

Lynbrook Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes
Thursday 24 June 2010

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lynbrook Residents' Association was called to order at 7:35pm on 24/06/2010 in Lynbrook Primary School by Jason Wood.

Attendance

Committee Present: Jason Wood, Scott Watson, Neil Smith, Margaret Smith, Melissa McGrath, Anna Nicolazzo, Ken Bailey

Apologies: Gamini Fonsek, Cally McMahon, Jasmeet Singh

A. Aylmer Road petition

Karolina Brandon has organised a petition to get Aylmer Road opened at the train line, as a level crossing. The petition is available to sign at Lynbrook Primary School, the child care centres, and petrol stations in the area. Karolina will also be doing some door knocking in the Lyndhurst area with Cr Amanda Stapledon. At the July meeting Cr Stapledon will be giving an update.

While many residents have signed the petition, others are concerned that Aylmer Road will become a thoroughfare for non-local traffic. There is also concern about the increased traffic in the area now that the new school has opened and there are more children in the area.

It is also noted, however, that a lot of people bought in the area thinking that Aylmer Road would be opened at some stage.

B. General business

Coffee mornings

Jason proposed that as well as meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month that the LRA meet once a month on a weekend in the local coffee shops for more informal discussions. This will benefit those who can't make the meetings at night and those who may want to raise issues in a less formal setting (and help support the local businesses). These new meetings will be on the second weekend starting in August. Details will be published on the web site and Community Noticeboard.

Community Noticeboard

There is a community noticeboard, where LRA posts notices inside the Lynbrook Village foyer. It is on the Brumby's side against the exterior wall, i.e. face Brumby's and look to the left. Not a very visible position but it's all we could get.

Mailing list

If you would like to be on the LRA mailing list, email lra@lynbrook.org.au

Hallam Road landfill

Two issues with relation to the Hallam Road landfill were discussed at the meeting.

- *Smell from current landfill*

The smell from the landfill of late is getting worse, apparently caused by recent heavy rains. Jason has received emails from SITA (distributed at the meeting) explaining that they were adding additional gas extractors to help rectify the problem, but to do so they need to dig trenches where the rubbish is 2-3 months old, generating more odour for about 5 days.

Residents are encouraged to phone the EPA Pollution Watch Line (9695 2777) whenever the smell is around so the EPA can get a better picture of how often it is occurring. EPA suggest keeping a diary each week and then reporting back. The more residents that phone, the more obvious it will be that it is a problem.

EPA sent site surveyors out during business hours, but residents have said they need to come out after hours when a lot of the odour is present.

Scott will contact EPA for a bundle of the Pollution Watch Line brochures to distribute around Lynbrook.

- *SAWT composting facility*

Many of those present had attended the public meeting on 16 June at Cranbourne Golf Club about the proposed composting plant to be built at the Hallam Road landfill. There was a lot of animated discussion from residents who are opposed to the development. Residents recognise that the landfill was there when Lynbrook was established, but the composting facility wasn't, and if SITA can't manage the smells from the current landfill adequately, how do we know the composting facility won't cause similar problems. After a large outcry at the public meeting, EPA agreed to a follow-up meeting.

A sub-committee of the LRA will be established to work on the Hallam Road landfill issues. Residents that are interested in joining the sub-committee can contact lra@lynbrook.org.au

Community event for Lynbrook

The LRA would like to organise a community event for Lynbrook. At the moment it is proposed to aim for an Australia Day celebration. If we have assistance from City of Casey we should be covered by their public liability insurance. It will need a lot of input from volunteers, along with funding through grants and sponsorship.

Jason will follow up with Danielle Maxwell at City of Casey to find out how we should proceed.

Update on Casey South Community Reference Group

Neil attended the Casey South CRG meeting on 16 June. One thousand rainbow trout will be supplied by the Dept of Primary Industries to restock Lynbrook Lake. They are free and can be replaced every year. It is proposed that when the lake is stocked there will be a community day in the park using funds from the Bushfire Reconstruction fund.

Lynbrook Station

Neil has contacted the Department of Transport and they are prepared to meet with Lynbrook residents to provide a full update on construction of Lynbrook train station.

Miles said that he had seen in the Herald Sun that Theiss had won the tender and was now tendering for sub-contractors.

Some residents are concerned about need for extra police in the area once the station opens. This brought up the discussion of encouraging people to phone 000 whenever they need police presence, not just for 'emergencies' as if we phone the police station, they need to put it through to 000 anyway.

Community housing

Jason followed up with CHL to try to find out if there would be a mix of people moving in to the community housing, rather than a group all from the same cultural background. He has been assured it will be a diverse mix, and preferably people who already have ties to the area, such as those who are employed in the area. Most of the residents will have jobs – they are just struggling to make ends meet.

Other business

- Funding has been allocated for a pavilion in the City of Casey budget overview, to replace the portables at the cricket oval. There will be toilets which are accessible from outside, but they are attached to the change rooms, so for junior matches they will be locked from the outside.
- Query was raised about who is responsible for the pile of gravel, rubbish, etc. on the corner of Evans Road and the South Gippsland Highway. Suggested that nothing will happen here until Evans Road is opened.
- Footpath linking Lynbrook to Lyndhurst Secondary College was raised again. One of the attendees said he would write to council about this.
- Again, it was mentioned that if you write to council and have two other signatures on the letter, it will be read out at a council meeting, minuted and forwarded for action.

Neighbourhood Watch

Miles suggested that Neighbourhood Watch become a sub-committee of the LRA, due to the format of Neighbourhood Watch changing.

LRA would also like to advertise in the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, to promote the website and meetings.

Treasurer's report

The balance is \$7128.27.

The website has its first paid advertising so \$150 will be added.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Melissa McGrath and Jason Wood

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