



## District Council Of Loxton Waikerie

### Minutes of the Loxton Christmas Lights CALL BACK Meeting held on Thursday January 17, 2019 at the Loxton Hotel commencing at 7.30 pm.

1. **Present:**  
P Mangelsdorf (Chair), Cr D Thiele, Cr S Altschwager, D Biele, M Krollig, M & N Kruschel, G Masters, N Thiele, M Thomas, M Tonkin and P West.
2. **Apologies:** D Fielke, C Kelly
3. **On leave:** Nil
4. **Member's Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Nil.
5. **Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting held on Thursday October 18, 2018 and Notes from the Meeting held on November 15, 2018.**  
**Recommendation:**  
M Thomas moved M Krollig seconded  
'That the Minutes of Meeting held on October 18 and Notes from the Meeting held on November 15, 2018 be taken as read and confirmed'. **CARRIED**
6. **Business Arising:**
  - 6.1 **Replacement Globes (Changed to East Terrace Lighting)**  
G Masters and S Altschwager to discuss means of lighting the tree on the roundabout – from different lights to a complete new tree.
  - 6.2 **Lighting – spotlight trees in East Terrace**  
Most members considered that the display utilising one spot-light only in the trees at the top of East Terrace was completely 'underwhelming' and felt a better display would be to install them from the ground up.  
N Thiele offered to obtain a quote from A Cook to dig trenches and install 'ground up lights' in trees, utilising power already on hand.  
**Recommendation (6.1/6.2)**  
D Biele moved G Masters sec 'That Council consider trenching, electrical work and ground-based spot lights for lighting trees in East Terrace for the Christmas Lights Festival'. **CARRIED**
  - 6.3 **Insurance for Craft Fair**  
This has been organised by S Schultz on behalf of the Christmas Tree Festival Committee.
  - 6.4 **Step Ladder**  
P Mangelsdorf to locate something suitable.
  - 6.5 **Tool Box**  
G Masters reported that the cost of new items was high and that he may visit Loxcare to see what is available from their donated items.

- 7. **Correspondence:**
- 7.1 **S Schultz – Copy of invoice for Craft Fair Insurance**
- 7.2 **Bunnings re Info Night**
- 7.3 **Destination Riverland - Rivertimes – November**
- 7.4 **Chamber of Commerce – Minutes November Meeting**
- 7.5 **Chamber of Commerce – Minutes December Meeting**
- 7.6 **Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Chat – Christmas**
- 7.7 **E-mail M Gladigau re resignation from Committee**
- 7.8 **E-mail T Cregan re list of members**

**Out:**

- 7.9 **Item for the ‘Plains Producer’ – ‘Holidaying in the Riverland ‘**

**Recommendation:** M Kruschel Moved N Thiele seconded ‘That Correspondence items 7.1 to 7.9 be received’.

**CARRIED**

**8. Reports:**

**8.1 Santa’s Walk/Painters Group**

P West and N Thiele reported that Santa’s Walk areas – in particular Hilbig St and Second St were excellent.

Our working with Loxton News to list displays did not draw many contributors. Maybe we should approach residents to encourage them to be listed.

S Altschwager reported on a successful ‘Bike the Night’ with around 50 people involved. SES assisted in ensuring children crossed the road in safety.

**8.2 Christmas Wonderland.**

P Mangelsdorf reported on a good season. Was only able to display large snowman on about half the nights due to the wind factor. Peter reported that one group had come with a torch to try and find the 10 wallies and that a family from Perth had come from Port Augusta just to see the lights. Peter said that he had Father Christmas on site for about 10 days before Christmas. Peter added that he had been approached by someone from Martha’s indicating they may consider shifting to Christmas Wonderland next year.

**8.3 Tour Guides**

D Biele reported that she was pleased that there were no cancellations and in fact received an additional coach, making 15 in total. Funds banked included \$65 and \$152.40. P West also reported that \$101 had been received via invoices sent to Expanding Horizons (total \$318.40).

**8.4 Finance.**

P West tabled a report for November which showed Income of \$519 (raffle \$418; Tours \$101) and Expenditure of \$9221 (Highworks \$1850, Lox Smash Repairs \$2465, Council wages \$984, TV Script \$173, Chamber Sub \$391, CWA \$550, Plant hire \$73, Water \$24). The expenditure also included payment for Larry Signs \$764 and R Frankel \$1925 for Santa which will need to be transferred from our account.



Report for December showed income of \$845.45 (raffle) and \$631.82 and 272.73 (Christmas Tree Festival). Expenditure included \$23 (Council labour), \$268 (Advt Plains Producer) and \$41 for glow sticks.

