MEETING OPENS: 11:05am

WELCOME & APOLOGIES: Bob Foulkes, Deputy Mayor John McGiveron, Royce and Gaye Darling, Bill Daly, Hannah Rubenach, Stephen Yam, Jeanette Drew, Gary Farrant

BODC ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mick Tucker, Councillors Janet Drummond, Barry LeFevre, John Tucker & Kylie Wright.

SPECIAL MEETING David Brigden, Treasurer.

THAT we request the Commissioner of Corporate Affairs exempt our association from an audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2015. We confirm we comply with the following requirements: (a) our total revenue is $40,000 or less; and (b) our total assets is $40,000 or less; and (c) the association has a provision in their rules for members to requisition a special general meeting."

Moved David Brigden  Seconded Kylie Wright  Passed >70%

11:05 to 11:30. GUEST SPEAKER: Mayor Mick Tucker BODC addressed questions of vital interest to our community

- The replacing of the playground at Lions Park Corner and the BODC’s plan to beautify this area. Reply: The work has been awarded to contractor, commencing 28th April 2016
- Supplementary question from the floor about the position of the old steam engine: It is the property of the Lions Club and of great interest to the Heritage Society who are concerned about its exposure to the elements as there are only 3 others in the world. It will probably be shifted to a more protected environment in time. It is not part of current landscape planning.
- Erection of Signage to the Bay of Fires, perhaps opposite the Lions Park near the swamp, saying “Welcome to St Helens, Home of the Bay of Fires” with correct kms to the town (currently it says 1km but is actually 3kms) and perhaps a map indicating the way. Then erecting a follow-up sign to the Bay of Fires at Quail St corner. Reply: The original signage, with “The Game Fishing Capital of Tasmania” will be replaced by BODC. However, State Growth controls signage changes.
- The progress towards getting Footpaths along St Helens Point Rd in the housing areas where people walk. With the increase of traffic this year along the Point Rd there is no safe place for locals to walk. There are several crests where walking along the road is quite dangerous. Perhaps footpaths, that also can be used by cyclists, could be progressively made along the road in built up areas, starting with the easy parts. Reply: Currently the footpath is not high on BODC priority list. Money is being spent on drainage. When this has been completed they can look at footpaths.
- Action: Beth to write letter to the Mayor & BODC requisition the sides of St Helen’s Point Road be mown to facilitate walking where there are no footpaths.
- Supplementary question from the floor: Had it been considered to ask ratepayers to contribute to the cost of footpaths past their houses? Reply: No, because BODC have to consider the different financial status of the residents.
- The possibility of having a free green waste disposal day each month at the BODC Tip to prevent illegal dumping on crown land thus controlling the spread of weeds.
- The recycling of the dumped Green Waste with the possibility of selling the mulch back to ratepayers. Reply: Firstly please report anyone illegally dumping green waste. BODC
tries to keep the cost down low so people can afford to use the tip. The Council is currently holding a review about green waste management.

**General Recycling:** The problem is, because of BODC’s isolation, it is very expensive to dispose of the recycled waste to the mainland for processing, particularly plastics. The questions must be asked “What are we going to collect and what do we do with it when we collect it? Are we going to charge for its collection (because the public demand recycling) then mix it all together again to take it to be dumped at Copping because we can’t afford to dispose of it in any other way? Many councils do this in the pretence of recycling. Recycling does occur at out tip with builders waste and e-waste that is in working order. A review is going to be conducted of waste management in BODC.

- **Repair of jetties around the Bay:** is the council going to take over responsibility for them and their maintenance? What are the future plans for our precious jetties, a vital tourist attractor? **Reply:** All jetties are currently being taken over by BODC. The problem is the Service Clubs have spent minimal amount on maintenance. A recent quote to fix a jetty was $175,000, far more expensive than what it would cost a private citizen because councils must meet Australian Standards.

**11:30 - 11:35 REPORT on BARWAY COMMITTEE. MEETING on Wed 20th April.** "Peter Werner reported that the work was about 3 month behind schedule due to various administrative delays. MAST has lodged the required Development Applications with Council and their approval is needed before any actual work can proceed. The first DA is for quarrying the rock from a local nearby quarry. The second DA is required for the actual construction of the wall itself. The process allows public review and objections of the DAs by any concerned parties. Providing there are no representations made by parties objecting to the granting a DA, MAST will proceed with the letting of tenders for the work and the project will move forward."

**11:30 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Dec 13, 2015)**

**Moved** Sandra Werner  
**Seconded** Peter Werner

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE (In and Out grouped into topics for facility.)**

