** Tanya Taylor (Aspire) met with Gary Kimber, M Parlour and K White to discuss Aspire's interest in co-ordinating the event. The organisation has agreed to co-ordinate the event. The meeting discussed the need to properly badge the event ie under the Progressing Cobden banner – the Community Bank Christmas Celebrations – co-ordinated by Aspire. It was decided that Tanya Taylor and Heather Walsh should meet as soon as possible to discuss key aspects of the Christmas Celebrations – the raffle, the bbq etc – so there is no confusion about who does what.
- 3.4 Dairy Park:** D Walsh reported the park was wet but drying out. The gravelled area is twice the size of last year.
- 3.5 Lake Cobden:** F Martin reported \$2000 had been received through the Environmental Fund for north bank planting but a small equipment grant application had not been successful. Working bee numbers were down yesterday. The playground is ready to be sited. Still awaiting news of jetty grant. November is time for annual review of project. B Anderson asked about the place of the Rotary rotunda in the overall plan – perhaps could be looked at developing that area as part of the review.

Moved F Martin/H Walsh that Progressing Cobden signs off on Catchment Authority paperwork for \$5000 grant. CARRIED

- 3.6 Coprice Cobden Spring Festival:** G Moorfield reported that a site meeting would be held on the common next Monday night at 6 pm - to check its condition – before the normal meeting at 7 pm. Apparently, it is currently “underwater”. Positive signs for the raffle, stall-holder numbers, the parade, street lay-out, delivery of programs to households and the new festival website. Concern was expressed about the lack of publicity for the Big Night Out so it was decided to advertise the event in the next two Cobden Times. **The marquee requires a working bee – set down for next Sunday at 1.30 pm - at the Dairy Park.**
- 3.7 Twenty20 Vision:** Community forum facilitator Rachel Donovan met with the small group table leaders and members of the PC Leadership Group to clarify some points in the draft workshop report from the forum. Since then, Rachel has furnished a completed report which has been circulated to the above-mentioned people, plus the forum participants who indicated they were interested in continuing their involvement in the process.

Recommendations from the PC Leadership Group:

That the workshop report be included on the PC website, inviting further comment.

That the workshop report be available to the community over the Spring festival weekend - and that the interested forum participants be invited to man a stall/space/ tent/shop to talk to community members about the recommendations

That we get the small table groups together as soon as possible after the Spring Festival to clarify the recommendations and continue the process to achieve our stated aim - a community plan

That we meet with the Corangamite Shire to discuss our progress, and get their thoughts on our future directions.

Moved K White/D Walsh that the above Twenty20 Vision recommendations be accepted. CARRIED

Moved J Beard/M Parlour that all reports be received. CARRIED

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Neighbourhood Watch - it was hoped that a representative from Cobden Police would be at the meeting. Secretary to contact and remind them. James Green (Safety House Committee) emailed us to report the activity and success of that group. PC agreed with James when he said it would be good to see SHC represented on PC.

4.2 Corangamite Local Markets – Talbot Farmers Market on Sunday 19th September. No feedback but, after a short discussion, it was moved M Parlour/D Walsh that we inform the shire that we would like to lock in the third Sunday of every month as Cobden’s market day. CARRIED

4.3 Professional Development Day in Melbourne for chambers of commerce representatives – Monday October 18. No takers.

4.4 National Foods and offer of assistance: Cobden brochure project. Sara Napier informed us that RDV don’t see the benefit of a brochure, and would need a business case put forward to consider it. Was there anything coming out of the Twenty20 Vision process that would better fit RDV guidelines?

Moved K Cain/B Anderson that we contact Sara and ask for a meeting with RDV to discuss projects that might better fit their guidelines. CARRIED

4.5 Miniature Railway Park common – F Martin said a joint meeting between the Rotary Club and the Model Engineers was being held this week.

4.6 Parking in Silvester Street - awaiting response from shire. Secretary to remind Alex Green.

4.7 Leadership Group met to discuss approach to new PC year
It was decided to break the remainder of the PC year into three x three month time periods, and allocate three LG members to each period with K White (Media liaison), and F Martin (Finance) retaining those roles throughout.

November, December, January: G Moorfield, J Beard, V Kull
February, March, April: M Parlour, K Cain, S Persson
May, June, July: D Buckle, S Morris, J Nowell

4.8 Meeting with Western District Newspapers re press coverage: As a result of members’ comments reported in last week’s Spring Festival notes, a meeting with WDN will be held this Friday to discuss how we can work together to improve our communication with the Cobden community.

4.9 Progressing Cobden Outcomes for 2010

Members are invited to propose any actions to achieve those priority outcomes identified at the 1 March meeting.

These outcomes include:

Leading a community Forum regarding the 10-year Strategic Plan for Cobden,

Satisfactory completion of projects (eg Lake Cobden Project),

Successful Spring Festival, Dairy Park and Christmas Celebration operations,

Establishing steady and reliable links with Corangamite Shire,

Improving active membership of Progressing Cobden from 12 to 15-20 people,

Achieving a satisfactory level of reserves in the bank,

Improving public relations, and

Progressing Cobden being seen by the community as 'the ones who get things done'.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Commerce Warrnambool: F Martin asked about a spokesperson for Commerce Warrnambool being reported as saying it was looking to develop links with Cobden businesses. Who are they and what is their intent? The secretary is to discuss these issues with an executive member of CW.

5.2 New owners of Heytesbury House, Langdons Produce and other new businesses – letters to be written to them inviting them to join PC.

5.3 Bank accounts: F Martin suggested we look at our banking arrangements – as an item for future discussion.

5.4 Australia Day Awards: It was decided that we enter the 2009 CopRice Spring Festival in the Community Event section of the Australia Day awards.

5.5 Signage: B Anderson explained how difficult the town map opposite the roadhouse was to read. He also pointed out the lack of fingerboards for Neylon Street. Other examples of poor, or lack of, signage led the meeting to decide a signage review was appropriate. Maybe it was time to appoint a small group to prepare a report to take to the shire and/or VicRoads?

5.6 Men's Shed: B Anderson provided a very positive progress report of Men's Shed activity.

5.7 South Purrumbete Hall chairs: Moved M Parlour/H Walsh that PC purchase 100 chairs from the hall committee for use at our events. CARRIED

5.8 Meeting start time: Moved J Beard/K Cain that future PC meetings begin at 7 pm - to bring them into line with other sub-committee start times.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 1st November, 2010, commencing at 7 pm in the Heytesbury Room, Cobden Hall.