

Applewood Residents Committee

5, Grand Boulevard, Doncaster , Victoria, 3108

Minutes of Meeting No. 3/2025

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Held in Private Dining Room at **9.30 am**

1. Present: Peter Sage (Chair), Ellen Boyd (Deputy Chair), Peter Horton (Treasurer), Geoff Dreher (Secretary), Grahme Bond, Roger Godfrey, Stephanie Orr.

Apologies: Carole English **Quorum:** OK

2. Minutes: Minutes of 12th February 2025 had been approved.

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

3.1 A Document prepared by Keith Wolahan MP regarding problems resulting from the North East Link (NEL) works was noted and it was agreed to ask that this be forwarded to Residents for information. It was agreed that the lack of respect shown to land owners by the relevant bodies is appalling.

A letter from John Sheedy regarding his similar experience and difficulty in obtaining a response from NEL was also noted.

3.2 The Rivervue Residents Committee (RRC) is being shown around our community facilities prior to meeting with ARC after the ARC meeting today.

3.3 Games Day at Rivervue is confirmed for 7th May 25. Gordon Paulett to oversee arrangements for Applewood.

4. Correspondence:

4.1 Copies of a letter from John Sheedy to John Smrk (ARD) and John Smrk's response regarding the Insurance Guide currently presented by ARD was noted. It was agreed that this was not a matter for ARC to consider.

4.2 A letter from Al Morris was noted which asked that three matters concerning the Applewood Website be addressed which would make it more user friendly for Residents. It was agreed to refer these matters to John Smrk for consideration.

5. General Business:

5.1 Reports:

5.1.1 Ellen reported that the number of photos in Appleflash had decreased from 36 to 16 in the last issue; that the Friday Nighters Dinner Band had caused complaints from Residents regarding noise and hearing difficulty; and the Ladies Lunch was now a different and more expensive menu. Management versus Residents preferences need to be addressed. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between Ellen, Peter Sage, Sonia Paulett, and Erin or John Smrk, to discuss these matters.

5.1.2 Property & Infrastructure Sub Committee: Minutes of the P&I S/c of 20th February 2025 were noted and accepted. The Location/Resale document prepared by the P&I S/c addresses real problems. Peter Sage will discuss with Mike Reece the procedure to follow to discuss with the owner.

5.1.3 Grounds: Roger presented the Grounds Report which he had prepared. This included extensive documentation with Erin Geraghty. Erin keeps a record of everything done to properties.

5.1.4 Finance: The Treasurer will attend the half yearly ARD budget report on March 13th. Following that meeting he will schedule a meeting of the Finance Committee.

5.1.5 Welcome: Ellen tabled her report which showed that 103 Residents had been welcomed since January 2022. It was noted that a reception for new Residents had been held and was very successful.

5.1.6 WHS Meeting Report: Jeff Hore sent a report to ARC of the issues raised at the ARD/WHS committee meeting on 7th March. Ten matters are listed including, Traffic light timing at the exit and Speed problems in Applewood.

6. Meeting with John Smrk (Manager ARD) 10.30 am.

6.1 Games Day at Rivervue noted for 7th May 25

6.2 Insurance matters. No further comments or changes to the Insurance guide.

6.3 The Applewood website matters raised by Al Morris were discussed and John said he would review the requested changes.

6.4 Appleflash reduction in photos was noted and the Keith Wolahan NEL Document was considered for sending to Residents for information about the NEL. John agreed that it would be sent out with the next Appleflash with a cover note by Peter Sage.

6.5 Fees for use of the Activity Centre were noted to be either a fixed fee of an hourly rate depending upon the nature of the activity. If fund raising occurs then ARC receives a percentage to its account. If funds are raised for commercial use then a fee is applied.

6.6 The Front gate should be replaced on 21st March.

6.7 A meeting of Peter Sage, Ellen Boyd and Mike Reece, with the Manningham Mayor regarding Rates is scheduled for Thursday 20th March. A meeting of Manningham Councillors with ARC after the ARC April meeting is also scheduled.

7. ARC Meeting closed at 11.15 AM

8. ARC Meeting followed by lunch, with RRC, 11.30am to 1.15pm.

The following topics were discussed by ARC and RRC to assist in the understanding of both Villages and the developing of activities etc.

- The structure of RRC and ARC.
- The structure, activity and reporting of the RRC and the ARC Subcommittees and Portfolios.
- The success and effect of RRC and ARC meeting with all their residents, and how often should that be.
- What new initiatives might be considered by RRC and ARC, ?

- What outside activities the RRC and ARC Social committees organise.

9. Next ARC meeting: Wednesday, 9th April 2025, 9.30am.

Signed:

Peter Sage - Chair

Geoff Dreher - Secretary
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