1. **Doggy Waste Bags Dispensers:** Letter of thanks to John Brown.
2. **Trimming Boobyalla along Stieglitz Track:** Letter to John Brown suggesting overhanging bushes trimmed where needed each time the lawns are cut. Reply: JB stated he had forwarded our request to Works Department.
3. **Waste Recycling:**
   3.1. Letter to Minister for Environment regarding recycling policy. Reply: No explicit recycling policy; the responsibility of local councils.
   3.2. Phonecall Debbie Napier to BODC re E-Waste. Collects mobile phones, batteries. Bigger things, e.g. computers, if working, are sold in the tip shop. If not can be left in the recycling waste but from there it is a mystery.
4. **Green Waste Free Dumping, Mulching and Disposal.** Letter to BODC thanking them for free dumping at tip over Xmas Period, asking for a free dumping day each month, suggesting the composted shredded waste be available to rate payers, indicating Duverton has a mulching plant, and suggesting the BODC obtain a mobile shredding unit to visit areas, on rostered days, to shred their green waste.
   4.1. Mayor Mick Tucker: thanked us for our appreciation, informed us that winnowing and sterilising the waste is an expensive exercise. Also said:
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4.1.1. he had forwarded a copy to request to John Brown
4.1.2. The last time they looked into mulching the green waste at the tip were told they had to abide by EPA and State Legislation, this meant they as a Council were not allowed to sell off the mulch. There are very strict guidelines set down by EPA because of the risk of transferring weeds all over the municipality.
4.1.3. Handling green waste like Dulverton was very expensive.
4.1.4. Perhaps a local person might see it as a commercial enterprise and take it up.
4.2. Clr Hanna Rubenach-Quinn: effective disposal of green waste is important and she will take the issue to a council workshop. No information about how this went.
4.3. Clr Janet Drummond will endeavour to discuss this matter at next workshop. No information about how this went.

5. Beautiful Town Appreciation: Out: Mayor Mick Tucker, John Brown & Stephen Yam praising them for the attractive presentation of the town during holiday period and suggestion that more boat gardens would look nice. Verbal reply from John Brown that they had a problem with the boats particularly near the Bayside, which they intended to move, as people chundered in it, left needles etc.

6. Damaged BBQ at O’Conners Beach. Out: Stephen Yam. In: Cannot replace old wood fired one as standard requires electronic or gas BBQs with automatic timing system. Currently council has budgeted for the Stieglitz BBQ so new one at O’Conners beach will have to wait for future budgets.

7. Green Army In: Polly Buchhorn inviting us to join the GA in a weed clean up. After consultation with members who were participating in Clean Up Aust I was instructed to reply that our members were disappointed that the last time they helped clean up the weeds, the piles were never collected, being left to rot blocking the track along Stieglitz Beach. He explained that the problem was, if they removed the weeds they would spread their seeds to another sight, quite a paradox it seemed to me. In closing he agreed to notify our members when the cleanup was rostered and they could participate individually if they wanted.

8. Grant for Stieglitz BBQ Various emails exchanged re the BBQ. Council has passed its construction which will be included in the works program 2016/17. As costs impact heavily on BODC it was suggested that it would help if we could apply for and contribute funds from a grant. SHPPA applied for a grant for $19000 from the Tasmanian Community Fund, letters of support were received from St Helens & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Lions Club & Rotary.

9. Closure Westpac Bank Account & Open Bendigo Bank Account

10. Deregistration In: Show Cause Notice Department of Justice.
10.1. Out: Special General Meeting notice in March Coastal Column; Letter to Assistant Commissioner of Corporate Affairs informing him that we are complying with requirements but our next meeting was not until April.
10.2. In: Reply stating our email address change had been recorded and no further action would be taken on the Show Cause Notice.

11. Barway Committee Meeting Invitation April 20th. was accepted by John Berridge, Peter Werner, David Brigden & Peter Ronald who represented SHPPA.

12. Invitation to Mayor to our April Meeting to address current points of interest (listed). Accepted by Mayor Mick Tucker.

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TREASURER’S REPORT $1662.81

Moved: David Brigden
Seconded: Peter Werner

GENERAL BUSINESS:
1. Report on progress of BBQ at Stieglitz Boat-ramp: The BBQ has been approved by BODC and is now in Building Services Coordinator Jake Ihnen’s hands. Cost is $25,000. SHPPA has applied for a grant of $19,000 from Tasmanian Community Fund with letters of support from Chamber of Commerce, High School, Rotary Club and Lions. By contributing money gained from grants the BODC can save money which can then be used for other projects.

2. Cuts to Rural Health Outreach Programs. Paul Wright tabled a News Report and list of services that are likely to be cut because of the fall & expiry of the one-off Commonwealth Funding. Service expiring in July are: Cardiologist, Midwife, Occupational Therapist, Ophthalmologist, Orthopist, Physiotherapist, Rheumatologist, Sonographer, Speech Pathologist, Urologist and Women’s Health GP. He urged us to write to the Federal Government and Tasmanian Minister Michael Ferguson to beg for continuation of services.
Action: Beth to write letter to the above on behalf of the members of SHPPA. Members to write individual letters.

3. Triathalon planned for Feb/March 2017. Barry LeFevre asked for expressions of interest of volunteers wishing to assist if the event takes place.

4. Councillor John Tucker informed us he had applied to stand for the Senate in the coming elections, because he felt there was a need for our region to be actively represented, and to get more things to happen here.

5. Councillor Janet Drummond introduced herself and her strong desire to push responsible waste management in our community.

6. Red Flowering Gums raised by Bill Napier are now ready for transplanting but will hold until the rains come. These will replace the all but ten plants that have survived the rigours of existence in a public place with drought and vandals.

7. Problem of available parking near PO, Chemist and ANZ Bank. A member, currently suffering mobility problems, expressed his concern about lack of handicapped parking and people parking for too long in the restricted bays, including the police. Mayor Mick Tucker pointed out there was a disabled bay outside the chemist which was a short walk from the PO, and there was a disabled parking bay in the ANZ carpark. In response to the police parking in town, Clr Barry LeFever pointed out that the police were responding to the council’s request to have greater presence in our town, and that is why we now saw them walking in the streets and also parking to have breakfast or lunch at local cafes.

NEXT MEETING 26th June, 11am at Hillside Caravan Park Amenities Room

MEETING CLOSED at 12 midday
ATTENDANCE 28

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