

Lynbrook Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes
Thursday 25 March 2010

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lynbrook Residents' Association was called to order at 7:35pm on 25/03/2010 in Lynbrook Primary School by Jason Wood.

Attendance

Present: Jasmeet Sehgal, Anna Nicolazzo, Ken Bailey, Melissa McGrath, Gamini Fonsek, Viranga Nilaweera, Rochana Nilaweera, Jason Wood, Cr Amanda Stapledon, Cr Wayne Smith, Alastair Nicholson, Jaspal Singh, Miles Weidemann.

Apologies: Neil Smith, Cally McMahon, Scott Watson, Holly Ann Thyagarajan

A. General business

With Cr Amanda Stapledon for Mayfield Ward as guest speaker, most of the general business raised was directed at Amanda.

- 3 year old kinder program at Lynbrook Kindergarten
 - Anna queried why there is currently no 3 year old kinder program at Lynbrook Kindergarten, and if there will be one in the future.
 - Amanda will follow this up and report back to LRA.
- 4 year old kinder preferences
 - Jasmeet raised the issue of preferences for Lynbrook Kindergarten. He feels preferences should be based on address, therefore Lynbrook residents have priority.
 - Amanda will follow this up and report back to LRA.
- Dog dropping bags and bins in park
 - Alastair queried why we don't have dog dropping bags and more bins in the park.
 - Apparently they were used elsewhere but bags were being inappropriately used so stopped.
 - Amanda queried if perhaps Lynbrook would like a trial of them in the park.
 - Amanda will follow this up and report back to LRA.
- Toilets in Banjo Paterson Park
 - This has been requested in council's five-year capital works budget by Amanda. It won't be confirmed until June.
- Aylmer Road
 - Tim Holding had agreed to a level crossing on Aylmer Road, however the train drivers' union refused.
 - Waiting on them to get the official go ahead.
- Community centre
 - This has also been proposed by Amanda and need to wait for the budget in June to see if funding is approved.
 - It will, however, also required state government input.
- Maternal and child health centre
 - A M&CHC for Lynbrook was to open in the Lynbrook Medical Centre.
 - It now looks like it will be opening in the Lynbrook Children's Centre.
- Lynbrook train station
 - Work is due to commence in 2010 with completion in 2013.
- Post office
 - Australia Post have recognised a need for a shop front in Lynbrook.
 - However they have had budget cuts and need to wait until July budget.
 - Jasmeet reported that Australia Post are calling for expressions of interest for franchisees.
- Skate park
 - While there are no plans for a permanent skate park at the moment, Lynbrook has been identified as a location for the mobile skate ramp in the future.

B. Guest speaker

Our guest speaker was Cr Amanda Stapledon, Mayfield Ward, City of Casey.

Amanda spoke about her role as a councillor with the City of Casey. She is one of 11 councillors across the 6 wards of Casey. There are 8 new councillors with a range of experience in different sectors. They have developed Casey's new council plan, and created new departments including Environment and Economic Development.

The councillors use feedback from the community, plus their own experiences, to allocate resources for council. The current budget is \$198 million in Victoria's largest municipality.

A new program that Amanda spoke about is Casey Women's Cultural Link-Up program. (More available at <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/mediareleases2010/article.asp?Item=17841&nav=rss>)

Amanda then showed a brief DVD about the City of Casey.

Amanda has spoken to Jason about strengthening ties between the LRA and businesses and also working with Lyndhurst residents.

Amanda mentioned Casey Connect (www.caseyconnect.net.au) which provides the tools for Casey community groups to develop their own website.

C. Update on Taylors Road Landfill Community Engagement Steering Committee (CESC)

Jason sits on the CESC. He provided an overview of the CESC meeting held on Wednesday 24 March. There were a few questions in general on what the CESC did, after that Jason filled us in on the last meeting. Details of the CESC and previous minutes can be found at: http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/lyndhurst_landfill.asp.

One of the main topics was on SITAs proposal for a Soil Remediation facility. They are looking at using a plant similar to a facility in Queensland. In the next couple of months there will be a forum for public discussion. More information on the proposal will be available there. This will enable people to make some more informed decisions if they want to make submissions to the relevant authorities.

The other big topic was a talk from EPA on their new license reform. We were going to have new EPA Chairman Cheryl Batagol attend but unfortunately she was ill. Prior to Cheryl, the role of Chairman and CEO was done by the same person. Those two roles have now been split, with the Chairman's role being more strategic and the CEO's role focusing on day to day tasks.

The purpose of license reforms are to make the different licenses more consistent, easier to follow and easier to enforce. This is to happen to all EPA licenses, but there will be stricter licensing for landfills. The licenses will also be moving to regulate the outcome with less focus on how to get that outcome. This will include an Annual Performance Statement that shows "ticks" against license requirements, highlights non-compliance but does not include all the supporting documentation. The EPA gave the example of tax statements, where we give the tax office our details but keep the supporting documentation for 7yrs in case we get audited. Details can be found at: <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/bus/licences/licence-reform.asp>.

The final item was on the Hydro study for Taylors Rd Landfill. The high level was that ground water flows into the landfill rather than out of it. Where they were found, chlorinated hydrocarbons were only found in low concentrations and did not move. There is still a Water Balance Study to be completed. That will show where all the sources of water come from and go to.

D. Previous minutes

Previous minutes as posted on www.lyndhurst.org.au accepted.

Moved by Ken Bailey
Seconded by Alastair Nicholson

E. Treasurer's report

The current balance is \$7147.43

Moved by Jason Wood
Seconded by Gamini Fonsek

F. Matters arising from previous minutes

- Neil spoke to Coles Property Services regarding crossings and signage in Lynbrook Village to make the car park safer. These weren't a condition of the village, but they have been approved and will be installed in July.
- Foothpaths on South Gippsland Highway: nothing further to note
- Early morning noise from Hallam tip: Jason followed up Anna's query, about early morning noise at the Hallam tip, with SITA who said that although concrete waste has been delivered, they haven't used the concrete crushing facility this year. Noise may be trucks dumping rubbish and backing up. Suggested to Anna to report to EPA for noise pollution as she hears this before 7am.

G. Overflow business

- Anna mentioned a Lynbrook Sports Association planner had been delivered in the mail. Perhaps the LRA should try to get involvement in the future to advertise the web address.
- Jason mentioned there would be more promotion of the website and getting attendance at the meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm by Jason Wood. The next general meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 22 April in Lynbrook Primary School.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa McGrath and Jason Wood