



# ST HUBERT'S ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC

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## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ST HUBERTS ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**Purpose of Meeting:** Committee Meeting  
**Location:** 35 Mercator Pde.  
**Date:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
**Time:** 7.00pm

<b>Present</b>		
Ken Stewart (P)	Ron Stapleton (VP)	Geoff Flynn (Sec)
Dave Mason (Treasurer)	Steve Steele (PO)	Helene Cornwell
Wendy Mason	Michael Lyden	Lindsey Edgar (2 Sept only)
John Irvine		
<b>Apologies/ Resignations</b>		
Naomi Warren resigned 31 Aug 20 – moving off island.		
Lindy Wilson resigned on 9 Sept 20		
Lindsey Edgar sick on 16 Sept 20		

### Minutes of Meeting:

No.	Item
<b>1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>
	Moved for acceptance by DM, seconded by RS. Accepted
<b>2.</b>	<b>Matters arising from Previous Minutes</b>
	See below
<b>3.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	See President's Report below
<b>4.</b>	<b>President's Report</b>
	<p>KS said there are still two main items of correspondence, which we need to discuss:</p> <p>Item 1: Bridge Railings and proposed Safety Fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Assn letter of 5 May 20 to the Council, represents the Assn position which wanted to paint the existing railings, cameras (if required) and policing.</li> <li>However, the Council reply letter of 20 July 20, advising that a security upgrade will occur, but design still to be finalised. It took 2½ months for Council to reply.</li> <li>On 20 Aug 20 meeting with Council (Jay Spare and Ben Fullagher) with KS and RS to discuss the bridge and canals. General discussion and Council will provide a status report.</li> <li>On 27 Aug 20 Council report email received on bridge improvements and canals. The bridge jumpers have been an issue for many years and Council is committed to installing bridge fencing/barriers to stop this. Council is finalising design now that funding is available. Canal maintenance review is underway in Council and will be presented later.</li> <li>On 28 Aug 20 meeting with Council (Jay Spare, Chris Slater, Navi Raheja and Jeanette Williams) with KS, RS and GF to discuss bridge barriers. Council advised they received 223 submissions on this matter, and these covered the full range of views. They know this is a very emotive issue with residents. Council stated their main concern is safety, and improved physical barriers is the only realistic way to achieve that improved safety. They do not believe other softer options (cameras, signs, etc) will</li> </ul>

achieve this outcome. They know this solution will not please everyone, and accept the Assn is opposed to the weldmesh barriers.

Council advised that many barrier solutions were considered, but the proposed weldmesh design is the best solution that meets safety, and engineering restrictions of the existing 50yr old bridge. Council will write to the Assn, and in due course all submission makers outlining the process, and reasons for the outcome.

- GF said he rang the Council (Jay Ware) on 2 Sept 20 to clarify why cameras were not considered in lieu of a hard fence. Jay Ware said the Council does not actively monitor any cameras; they are all passively monitored by reviewing tapes if there is an incident. Tapes are written over after 48hrs. Only Gosford Police actively monitor cameras in needed areas. He said Council is reviewing its policy on cameras, so they are not an option at present for the bridge.
- The meeting then discussed the above actions which occurred in the last month.
- DM said the Fed Govt funding for road projects is only for new projects, not maintenance, so would not cover just painting the existing railings, but would cover a new safety fence.
- JI and LW said can we have input in the design.
- GF said Council had considered several options, before agreeing on the proposed weldmesh fence. Council advised they will be writing to all parties to outline the process, and the reason for this choice. They will try to include a drive through showing the new fence.
- SS said we need to accept there will be a safety fence (barrier), but he is not happy with the design. LW said the Council engineers are trying to sell us this solution, and she does not want a barrier.
- RS said the Council engineering staff have been very cooperative and attending 2 meetings in the past month. There is a good working relationship with the Assn.
- RS and DM said there should not be any emails to residents canvassing individual members views until we have agreed as an Assn. JI said at present we do not have consensus.
- It was agreed the Meeting would be adjourned until next Wed until after we received the Council letter summarizing the above matters. In the meantime, we should contact out elected representatives being:
  - RS to follow up with Lucy Wicks | Any discussion should be, have you
  - DM to speak to Adam Crouch | seen the proposed design and what
  - LW to speak to the Ward Councillors. | do you think.

Meeting adjourned at 8.15pm.

