



**BAWLEY POINT/KIOLOA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS PROGRESS  
ASSOCIATION INC GENERAL MEETING.  
Community Hall Kioloa  
7.30 PM, Monday 21 November 2011**

**AGENDA**

**1 APOLOGIES**

**2 MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING (See Attachment A)**

2.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

**3 TREASURER'S REPORT (See Attachment B)**

**4 CORRESPONDENCE**

**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Follow ups / updates from previous General Meeting:

1. Men's Shed
2. Nippers Update
3. Pathway Update
4. Telecommunications Tower
5. Council Business
  - a. LEP (Draft Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan)
  - b. Proposed Amendment to Foreshore Reserves Policy
  - c. Bawley Point and Kioloa Village Signs
6. Off Season use by local residents of commercial recreational facilities

**6 MEETING CLOSE**

Next Meeting: 20 February 2012

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## 5. General Items of Business

1. **Mens Shed:** Following some initial investigating by Graham Lester he has called for expressions of interest as a committee needs to be formed to investigate the viability of a mens shed in the area
2. **Nippers:** Nina Rogan will meet with Regional Committee of SLSC and Mollymook SLSC regarding the proposal of starting a sub-branch of Mollymook locally. Nina stressed that this is not an indication or promise that such a venture will go ahead.
3. **Pathway Update:** Toni Sims addressed the meeting on behalf of John Ross. The PA supports the initiative being led by John Ross but explained that this is not a Progress Association project. Initially the pathway will run from the corner of Scerri Drive towards the Merry Beach Store on the side of the road opposite the houses.
4. **Recent Local Break Ins:** The community is advised to be vigilant and secure their cars and properties.
5. **Meetings will now be paperless.** If you require a paper copy of the agenda and meeting minutes, please print and bring your own.
6. **LEP Draft Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan:** Councillor Findley addressed the meeting, residents are encouraged to look at the website or go to Council and look at the documentation concerning heritage items, parks, zoning and environmentally sensitive areas. There is approximately 4 weeks left in the community comment period. Amanda Findley encouraged residents to have their say and ask questions.
7. **Telecommunications Tower:** A 50 metre communications tower is to be built on Forster Drive, Bawley, by American corporation Crown Castle, an international company that builds infrastructure for broadcasting and mobile telephony. Under NSW Government legislation enacted last year (SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007) no community consultation is required if a development 'complies'. This tower has been deemed as complying by a private certifier engaged by Crown Castle. However, Council does not consider the development is compliant and has written to Crown Castle about this, insisting that it comply or else Council will take legal action. There was widespread agreement at the meeting that the lack of community consultation engendered by the NSW State Government legislation is unacceptable, and that Crown Castle's lack of community consultation on this matter, whilst legal, is unethical. The meeting resolved that the PA writes to NSW Government representatives about our dissatisfaction with SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007. The meeting was in agreement that it was necessary to communicate this message with the hope that the legislation will be challenged and other NSW communities will not be excluded from consultation about important developments in the future.

There was a diversity of opinion at the meeting about the necessity or otherwise of a communications tower locally. The point was also made that technical reasons mean that mobile coverage and television signal is likely to decrease in quality in Bawley Point, though improvements are anticipated in Kioloa. Some attendees who have homes close to the planned tower (100 metres for some families) were positive about the area having a tower but believe it should not be close to residences. Many residents, including some not living near the planned tower, expressed concerns about potential negative health impacts of living close to a communications tower, although other members believe this concern lacks evidence. There was also a diversity of opinion about whether improved mobile communication is positive or negative for local tourism. Concerns were expressed about the visual impact on the area.

A representative of the PA's tower sub-committee said that there were not many suitable locations locally for a communications tower, and that the possible location identified by the sub-committee in the bush on Forest Rd/Dangerboard Rd, Kioloa has been recently dismissed by Crown Castle as technically unsuitable. The Chair noted that the tower sub-committee has made considerable efforts to finding a mutually acceptable location for a tower but that Crown Castle had not been responsive to the sub-committee's communications.

Councillor Amanda Findley reported that the Culbarra community had an excellent outcome through consultation with Telstra with the result being less intrusive

monopole structures in the Culbarra area and improved communications. However, the meeting agreed that as Crown Castle have demonstrated an unwillingness to consult with our community about this tower, a negotiated mutually acceptable outcome of this sort is unlikely for Bawley Point and Kioloa residents.

It was noted that Peter White has now resigned as Chair of the Tower sub-committee.

**Motion:** That the PA write to Shoalhaven City Council and the NSW Government about our community's unhappiness with the SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 legislation and its removal of community consultation from the development process.

**Proposed:** Rob Jansma,           **Seconded:** Toni Sims

Affirmative 25 people; Negative: Nil; Abstentions: 8

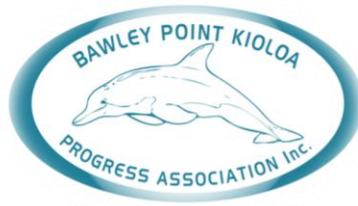
**CARRIED**

## **6. Next General Meeting**

General Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 November 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Kioloa Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

# Attachment B



## TREASURERS REPORT NOVEMBER 2011

### Financial Statement

B/F from Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 Treasurers Report \$2365.01

### **INCOME**

Membership \$ 105.00

SCC Donation to CCB \$ 500.00

Interest \$ 1.97

**TOTAL Income** \$ **606.97**

**\$2971.98**

### **EXPENDITURE**

Stationary/USB/Stamps (Paid out of Petty Cash) \$ 60.75

PO Box 12 month payment (Cheque No.200060) \$ 91.00

**TOTAL Expenditure** \$ **151.75**

**Funds b/f Sept 2011** \$**2365.01**

**Plus Income** \$ 606.97

**Less Expenditure** \$ 151.75

**Total funds of BPKA** \$**2820.23**

In Petty Cash \$ 29.75

In Westpac Account (Statement No 263) \$2790.48