

MINUTES OF KYLA PARK HALL REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT
TUROSS HEAD COUNTRY CLUB
WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2010
COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

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(These Minutes are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings)

Present:

Keith Dance	Chairperson/Councillor
Warren Sharpe	Director, Roads & Recreation
Chris Tague	Facilities Management Officer

Ros Payne	Rob Rixon
Tuppy Croft	Stafford Dixon
Christine Smith	Joanne Walker
Kath Smith	Rob Curral
Fay Beers	Peter Bonnell
Sue Lunn	Cathy Milliken
Chris Zachariadis	James Gardiner
Maureen Baker	Lal Byers
Lei Parker	Ian Traynor
	Michael Johnson

1. Welcome by Chairperson

Councillor Keith Dance opened the meeting at 4pm

2. Discussion

Keith Dance advised the group of the purpose of the meeting and the process we propose to take so that, working together with the community, we can move forward to design an upgraded hall facility at Kyla Oval that will meet the current and future needs of the community.

Warren Sharpe provided the group with an overview of the Kyla Park Hall and its current status with the extent of damage from termite intrusion. He agreed that this presented an opportunity to work with the community to redesign the building to ensure we maximise the potential and utilisation of the facility to address the current needs of the community (rather than those that existed when it was built many years ago). It was noted that maximising utilisation of any future hall needed to be considered so as to provide for the on-going maintenance needs.

In relation to the future of the Tuross Progress Hall, it was advised that the future of this hall would be determined in consultation with and by the community. It could be argued that the utilisation currently did not support two halls, and therefore the on-going need for two halls in Tuross Heads was questionable.

It was suggested by some present that the proceeds of the sale of the Tuross Progress Hall could be utilised to fund the upgrade of a hall with a new layout and adequate parking at Kyla Oval, which could ultimately service the community better. This would include improved accessibility.

In response to a question from Maureen Baker, it was advised that the upgrade of the Kyla Park Hall was not conditional upon the sale of the Tuross Progress Hall. However, Warren confirmed that there were currently no funds available for the upgrade of the Kyla Oval Hall and it may be some time before such funding could be provided otherwise.

Comments by Michael Johnson, representing the Tuross Progress Association, indicated that he promotes the concept of the community designing, building, maintaining and operating the hall themselves.

Lal Byers, representing Eurobodalla Soccer Federation, confirmed that Soccer wants to have its Shire base at Kyla Park sporting complex. They are willing to work with Council to present a proposal of works required to make Kyla Park sporting complex their home base for representative fixtures and the soccer federation have funds to contribute to these works, including the Kyla Park Hall reconstruction. They would also be seeking improvements to Kyla oval (irrigation, lighting etc).

Lei Parker, representing the Tuross Head Progress Association, supported the idea that its fair and reasonable that the sale of the Tuross Progress Hall fund the upgrades of the Kyla Park Hall. During the redesign phase, we should look at the option of an upper level whereby it may be leased out to a commercial operator for weddings and functions. Warren indicated that a second storey would require a lift at significant capital and on-going maintenance cost, and whilst the idea of a second storey could be considered, a strong business case would need to be developed to gain support for such an option.

Stafford Dixon requested Warren Sharpe provide a sale valuation of the progress hall land to the next committee meeting. It was agreed to provide an initial estimate of the value to the next meeting.

Stafford also asked to look into the option of relocating the Tuross Progress Hall to the Kyla Park sporting complex. This notion was not widely supported.

Further discussion then focussed on the needs of individual user groups and how those needs may be met in the hall. Initial requirements were identified as follows:

- Sue Lunn (representing those users involved in exercise et al) indicated that they required the large open space of the hall, ideally a small stage for their instructor and that they do not use the showers or change rooms.
- Lei Parker wants to allow space for a public performance area and a community library.
- Cathy Milliken requires a commercially fitted-out kitchen.
- Those involved in sailing indicated they wanted the facility back up and running and would forward their requirements to Chris Tague directly

It was agreed that the way forward would be to form a Committee selected by the group to act as a sunset 'Steering Committee' for the new design. This Committee would be the conduit for information and ideas to/from various users and the community. Once some concept plans were developed these would need to be considered by Council prior to consultation with the broader community.

Councillor Dance and Warren encouraged the Steering Committee to be involved in the construction phase as well once that stage was reached. An advisory committee (potentially via the THPA) could then be involved in working with Council once the upgraded hall was built to ensure the community was involved and had access to information regarding the on-going maintenance and management of the hall.

Warren also indicated that all meeting minutes in regard to the Steering Committee should be made available to the public via the Committee members and the Tuross News so as to keep the broader community informed of progress.

The group then determined to nominate key persons to form a sunset 'Steering Committee' to consolidate the ideas of the community and work on designs for the reconstruction of Kyla Hall. The names put forward were:

1. Councillor Keith Dance (Chair)
2. Roz Payne – representing exercise groups
3. Chris Zachariadis – representing scouts
4. Rob Rixon – representing sailing and one of the original committee members
5. Lal Byers – representing soccer
6. Ian Traynor – representing Tuross Head Business Owners Association
7. Michael Johnson – representing Tuross Progress Association
8. Representative from cricket to be advised
9. Chris Tague (Eurobodalla Shire Council)

It was pointed out that all users would need to be consulted to aid in gathering information as to the uses and desirable inclusions.

The next meeting is to be held at 4pm on Thursday 14th October with the venue to be advised.

Meeting officially closed at 5.15pm