Meeting reconvened at 7pm on 16 September 2020

#### Item 1: Bridge Balustrades and Safety Fence continued

- Assn received Council reply letter dated 1 Sept stating that the installation of the new safety weldmesh fence is proceeding. The letter was actually received on 9 Sept.
- Council email of 16 Sept advised that this delay was so that Council could show the draft letter to the Federal Grant funding authority, which Council advise approved the letter with no requested changes.
- KS said in discussions with Council, they advised that CCTV was not considered as an option as Council does not monitor cameras, and it could be several years before this is introduced. JI said the vast majority of residents don't want the barriers, but CCTV. KS said CCTV is not considered at present.
- JI said members are aware that Lindy Wilson is still trying to organise resistance to this Council proposal, but the Assn must determine our action independent of her.
- RS said he has spoken to Lucy Wicks office and they were to meet with Council on the matter. RS said Adam Crouch and Liesl Tesch were also waiting on Lucy Wicks advice, as it was her funding the project.
- After further discussion SS said we should agree on our reply to Council. The following reply was agreed: "We acknowledge the Council letter and contents therein, but feel the intended weldmesh safety barriers will be unacceptable to the vast majority of residents, and indeed the SHIRA Committee Members." SS said the Council letter and our reply letter will be included in the Sept Newsletter.

	<p>Item 2: Council email of 20 August 20 regarding Pontoon Fees account and Canals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This email was included in the June Newsletter, for residents' interest and comments.</li> <li>• GF said so far there has not been any resident comments. But he has spoken to some pontoon owners and they just want to see some Council action for their fees paid, eg putting the sands back against the sea walls.</li> <li>• GF said the Councils "Plan of Management for the Canals", subsequent rejecting of the POM and other related documents have been sent to the Committee members for information.</li> <li>• RS said he has recently spoken to Ben Fullagher (at Council) and he advised that Council will soon be cleaning the road drain outlets into the canals, this being the responsibility of the roads section.</li> <li>• RS said he and Ben Fullagher will soon inspect the drainage outlets, and discuss further canal works.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Treasurers Report</b>
	DM said the Treasurers Report will be issued in the next couple of days. (Issued 17 Sept 20) Currently available funds \$5,804 plus the term deposit.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Secretary Report</b>
	Correspondence as covered in Presidents Report.
	Naomi Warren has resigned from the Assn, and she and her husband have sold their house and will be moving to Umina. GF has thanked her for her service. Lindy Wilson resigned on 9 Sept 20. GF to send email to Lindy thanking her for her input. HC has offered to take over LW's job as Advertising Secretary.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Event Update</b>
	No events planned at present as Covid-19 concerns and restrictions. For future discussion.
	KS previously offered to keep the BBQs and fold up tables at his house, beside garage. GF now has the Island Merchandise and Condiment boxes in his Garage. RS has the sausages in his freezer.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Newsletter/Website Update/Social Media/Merchandise</b>
	SS said September Newsletter will be finalised by Sunday 20 Sept, ready for printing. LW and JI to provide personal biodata. Include Attunga Park clean up.
<b>9.</b>	<b>General Business</b>
	Membership: Following the meeting, LE has volunteered to take over as Secretary Membership. WM said the Welcome Pack was still under development. .
	WM said speeding buses was still a problem, GF to send another letter to the Bus company about their drivers sticking to speed limit. Perhaps we should request police to monitor speeding on the island.
	Jl said speeding boats on the Canals was also an issue. RS said take photo if possible and send to Maritime. GF to follow up with Maritime.
	Contentious Issues that need to be monitored: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned Retreat, so that Council will not sneak back into their Environmental Policy.</li> <li>2. Flood Mapping – is still a potential major issue.</li> <li>3. Pontoon Fees: See Presidents Report.</li> <li>4. Bridge Upgrade: See Presidents Report</li> <li>5. Council elections now deferred to September 2021.</li> </ol>
	Neighbour Help: RS said his aging neighbour needed some help, which RS has provided. This made him aware of how elderly residents could benefit from a support group to meet with them and offer assistance. RS will prepare some notes for the next Newsletter.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Public Officer Report, from last meeting</b>
	Carried Over: Steve is working on a new edition/print of the St Huberts Is History Book. It will

	cost about \$12 a copy for a 200 print run.
	Website is: <a href="https://sthubertisland.nsw.au/">https://sthubertisland.nsw.au/</a> New members to become familiar. SS said the website needs to be updated with the items in the Presidents Report.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Meeting Concluded and Next Committee Meeting</b>
	The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.
	Next Meeting would normally be on Wed 7 Oct: To be confirmed.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>