



FRIENDS OF LOCHIEL PARK

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Meeting Held at the Lochiel Park Community Garden

Saturday 18 April 2021 at 11 am

1. Attendance

25 members were present.

2. Opening and welcome

Willie Smyth, the Friends of Lochiel Park (FoLP) President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

3. Apologies

Jiana Miller, Erica Walker, Peter McCall, Ann Sharley, Judy Coombe, Glen Pope, Helen Pope, Marijke Van den Berg, Alicia Gerken, Janet Munro, Lea Sanderson, Peter Stokes and Dave Parker.

4. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

These had previously been distributed electronically Andrew Trotter moved, and Bevan Bates seconded that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Motion was carried.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the agenda

5.1 In Path Lighting connecting Village Green to Lochend House. Willie advised that CCC is still investigating appropriate lighting to replace the in-path lighting connecting Lochend House with the Lochiel Park Village Green.

5.2 Feral Pigeons within Lochiel Park. FoLP has written to the state government urging them to address, in concert with local government, the metro wide problems being posed by Feral pigeons. The FoLP committee will continue to work with CCC and other agencies to address this issue.

5.3 Dog Park. Community consultation regarding possible sites across the city of Campbelltown has been completed with the preferred location identified as the sporting oval adjacent to the playground at Lochiel Park. The next stage is for Council to develop a more detailed plan for this site for further consultation in line with council procedures.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled an audited and signed copy of his report for financial years 2020/21 (1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021). The final balance was \$481.36 compared with \$706.61 at the beginning of the financial year. There was an operating surplus of \$481.36 for the financial year. The Treasurer reported that major expenditure during the year was for non-recurrent fixed assets

and for weed killers. income came from members' subs and was boosted with a \$700 grant from Campbelltown Council (see President's report) and State Government Green Adelaide Grass Roots grant of \$2,322.15 to help fund the Native Grasslands project. Membership has grown to 56 households, an increase of 6 households over the previous year.

The Treasurer moved and Angela Trotter seconded acceptance of the report.
CARRIED

The Treasure then moved, and Angela Trotter seconded the motion that the auditor of the accounts for 2020/21, Simon Zbierski CPA, be reappointed for 2021/22. CARRIED.

The Treasurer moved, in line with the recommendation of the FoLP Committee, that FoLP membership fees be raised from \$10 to \$20 per household, the first such increase since the establishment of FoLP ten years ago. This motion was seconded by Rob Brennan. CARRIED.

7 President's Report.

Willie spoke to his electronically circulated report (see attached). He thanked, in their absence, retiring FoLP Committee members Glen Pope and Ann Sharley for their contributions to FoLP.

Willie also spoke of the challenges posed to groups such as FoLP by the ongoing Covid pandemic and congratulated the community for its respecting of Covid protocols and ongoing high level of support in maintaining Lochiel Park and its community.

Willie thanked the Mayor for CCC's ongoing support of FoLP activities and its commitment to both maintaining and improving the public amenities of this area.

Rob Brennan moved, and Jenny Bates seconded that the report be accepted. CARRIED.

8 Election of new office bearers and committee members for 2017/18.

The President vacated the Chair. The Returning Officer, Bob Jackson, then declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for the coming year.

He had one nomination for President, Willie Smyth, who was elected unopposed.

He had one nomination for Treasurer, Andrew Trotter, who was elected unopposed.

He had one nomination for Secretary, Rob Brennan, who was elected unopposed.

He therefore moved to nominations for Committee members. He reported that he had 6 nominations for six positions. Bob declared the following six candidates elected unopposed:

Bevan Bates	Caristia Sanders	Stephen Scott-Hoy
Angela Trotter	Judy Coombe	Erica Walker.

The newly re-elected President resumed the Chair.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Mayors Report.

Jill Whittaker confirmed that Lochiel Park had been identified as the most suitable site for a second Campbelltown dog park. Council staff will now work on a design for consideration by the nearby community and funding by the council. Other issues being considered by the council include roadside verge policy (with a view to resident input into design and potential role in planting and maintenance); Native Plant Nursery (a proposal by the Gums Landcare to set up a native Plant Nursery on council land); the approval of a large bird themed children's playground at Thornden Park; Council Rates to increase by 1.9% this coming year.

9.2 Pigeons .

Bob Jackson proposed that FoLP take on the task of coordinating actions of individual residents to pigeon proof their houses and remove all feral pigeons from Lochiel Park. After discussion, no action taken on this proposal.

The meeting closed at 11:45 am