Lenswood & Forest Range Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting 3rd November 2021 7.30pm Forest Range Hall

Committee – Chairperson Chris Grant, Vice Chairperson Haydn Smith, Secretary Peter Stafford, Treasurer Danny McMahon, General members Brittany Norris, Steven Smith, Cam Stafford, Irene Filsell, Prue Klausener, Rose Milton-Head.

Present – Chris Grant, Peter Stafford, Cam Stafford, Prue Klausener, Rose Milton-Head.

Apologies - Haydn Smith, Danny McMahon, Brittany Norris, Steven Smith, Irene Filsell.

Minutes – Cam/Rose – carried, "That the minutes are accurate."

Business arising-

1. **Cinema:** Suggestions for screening were Moana, Red Dog and Klaus. Chris to investigate the distributor for Klaus with the aim of a Christmas theme. Date chosen for the event is 10th December. The second screening to be on Friday 11th February.
2. **Gold rush event:** A cool but fine day had up to 200 people attend. The prospecting equipment display, and kids' gold theme games, went well. The Uraidla band was unable to perform and was replaced with Jackie Philips who was well received. BBQ sausages sales amounted to $140 plus $50 share of the donations.
3. **Residents' Facebook Group:** Chris was reminded to launch the page with words of welcome. Cam proposed the idea of featuring the districts' personalities (with their consent) on the Facebook page.
4. **Lenswood Centennial Park:** Peter reported that a large area of the park on the eastern side had been cleared of cape broom and wildflowers were now on display. The area is a valley above the wine industry sculpture. The next weed pulling work gang is planned for 13th November. No reply has yet been received from the Minister of the Environment regarding our proposal for the adjoining degraded property. A request to be sent to Dan Cregan MP asking him to follow up on progress.
   Chris reported that AHC has done everything under the law to get the landowner to comply with infringement notices. He has paid up to $20,000 in fines.

Finance- Danny provided the meeting with a report saying that the bank balance was $534.97.

General Business-

1. **Smart School Zone system:** Prue explained how the newly installed road safety system worked at the Lenswood Primary School. Sensors detect activity in front of the school in relation to traffic approaching and warning signs are displayed accordingly.

2. **Webmaster:** Peter volunteered to act as webmaster along with placing a post on Facebook each Sunday and moderating the group chat page.
3. **Grant money:** Irene provided the meeting with information about grant money on offer from the office of Dan Cregan MP. It was felt that we have no suitable projects requiring funding at present.
4. **Adelaide Hills Council Matters:** Councillor Chris reported that the Shannon's Rally, supported by AHC, will be taking place at the end of the month with several local roads being closed. He was concerned that the organisers were poor at consulting and communicating with the community and were promoting a culture of hoon driving. Prue supported his comments giving examples of people being unaware that roads next to their properties would be closed. Cam said he would like to see points of view from both sides as AHC sees the event as promoting the hills and attracting visitors.

Other business

Cam expressed a desire to see artistic signs, like those on display in Nairne, to welcome and promote our district to visitors.

Ideas for a community gathering next year included:

1. A harvest celebration – Prue
2. A Halloween display of ghoulish mannequins, dispersed amongst the silhouettes on the Heritage Trail. Coin voting for the best mannequins and prizes. Food, music and games in the afternoon. – Peter

Next meeting

Wednesday 19th January, 7.30pm at the Forest Range Hall.