



Lenswood & Forest Range Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting 16th February 7.30pm Forest Range Hall

Committee – Chairperson Chris Grant, **Vice Chairperson** Haydn Smith, **Secretary** Peter Stafford, **Treasurer** Danny McMahon, **Media Manager** Brittany Norris, **Members** Steven Smith, Robert Hall, Cam Stafford.

Present – Chris Grant, Haydn Smith, Peter Stafford, Irene Filsell, Robert Hall, David Kumnick.

Apologies – Danny McMahon, Brittany Norris.

Minutes – PS/HS carried.

Business arising –

1. Centennial Park Working bee. CG reported that six people met on 8th December on pulled cape broom weeds.
2. Cinema. CG reported that Kiwi Christmas was screened the last day of school term and Paper Planes the last week before school returning. The social interaction of the paper plane flying competition before the film was a highlight. No more screenings are to be planned before the end of the year.
3. Swamp Road speed limit change. CG reported that he had written to the Adelaide Hills Council requesting a lowering of the speed limit. He received a reply saying that council had received three requests but decided that there was no case for a change.
4. Sustainability Fair Grant projects. There were no ideas for projects forthcoming. The topic is to be placed on the next meeting agenda.
5. Community Disaster Plan. CS was not present at the meeting to give his report. IF said that she had met with him and reported that he felt that this committee could take the role of running resistance group meetings.

Correspondence-

1. To: Adelaide Hills Council – Open Spaces. Collecting gathered timber from Heritage Trail and mowing the Centennial Park – 27/12/22
2. To: Adelaide Hills Council – Open Spaces. Collecting gathered timber from Heritage Trail and Central recreation Ground. Mowing the Centennial Park – 9/2/23.
3. To: Tonia Brown AHC – from CG – offering our association to remove timber possibly as a fund raiser.
4. From: Tonia Brown – AHC not permitting such works for a variety of reasons such as precedent setting, safety and environmental concerns.

Finance-

DM reported via email that the Bank Balance is \$377.14 – less a cheque to be presented, being the cost of the screening license for the last film.

Media Report-

BN reported via email - [LFRCA FB Page](#) - 325 page likes. - 361 followers

- Likes per post varies. Event posts often receive 5-10 likes. Meeting posts often receive 1-5 likes. Posts with photographs from events, working bees, orchids, Christmas lights, etc get 20-30 likes. Shared posts from council, CFS, etc receive 1-5 likes. Will aim to do more photograph posts.

- Often do not get any comments. However, the Paper Planes posts received comments from happy parents that attended and said how much their kids loved the event.

Lenswood & Forest Range Residents Group

- 112 members. PS and I post in the group. DK has done a few posts on Total Fire Bans which is good. Few likes on each post but ~40-50 people view each post.

AHC Report

1. Councillor CG reported that council will be recruiting soon to replace the resigned CEO.
2. There is discussion on council presenting Civic Awards on Australia Day.
3. Council met with TDU organisers and castigated them for the disruption they caused by closing roads for the Community Challenge event. The organisers said there would be no road closures in future events.
4. CG reported that there is a phone application to report matters to council - Snap, Send, Solve.

IF reported that Mt Barker Council is promoting, on their website, that Telstra is providing phone repeater antennae's, at a reduced price up to June; thanks to the project being funded by SA Government to a sum of \$885 per installation. She questioned if AHC were aware of the scheme.

General or other business-

1. Telstra repeaters - IF reported that Lions Club of Onkaparinga have donated the cost of a Telstra Repeater for the Forest Range Hall. She suggested a letter of appreciation from the Community Association.
She also reported that Lions are keen to support more projects for Forest Range with grants up to \$3000.
CWA are also providing funding for projects supporting women and children.
2. Maintenance of the Heritage Trail – PS reported that the trail requires whipper snipping around the entrance sign, silhouettes and picnic tables, cleaning the information plaques and picking up fallen timber every 2 or 3 weeks. He suggested a roster system for long term sustainability.
3. Social event - PS reported that the History Group is planning an event in October and our traditional co-operation is welcome. The likely theme is past machinery and vehicles of the district. Other possible social and/or fund-raising events for the community association suggested were:
 - a. Supporting the Lenswood Post Office Street Party
 - b. Wassailing. *“Each year people in this region go out into the orchards, drink in hand, to sing to the spirits of the apple trees and this tradition is called Wassailing. The purpose of the singing is to wake the trees and scare away any evil spirits.”*
 - c. Quiz night.

Next meeting- Thursday 20th April.