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Agenda for the meeting to be held on Thursday 11th of May 2017 at Cambrai Council Chambers 10am

10:00 am Steve Wilkinson agreed to take the minutes in the absence of staff Aimee Linke and accepted the apologies

Gavin tabled his letter of resignation in writing

Ian Mann **Moved that Gavin's resignation be accepted.**

Brian Taylor **Seconded the motion. Carried.**

Gavin left the meeting at 10.15 am.

Chris Tugwell as Vice Chairman took the Chair, meeting was adjourned whilst Aimee was asked to come to the meeting and take the minutes

1. **Welcome** - The Chairman welcomes those present

- 1.1. **Present:** Chris Tugwell (Acting Chairman), Cr Brian Taylor, Rosemary Laucke, Ian Mann, Cr Steve Wilkinson, Terry Franklin, Sharon Sakko, Cr Adrian Sakko, Tricia Curtis (by phone hook-up)
- 1.2. **Staff present:** Aimee Linke
- 1.3. **Apologies:** Helen Crisp, Elisabeth Wood
- 1.4. **Absent:** Terry Franklin (arrived at 10:50am)

2. **Confirmation of minutes -.**

The minutes of the last meeting dated 13th April 2017 accepted as being a true reflection of the meeting.

Rose Laucke **Moved that the Committee accept the minutes.**

Adrian Sakko **Seconded the motion. Carried**

3. Business Arising from minutes

- 3.1. 20 year anniversary – who to invite, suggestions were the mayor Dave Burgess, Minister for volunteers Zoe Bettison, Minister for Agriculture Leon Bignell, Minister for sustainable environment and conservation Ian Hunter, Landcare Association of SA Gerry Butler, previous committee members, Geoff Brock, Adrian Pederick, former chairman Inez Bormann and Ric Paul. The celebration will be on the 14th December with our end of year volunteer celebration at Meldanda. Plan to organise a plaque to commemorate the event. **Action – Aimee to draft up some words for the plaque to discuss at next meeting**
- 3.2. Steve – in response to Gavin’s query to backyard burning, it is part of the local government nuisance act that no smoke or fumes are allowed over someone else’s property. It’s up to the council to make the community aware of these regulations not the Landcare group. Other ways to control weeds like steaming or burning were also discussed

4. Reports

- 4.1. Staff Activity Report for April
4.2. Financial Report for March

Ian Mann Moved that the Committee accept the reports

Adrian Sakko Seconded the motion. Carried

5. Correspondence (To be presented at the meeting).

Ian Mann Moved the Committee accepts the correspondence.

Rose Laucke Seconded the motion. Carried

6. General Business:

Dark Sky project, the committee decided they would like to pursue this project and submit an application form to register the nominated area as a dark sky reserve by the end of August. The Mid Murray council will support the administration of this project and seeking letters of support, the letters of support will need to be on Mid Murray Landcare letter head and any further questions directed to the chairman Chris Tugwell.

Ian Mann Moved that the committee approach the proposed subcommittee members for the Dark sky Project for their agreement, which are Peter Graves, Chris Tugwell, Adrian Sakko, Andrew Cool, David Bennett and Martin Lewicki

Rose Laucke Seconded the motion. Carried

7. Members Reports

Sharon –visited Wild Wood Sanctuary and took pouches she had made to Sally Arnold.
Adrian will ask Greg Hill for some directional signs from the main roads. Rose said Sally is a good shooter and can euthanize animals

Terry – Murray Watch concerned about the lack of policing on the river. Also problems with reporting as it goes to DPTI, no follow-up

Ian – Region 6 Murray Darling meeting at Goolwa, not very well attended but was still a good meeting. There was a good presentation on climate change, rise in sea levels and how that will affect the barrages. AGM will be at Renmark

Rose- caught up with Scott Hutchens about the weed control at the Marne Valley CP, the contractors have sprayed the riverbed first. The revegetation site is growing and tree guards are being put around some seedlings. New fence on the Blackhill road which has walking access. Walking paths have been slashed. Rose thinks there needs to be a sign about not transferring weeds into or out of the park and this was mentioned to Scott.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1. Meldanda memorandum of understanding- any comments, adjustments, queries (please note that if we don't get funding for next financial year we will not be able to afford to pay Sally 10 hours a week to manage the on ground works etc.) It was decided by the committee that we wait on signing the memorandum until we know if successful with the funding bid.
- 8.2. Committee Insurance – which policy would you like signed. I was decided to go with the cheaper of the 2 quotes.

Ian Mann

Nominated Steve Wilkinson as vice chairman

Sharon Sakko

Seconded the nomination.

The nomination was accepted

by Steve Wilkinson. Carried

Date of next meeting: 8th June

Venue: Rose Laucke will investigate the Wild Wood Sanctuary

- **Meeting Closed: 12:20pm**