

PORT GEOGRAPHE LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (PGLOA)

MINUTES OF THE 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT GEOGRAPHE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED HELD ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2016 AT BUSSELTON VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE GROUP, MARINE HOUSE, GEOGRAPHE BAY RD, BUSSELTON.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.05PM.

ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Chairman: Steve O'Brien

Secretary: Vacant. Minutes of AGM recorded by Committee member
Kevin Strapp

Committee: Simon Denney.
Peter McClurg.
Kevin Strapp.
Ross Scott.
John Valentine.
Graham Edwards

Members: 27 including committee members.

Apologies: Ron & Lila McDavitt, J&G Callaghan.

Invited Guest and Observer: Councillor Gordon Bleechmore Councillor City of Busselton.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

(2.1) Adoption of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015.

Moved Ross Scott seconded Dennis Gee that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd July 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 27/0

(2.2) 2015/2016 Annual Report and Financial Report.

Chairman's Report. Presented by Steve O'Brien. Refer attachment 1.

Treasurer: Simon Denney presented Annual Financial Report. Refer attachment 2.

Both reports were moved by Peter McClurg; seconded by Graham Edwards.

CARRIED. 27/0

(2.3) Election of Office Bearers.

Clause (10.1) of the constitution reads:- "The affairs of the Association shall be managed exclusively by a committee of management consisting of":-

Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson (elected by the committee)

Secretary/Social coordinator.

Treasurer.

Not less than three other persons, but no more than five other persons all of whom shall be members of the association elected to membership of that committee at an annual General Meeting or appointed under sub rule (15).

As required under the constitution the longest serving committee members are required to retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

(2.3.1) The Retiring Chairman called for nominations for Chairman.

Kevin Strapp was nominated from the floor. Moved Ross Scott; seconded John Valentine.

There being no further nominations Kevin Strapp was elected as the incoming Chairman for the year 2016/2017.

(2.3.2) The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

No nominations were forthcoming. A motion was moved from the floor by John Valentine that the Chairman take steps to advertise for a paid Secretary. Seconded Ross Scott.

CARRIED 27/0.

(2.3.3) The Chairman called for nominations for the position of treasurer.

One nomination was received for the Position of Treasurer, Simon Denney. Moved Peter McClurg; seconded Graham Edwards.

CARRIED 27/0.

(2.3.4) The Chairman read out the written nominations for the positions of committee members: -

Steve O'Brien.

Ross Scott.

John Valentine

Graham Edwards.

All were accepted.

The Chairman then called for further nominations from the floor. One nomination was forthcoming from Dennis Gee. Moved Ross Scott; seconded John Valentine.

CARRIED 27/0.

The Committee for 2016/2017 will consist of the following members: -

Chairman: Kevin Strapp.

Secretary: Vacant subject to advertising.

Treasurer: Simon Denney.

Committee: Steve O'Brien.

Ross Scott.

John Valentine.

Graham Edwards.

Dennis Gee.

3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS.

The outgoing Chairman gave a 45-minute power point presentation titled: -

THE SILENT STING THAT IS THE UNFAIR BIGHT.

The Port Geographe Landowners Association are contesting with the City of Busselton the removal of the 25% top up of the annual SAR rate from general Council revenue.

The original arrangement between the then Shire of Busselton and the Port Geographe Land Owners Association was that a SAR levy would be raised on all of the land holders within the Port Geographe boundaries to be placed into the Port Geographe Waterways Reserve Account together with an equivalent amount of 25% of the annual SAR collection as a recognition that Port Geographe is a public facility.

This arrangement stayed in place until 2003, when without any advice to the Port Geographe landowners the 25% general rate contribution was henceforth paid into a separate Trust Account, Port Geographe Development Reserve Account.

This arrangement without any notice to the residents carried on until 2013, when the 25% contribution was discontinued altogether. This then left the residents of Port Geographe, as the only ratepayers, together with the State Government as the only contributors to the ongoing maintenance of the Port Geographe canals and foreshore.

This is seen as grossly unfair to the residents as all of the facilities within Port Geographe are open to the general public and are heavily used by the general population of Busselton and beyond.

The floor with some suggestions from Councillor Gordon Bleechmore canvassed a range of options to progress this issue.

Motion from the floor: -

The committee forthwith circulate a petition to all residents of Port Geographe to be submitted to the City of Busselton requesting that this funding anomaly be addressed and the community contribution of 25% of the amount of the annual SAR collection be reinstated. Moved Dot Simpson, seconded Anna Jensen.

CARRIED 27/0.

3.1 Replacement Trees – North East Layman

Retiring Chairman gave a briefing on a suggested range of ornamental trees to replace the Casuarina trees at the north Eastern end of Layman Rd which is the second main entrance to Busselton.

Members present were asked to tick off a list of species they thought suitable and return the flyer and questionnaire to the committee who would then negotiate with the City of Busselton.

3.2 Keel Retreat.

Dennis Gee from the floor queried what had happened with the half completed garage on the site.

It was pointed out that the City issued a demolition notice which was challenged by Dr Kin Lee at SAT. After a SAT inspection of the garage Dr Lee was given until the 30th September 2016 to complete the garage. This has not happened. Incoming Chairman to follow up with the City of Busselton.

Chairman advised that the \$580,000 being the balance of the funds currently held in the Council's Port Geographe Development Trust Fund committed under the previous Mayor Stubbs to be used for a range of improvements in and around Port Geographe has now without notice been rescheduled to contribute \$460,000 of that fund towards the renovation of the public boat ramps in Port Geographe.

PGLOA Committee member John Valentine tabled a letter dated October 2014 signed by the Finance Director, Matthew Smith advising that the funds required for the renovation of the Port Geographe Marina Boat ramps would be found from general revenue.

A copy of the tabled letter was handed to Councillor Bleechmore for his information.

3.3 PGAG

The Port Geographe Action Group (PGAG) which helped form the Port Geographe Community Consultative Forum in conjunction with the State have been overseeing the reconfiguration of the entrance and groynes, this committee has now wound up and have offered their balance of funds \$84.06 cents and their domain name to the PGLOA.

Motion: That these funds be accepted along with the domain name, with a letter of thanks. Moved:
Peter McClurg, seconded Simon Denney.

CARRIED 27/0.

Request from the floor that a short briefing be distributed with the petition to the City of Busselton explaining in simple terms what the petition is all about.
Committee to draft and send to all residents.

Chairman thanked all of the attendees for coming along and providing their input on the issues confronting the PGLOA.

MEETING CLOSED 8.45PM