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Nimbin Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes September 5, 2024

Date: Thursday, 5 September 2024

Time: 5.35pm

Location: Nimbin Bush Theatre

David Hyett, Chairperson, officially called the meeting to order at 5.35pm
Acknowledgement of Country was made by David Hyett.

Members Present: David Hyett (President), Ariescia Matheson (Treasurer), Ben Hartley, Caroline Todd, Diana Roberts

Apologies: Nicole Lindner; Aline Binetruy; Jeanne Platel

Minutes: Diana Roberts

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – none declared

Minutes 29 July 2024 - adopted as circulated

Business arising:

Newsagency mural: The owners of the building would like the mural returned and are wondering what has happened. David advised he is having no luck contacting Miranda Williamson regarding its return. The newsagency has reportedly been sold but this may not include the building as the business and building are in different ownerships

Action: David to pursue mural return with some urgency

Website Mural story – Diana has rewritten and it's on the website

AQ50 funds

David still waiting on responses and invoices from people to enable further funds to be released.

Action: David will complete and manage the grant acquittal

Sarah-Jane McGrath re a cash and carry drop off in Nimbin – noted. In principle support of the concept.

Action: Nicole to reply to her email advising we do not have the resources to engage with this at present but would be happy to be kept informed and can reconsider when more is known.

Residential criteria for mural artists – to be decided on a case-by-case basis but locals within the Chamber's membership geographic area would generally be favoured

Establishing a Nimbin Interagency Committee establishment – agreement in principle but it needs a driver.

Action: discuss next meeting when Aline is present or when outcome of SNCP consultations is known.

Mural updates

The laneway and the community centre murals are well underway and looking great

Nimbin visitor brochure – Ben has finalised the copy and it's now with Lismore City Printery. Ben indicated that he would like a review of the brochure design prior to a new print run and consideration should begin soon

Use of Fire Site as Primitive Campground.

Diana Roberts has raised concerns with Council but no response to date.

Reportback of meeting held with Council's Destination & Economy team

David & Diana met with the Council team yesterday. Projects for 2024/25 include:

1. Clean up the concrete planter pots, install new plants and provide regular maintenance.

Feedback: pots are very difficult to move so need to be strategically placed with a neighbouring business ideally assisting with maintenance as a long-term management plan

2. Nimbin Rocks lookout and Tuntable ridge lookout – investigate locations, costs and funding opportunities

3. Collaborate with the Chamber to deliver a mural program policy to support longevity of murals

4. Review actions arising from the Nimbin Place planning process – once the plan is adopted by Council.

5. Indigenous language stairs from the western car park

6. Rainbow Road walking track signage – mural on the hall wall giving directions and what's on offer to encourage visitors to stay longer in the village.

Action: Wil to talk to Ross Wallace and Martin Soutar to progress

7. Ongoing engagement with NSW Health with a view to the medical centre being painted and a mural installed on the southern wall

8. Main street blister revamp – remove/replace the dilapidated tables, explore illumination opportunities and rock wall restoration

9. Business centre tree illumination – investigate sites and options

Feedback: progressing a stage 2 of the illuminate Nimbin footpath and mural lighting would be preferred following a proposal received from Roger Foley-Fogg

10. Pop up visitor information services in willing businesses

11. Bike racks within the village centre

12. Explore opportunities to promote the EV charging station at Rainbow Power

13. Lismore art trail – collateral development underway for the whole LGA

14. National Parks signage improvement

15. Support for the Nimbin markets (added by the Chamber)

Roger Foley Fogg's light up Nimbin stage 2 proposal

FOGG PRODUCTIONS PTY LTD

STAGE 2 NIMBIN RAINBOW LIGHTS - power from the existing battery at 54 Cullen St. AUTHORISED CREW - FIRST 12 MONTHS If non authorised people change the programmes on the lights and we are needed to repair there will be a charge. NUMBER Approx. 30 lumieres, give or take. VANDALISM – extra fixtures included under the awning to replace any vandalised fixture within the first week or two.

