

Lady Barron Hall and Recreational Special Committee

General Meeting Minutes

4pm Tuesday 2nd December 2014

- 1. Attendance:** D. Williams (Pres.) C. Cox (V. Pres.), F. Bryson (Sec.), J. Clark (Tr.), C. Murphy (Ass. Sec.), T. Maynard, J. Harper (Council);

Apologies: P. Masters, K. Murphy.

- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: recommended** to accept J. Clark, seconded T. Maynard, recommended unanimously.

- 3. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- 'C. Murphy investigating electrical problems at wharf to solve before Three Peaks.' C. Murphy advises he is in the process of looking at appliances which use less power and possibility of using an alternative power source;
- 'J. Clark suggested running a small petty cash fund with such being accounted for in a petty cash book.' A small petty cash fund is up and running.

- 4. Treasurer's Report:**

- J. Clark advised she is now a signatory on bank account (which needs two of four possible signatories to sign);
- The LB Festival netted approx. \$1700 which takes the bank account to just under \$14k;
- An account at the Lady Barron Store has been opened in order to easily operate events: approval of such was moved by F. Bryson, seconded by C. Murphy and carried unanimously.

- 5. Obligations Pending:**

- Licenses current to Feb 2015. D. Williams to begin process of renewal.
- J. Harper to explore possibility of an annual food license.

- 6. Maintenance required/Requests for Service:** see attached Requests for Service.

7. Correspondence:

- a. **Inward:** Copy received of Meeting Rules for Special Committees of Council, sent on to all Committee Members; Copy received of Flinders Council Policy on Special Committees, sent on to all Committee Members;
- b. **Outward:** Letter of gratitude to S. Holloway, letters of advisement re Festival to emergency services, 3 application forms (Event, Place of Assembly, Booking Form for HP) re Festival; letter of gratitude to FIAAI, Makana Park, Luke Newall and Jack Cox regarding the rides for the Festival; card to Jack Cox thanking them for their contribution to the LBF.

8. Business Arising from Correspondence: nil

9. General Business:

- a. Community meeting regarding Hall renovation: Moved that the notes taken by J.Clark on the Community Meeting be received: C.Murphy, seconded F.Bryson received unanimously.
- b. Hall renovation update: delivered by J.Harper. F.Bryson to be the contact with regard to the architect etc. Discussion about different funding options. The following **recommendation to Flinders Council** was moved J.Clark, seconded C.Murphy and carried unanimously: That Council proceed to indicative drawings for Lady Barron Hall as a priority to enable us to apply for Tasmania Community Funds grant that we understand will open in February 2015. (We anticipate applying for one component of the facility as part of the overall plan for funds.)
- c. Hanging system proposal for Hall: It was agreed that such a hanging system is desirable in the long term and would be useful to the forthcoming Noreen McCarthy exhibition being organised by Councillor Willis. It was noted that Regional Arts has offered to contribute \$200 towards such a system. D.Williams offered to find out more about the system at the Whitemark Gallery. It was agreed to spend up to \$1000 of Committee funds to buy, and using volunteer labour to install, such a system as soon as possible. Moved C.Murphy, seconded J.Clark, carried unanimously.
- d. F.Bryson to liaise with Councillor Willis regarding the exhibition in general, how it will fit with our own Three Peaks activities, with concern to the proposed new hanging system and other low-impact hanging issues.
- e. Three Peaks update: Dec 6th is the closing date for submissions of interest so we should have confirmation of numbers soon after.
- f. 'Furieux Futures': It was noted that this is new strategic plan will be worked on by councillors and consultants in 2015. It was agreed that the Committee feels it is imperative that it be consulted by councillors, planners, consultants etc. and as such **requests of Flinders Council** to be included in the

consultation process and at any other appropriate time. Moved F.Bryson, seconded J. Clark.

- g. Issues for further discussion and action in 2015: Inventories, HP and Hall; auction items; review fees and charges; possible equipment purchases.
- h. Badminton: a number of community members have expressed the desire to be able to play badminton at the hall. J.Harper agreed to look into insurance issues after which J.Clark will explore and research this issue further.

10. Next Meeting first week of February 2014.

Lady Barron Hall Upgrades: Public Meeting 29th August 2014

Meeting Notes for LBH&R Sub Committee

The LBH&R Committee at fairly short notice agreed to hold a community meeting to canvass broader views across the community in relation to the Lady Barron Hall upgrade to feed into Council processes. After an initial ring around that included the Community Development Coordinator, Committee Chair and Mayor it was agreed to proceed.

Over 20 people attended the 2 hour workshop with apologies from the Committee Chair who had a prior engagement off island.

After an initial overview of the available funds and Council requirements, the group identified the various existing uses of the hall, then people broke into small groups and were able to discuss their thinking in some detail and feed back to the larger group.

Key Findings:

The community values the facility and believes it needs to remain multi purpose and flexible. In addition, people believed that with some minor rethinking the uses could be expanded. Priorities are listed below in order of ranking on the day.

1. Event space:

The space is highly valued as an "event" venue for large numbers: dances, birthdays, funerals etc. It was also noted that this type of space could easily be adapted for badminton or similar that would meet the need for indoor activity space in inclement weather.

This space could also be used for current physical activity programs that are not reliant on heavy equipment.

2. Kitchen upgrade:

Mixed views on level of upgrade and a view "not over the top". All agreed need to be able to reheat and serve large numbers. No understanding on the day of what exactly commercial to prepare vs commercial to serve might mean (if anything).

3. Gym/exercise space:

Need for a space where heavy machines do not need to be relocated for other activities. Storage space for lighter equipment. One suggestion that it go on the south end of the hall to not interfere with natural lighting, another to the east and a later suggestion to the west to take advantage of views.

4. Toilet upgrade:

Need to meet current public space requirements. Initially thoughts of showers but later thought if that is happening elsewhere at Lady Barron it would not need to be duplicated.

5. Miscellaneous:

Heating/cooling, 3 phase power, effective utilisation of water catchment, gym location sympathetic to other uses e.g. stage events, curtains that can be opened and closed, fly proofing kitchen, space for visiting health professionals, wall hanging infrastructure for displays etc, parking etc.

Summary:

High level of enthusiasm and goodwill. Suggestion that detail and priorities would become clearer once indicative costs are developed and a request that the key priorities are costed for consideration by community. Concerns raised about costs and expectations including those of an external architect. People pleasantly surprised that in the main priorities were shared.

Next steps?

This report to LBH&R Committee for comment and/or endorsement then made available to Council for use in their considerations. This should be read in conjunction with Community Development Coordinator's detailed notes.

Various people have volunteered to be involved in particular aspects where they have expertise e.g. band members and lighting specialist to talk about stage, lighting and power; gym users and trainers re gym space, experienced hall food handlers for events etc etc.