**Recommendation:**

P West moved M Thomas seconded 'That the Financial Reports for November and December be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Assets:** Nothing to add.

**8.6 Raffle and Fundraising**

M Krollig reported that so far she had banked \$1759.05 which is \$29.85 less than last year.

P West advised that she would be holding her breakfast (probably) on Saturday, April 13.

**8.7 Big Santa/Light Up Night**

S Altschwager reported that she had received excellent feedback about the location of Santa in the Motor Group premises. Sonya added that a good number visited Santa and were involved with the activities – 800 bags for the reindeer road were given out. Thanks to those Committee Members who assisted on the day. Good feedback was received from the 'foodies'. G Masters reported that the Saturday Santa's were good.

S Altschwager advised that she had nominated Light Up Day for the Event of the Year.

**8.8 Community Carols**

P West expressed concern at the number of people 'squeezed' into the Peace Hall. People having to bring chairs made the situation chaotic. It was considered that the items from schools in particular attracted a lot of people. D Biele commented on the generosity of Foodland in providing all in attendance with a free ice cream.

N Kruschel to suggest to the Committee that perhaps the Life Centre at the Lutheran School may be a better alternative if inclement weather prevails and to advise ASAP for inclusion in the brochure.

**8.9 Christmas Tree Festival/Craft Fair**

M Tonkin provided a comprehensive report on the success of the Christmas Tree Festival and the Craft Fair. Marilyn reported that the theme 'A Seaside Christmas' was embraced by participants, attracting positive comments from visitors. Over 50 trees were included in the display which was visited by several schools and 12 coaches as well as locals and interstate/intrastate visitors. Marilyn commented that some coaches did not give donations and asked that guides mention 'donation appreciated'. D Biele indicated that the Tour Guides were encouraged to do so.

M Tonkin advised that the Craft Fair was also a great success, with 29 stallholders booked in. All participants were happy with their sales. Marilyn expressed their gratitude to S Schultz and the Loxton Waikerie Council for covering the Public Liability for the Craft Fair – which will be the responsibility of participants for future Craft Fairs.

M Tonkin thanked C Koch for his continued support and all hard-working volunteers who assisted.

#### **8.10 General Street Decorations**

All looked good. Concerns expressed by those monitoring each night that what was working one night, did not work the following night – possibility of ‘tripping’. Problems with Shadow box at the Winery. N Thiele to investigate.

#### **8.11 Publicity/Brochure**

Publicity throughout December included the press article in the ‘Plains Producer’, TV advertising, inclusion in the Murray Pioneer Riverland Events website and weekly columns, and several entries in the ‘What’s on’ section of the Advertiser.

#### **8.12 Workplace Safety Legislation**

P West reported that the Workplace Emergency and Evacuation Plan for Santa’s Workshop has been updated and will be tabled at the next meeting once she has checked it.

#### **Recommendation:**

N Thiele moved M Kruschel seconded ‘That Reports numbers 8.1 to 8.12 be received’

**CARRIED**

### **9. General Business:**

#### **9.1 Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings**

P West advised that Bunnings had allocated Saturday June 22 to our Committee. As this was suggested as a Men’s Project, P Mangelsdorf agreed to co-ordinate. As we are required to have three people on duty from 9am until 4pm (one to cook, one to serve and one to take money) and another to act as a ‘runner’ the project would require assistance from a number of Committee members.

P West to submit required paperwork when requested (probably the same as submitted twice before!).

#### **9.2 Mardi Gras**

As it was clear that a number of key personnel would be absent, the meeting agreed that we do not enter a float this year.

#### **9.3 Wind Down**

Members agreed that we join the RSL for their weekly 2-course meal on Friday, February 8. Cost is \$10/head.

**9.4 Resignation of M Gladigau**

**Recommendation:**

S Altschwager moved M Thomas seconded 'That we accept the resignation of Merv Gladigau with regret'.

**CARRIED**

Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Merv.

**9.5 Lock at Santa's Workshop**

P West reported on problems with the lock at Santa's Workshop and suggested we look at replacing it from our own resources (much simpler and quicker) if it cannot be fixed. N Thiele offered to have a look at it. Meanwhile entry can be gained via the door to the extended section.

**9.6 Christmas Town Signs at the Entrance to Loxton**

P West reported that M Krollig had commented on the condition of these signs while we were dismantling the ETSA signs. P Mangelsdorf had also made mention of this last year but it was considered to be outside of the role of our painters, given that it required the use oil-based paint. P West advised that she has taken a photo and measurements (2400mmx1200mm) of one of them at Loxton North.

P West to obtain a quote from M Lewis or Rivergraphics to repaint them.

**10. Next Meeting:**

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7.30pm at the Loxton Hotel.

**11. Closure:** The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.