

BATLOW DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**ZOOM MEETING 5th August, 2020****MEETING COMMENCED: 5.00 pm**

PRESENT: A Dickinson, R Billing, T Billing, N Shaw, B Hyams, P Holton (SVC), C Agate, C Smit (SVC), D Wiltshire, T McDonald. Dr J McGirr.

APOLOGIES: K McLaren, H Tietze.

MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the **Batlow Development League (BDL)** meeting held on 1st July, 2020 be accepted as read.

Moved: N Shaw/Seconded : B Hyams/Passed Unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was **RESOLVED** that the Treasurer's Report of the **BDL** accounts to 5th August, 2020, and financial year 2019/2020, be accepted after amendments made.

Moved: C Agate/Seconded: N Shaw/Passed Unanimously

Treasurer C Agate stated all financial reports have been forwarded to council. The Committee thanked Col for his tireless work in preparing the monthly and annual financial reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email SVC Volunteer Framework
- Email SVC Draft Committee Framework
- Letter of resignation C Dawson
- Letter of resignation K Dawson
- Email from Anthony Carrol – Road Safety Officer
- Letter sent to Mayor J Hayes

BUSINESS ARISING

Request for verification of BDL's support for a 40Km/hr speed zone in the Batlow CBD.

R Billing to write to Fazlul Hoque (Faz), Network & Safety Officer , Regional and Outer Metropolitan Division | South Region and to A Carrol verifying that support.

COUNCIL MATTERS - P Holton (SVC)**Cannery Site:**

The NSW government will cover the extra cost of demolition of the site. This has freed up \$90,000 for an environmental assessment, spatial assessment and some meaningful community engagement around the future of this site and its potential to contribute to the ongoing sustainability, liveability and its role in the future of Batlow. A further area (concreted area) of the site has been leased out to pine nursery for pine seedling growing to assist in the recovery of the softwood industry in the Snowy Valleys. A report will be released if approved by council. The Rail corridor is not included in the lease

as the John Holland Group administer it. The leased area will be fenced. The site does not fit as a community site as it was purchased by Council. Council is elected to make these decisions. It will create a possible 30 jobs. There is part of the site already leased and they are seeking a greater area which includes most of the concrete covered section. The area adjoining the caravan park will not be touched and it does not include the railway corridor which is under the control of John Holland.

Old Packhouse Building:

Demolition of the fire effected area will be carried out by Public Works. An environmental assessment report will be carried out by the clean-up team and forwarded on to Council. No further decision regarding demolishing the entire building will be made until the report is received. P Holton has contacted EPA and was referred to their bushfire team. They have referred it to the appropriate authority.

Volunteer and Draft Committee Framework:

The Governance team is available to work with 355 committees to work through and explain the relevant legislation.

A walk around Batlow

Will be on the 12th August to look at work already finalised and any work going forward. The walk will start at the Literary Institute.

Library:

The building is nearing completion. Power and computer cabling should be installed next week. Automatic front doors will be fitted. A stand-alone return unit will be installed outside the library. Opening date is anticipated to be 17th August.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Old Packhouse Building and the Cannery Site. Committee members expressed their concerns and council representatives stated the council position.

Actions pending:

- Dr Joe McGirr will find out from Public Works about the assessment of the packhouse building and what will be done. To be discussed next meeting.
- P Holton said council is seeking quotes re environmental assessment of the site and consultation will be with broader Batlow community re future use of the site. There is a plan for community input in October and a draft plan prepared by December/January.

Recommendation:

No further leasing of the cannery site should be undertaken without consultation with the Batlow Community.

Moved Hyams/Seconded Wiltshire/Passed Unanimously.

Dr J McGirr:

A Bushfire recovery forum will be held on the 19th August, 2020, at the Literary institute. Due to COVID 19 numbers will be restricted and anyone interested in attending will need to register. We need to start planning for the short, medium- and long-term future. Recovery agencies are keen to help and we need for all government agencies to work together.

COVID19 – re wearing of masks.

People are anxious at this time given what is happening in Victoria. The Premier's advice on wearing of masks in public will become stronger. NSW is in a precarious position at the moment. The wearing of a mask should be the 4th line of defence after social distancing, washing hands and getting tested if you display any symptoms. Listen to what the Premier advises.

The committee thanked Dr McGirr for giving us strong advocacy for Batlow.

Library

The internal locks need to be looked at. SVC will be making some minor adjustments.

Leaburn Avenue

The clean-up trucks are breaking up Leaburn Avenue. N Shaw asked if Laing O'Rourke will repair the road when the clean up is finished. P Holton stated the SVC are seeking to have that addressed.

D Wiltshire stated that Logging Trucks are using Pioneer Street. This is not the best option but it may be because the clean-up trucks use Kurrajong Avenue for parking and there may not be enough room for log trucks to pass.

MOU Literary Institute

To be discussed with P Holton in more detail later.

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm

Next Meeting: 2nd September, 2020, at 5pm by Zoom