ADDITIONAL WORK - DIFFERENCES from STAGE ONE There is need for two arches to allow the cabling to bridge the two gaps between buildings in an artistic manner in keeping with the design of the existing buildings

Note: this is classified as a temporary installation with all legal compliances

BUDGET BREAKDOWN = design fees and supervision 10% for my assistants My work for this is FREE

Local electricians carpenters 10%, theatre techs 10%, Local crew Minding the street and preparing for maintenance 10% travel Freight 10%, Fixtures and fittings 40% , ancillary items 10%.

QUOTE ONE To do the whole job as described to the best of my ability \$32,000

QUOTE TWO To do everything except for the footpath lighting \$27,000

QUOTE THREE To do everything except for the Footpath and the lower facades of the buildings, \$22,000

Discussion: general support for the project was expressed as it adds to the village's ambience at night but funding needs to be found. Council have offered to assist with looking for grants and managing any funds received.

Action: Nicole to respond to Roger with this information and ask Roger if any savings can be made to bring the cost down

Correspondence:

Business NSW – Norther Rivers - Invitation: Northern Rivers Skills & Workforce Development Forum – for information only.

LCC – Waste Operations Team - Nimbin Business Waste Collection - service changes – response noted but concern expressed at the very poor way Council introduced reduced service levels without any community consultation or information provision prior to the changes

NSW Govt – Small Business Month Expo – Northern Rivers – Tuesday 15th October 2024, Twin Towers Clubs and Resort Tweed Heads. - noted

Business NSW – Norther Rivers – AI Tech and Innovation Summit – 26th September – Elements of Byron. - noted

Destination North Coast NSW – Accommodation Revenue & Yield Management Online Workshop. For information only.

Financial report:

Ariescia provided information on new membership applications received and memberships cancelled due to businesses no longer trading.

Wise Business consulting – money receipted but need more information

Nimbin Good Times – Ariescia to issue an invoice

Bush Harvest Co – needs more detail for an invoice to be raised

Actions:

Ariescia to send out an updated list of current financial members (including NFPs) to the committee

David to draft a letter to go out with reminder invoices re membership and **Ariescia** will send it out with the invoices

DCMs: Businesses who are not financial by the end of September to be removed from our website directory

Ariescia to follow up why Nimbin Tax has invoiced for 3 years for the Quickbooks subscription. This has been paid in full but could be an error

Applications for membership:

Nimbin Youth;

Ryan Dillon

Resolved to accept these new membership applications

SBRVL

Diana has reviewed the report to go to Council and will forward to Aline on her return in a few days. The levy will have been fully expended by 30 September 2024.

Actions:

Aline to provide an invoice to the Chamber for the Visual & Vocal workshop donation \$1000

David to provide invoices for the two general meetings held
DCMs – 2023-2024 SBRVL report to be put onto the Chamber’s website once completed.

Ordinary Business

Visitor guide – Byron & Beyond visitor guide

Nimbin information is very outdated.

Action: Caroline to contact them regarding the currency of the article

Cigarette butt holders – Caroline reported there seem to be no more on the main street.

Action: To be followed up at the next meeting with LCC (David & Aline)

Outcome from online poll – put on social media to gain feedback on workshops local businesses think they might benefit from

Action: David to follow up with the DCMs

17th September general meeting –

Action: David to pull together the details and ask the DCMs to promote

Street cleaning

Concern has been expressed regarding the reduced level of street cleaning since the Jungle Patrol contract was terminated. Concerns have been raised on social media and through complaints to local businesses. Last weekend the cleaner posted a notice advising there would be no service on the Sunday.

Action: Nicole to write to Council seeking information about the current level of cleaning being provided to the street, the public toilets, the skate park

Meet the candidates reportback

A successful, well-attended meeting with only one team noticeably absent. Commitments relevant to the Chamber included support for SBRVL being directly managed by the Chamber and support for the NAG being revitalised to be an effective community advisory group.

DCM action sheet update:

Action: David to review the action sheet prepared by Aline in July with a view to discussing with the DCMs

Next meeting 5.30pm Thursday 3rd October

Meeting closed 6.35pm

Agenda: to include update on community team building activity (David)

Update re response to A&I re Bellevue Park (Nicole)

Nimbin branded paper bags (Jeanne)