

Lynbrook Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 25th February 2010

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lynbrook Residents' Association was called to order at 7:35pm on 25/02/10 in Lynbrook Primary School by Jason Wood.

Present:

Jasmeet Sehgal, Anna Nicolazzo, Naomi Wood, Scott Watson, Neil Smith, Danielle Maxwell, Ken Bailey, Cally McMahan, Melissa McGrath, Pasquale Siclari, Gamini Ganeqoda, Viranga Nilaweera, Rochana Nilaweera, Jason Wood.

A. President's Welcome

The president gave a welcome to the new year, thanked people for attending and gave a brief overview of the hopes for better attendance this year. With more people, more things can be done for Lynbrook.

B. General Business

With a fresh slate the president threw the meeting over to the floor and asked people if they had anything to raise:

- Anna N raised the issue of not having any toilets at Banjo Paterson Park. There were a number of ideas thrown in from around the table –
 - Look at the new type of unisex toilets
 - Maybe have them closer to the road and in better view of residents to discourage loitering.
 - Ken B had sent off a number of emails to Cr Amanda Stapledon about this but was yet to hear back.
 - Casey web site had something about parks on it. Note: After a little searching, there is a draft strategy with submissions closing Mar 15th:
<http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/draftplaygroundstrategy/>
- Neil S discussed the status of Evans Rd following a meeting with a City of Casey traffic engineer:
 - Casey has budgeted to bituminise the road for one lane each way by middle of 2011.
 - Eventual plan is to have three lanes each way and aligned with Hallam Rd. This will be some time off and require work with Vic Roads.
- Jason W had a meeting with Cr Stapledon last week. She had mentioned that she was pushing for a community centre in Lynbrook. The land behind the medical centre and next to the post box on Lynbrook Blvd is council owned and set aside for this. A rough estimate of \$2m has been put forward for this.
- The status of the post office was brought up. Basically Coles and Australia Post are still in discussion on a suitable site.
- Jason W raised that an email had been received from the lra@lynbrook.org.au account asking about getting a skate ramp for Lynbrook. This had been passed to Cr Stapledon but she'd not been able to get any further information by the time of the meeting.
- Neil S brought up the issue of safety within the car park at Lynbrook Village. This raised a discussion amongst the group:
 - Speed limit signs for 20km/hr should be erected around the shops.
 - Proper Give Way signs should be posted at the intersection near the green grocer. There is confusion with right of way around there.
 - Should ask council to get a traffic engineer to visit.
 - Probably the land and roads are private property owned by Coles and not council.
- Pasquale S raised concern about a lack of bike/footpaths in the area. Pasquale is a keen cyclist but is concerned with early morning traffic, lighting and lack of an adequate bike path or footpath. He has chased council and government on this. There are plans for bike lanes in the

area but this still needs to be pushed. There is also a lack of footpaths to link Lynbrook Hotel or Stirling Medical Centre to Lynbrook. Footpaths stop along the land behind Southern Cross Aged Care Facility and Aylmer Rd.

C. Guest Speaker

Our first guest speaker was Mr Russell Gascoigne, Principal of Lynbrook Primary School. Russell came across as very passionate about the school, staff and students. The school started with 175 students and a shell provided by the government. Russell and staff have filled out the school and it now has over 800 students and wonderful facilities. This was evidenced by all the new computers being prepared in the library, where the meeting was held.

Russell was very proud of the computer skills taught to the students. This didn't just cover the usual areas but also included the use of computers in music and art programs.

The topic of bullying was raised with Russell pointing out the difference between kids having a one off altercation and systemic intimidation. The school has programs to deal with difficult children, but even with such a large student population, Russell said they had very few issues.

Lynbrook Primary has a wonderful Outdoor Education program with facilities that can be utilised by the LRA and local residents. There are bikes, bike trailers, camping equipment, a cooking trailer and surf skis that can be used on Lynbrook Lake. Unfortunately not too many people know they are available, so we need to get the word out on that.

In a similar vein, Russell fought to get money from the stimulus package and a new theatre is going to be built between the gym and pavilion.

At the end, questions were asked about My School. Russell didn't think it was too bad but stressed the results were taken on one test on one day. He was generally happy with where Lynbrook Primary stood in the results but found areas the school could improve on.

Overall I felt it was quite an interesting presentation and a good opportunity for those of us in attendance with young children.

D. Casey South Community Reference Group

After Russell, Danielle Maxwell spoke about her role with the Casey South Community Reference Group. The group covers the Narre South, Lynbrook, Lyndhurst & Cranbourne North communities with regards to effects of bushfires. Unfortunately a number of community groups in those areas have closed down recently so she is struggling to get people to attend. There is \$25k to be spent on community initiatives in those areas but that can only be done if a quorum of five people is in attendance. The group only has limited tenure until the end of the year, so even if we spread people around as representatives of Lynbrook it needn't be a burden. Some of the ideas that could be put forward are improved park facilities, e.g. restocking Lynbrook lake with native fish, improving transport conditions, etc.

The next meeting is Wed 3rd March at Oakgrove Community Centre. Details on www.lynbrook.org.au.

Danielle is also Community Strengthening Officer, mainly helping to start up residents' groups in new estates. She said that she could assist with training in how to run community groups if we were interested.

E. Overflow Business

After Danielle was finished, Jason asked if anyone else was interested in taking a committee position. Neil mentioned that Secretary would be a help, with Jason indicating that even just taking minutes would be great.

Melissa McGrath volunteered to be Secretary.

Cally McMahon, Scott Watson, Jasmeet Sehgal & Anna Nicolazzon all volunteered for General Committee.

Anna then asked about noise from the direction of the Hallam Rd landfill in the early morning and wanted to know if the concrete crushing plant was operating. Jason said he would check with SITA but had not heard anything.

F. Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$7130.78

A cheque for \$72.26 had just been written that night to cover the internet expenses.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm by Jason Wood. The next general meeting will be held at 7:30pm on 25/03/10 in Lynbrook Primary School.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Wood