

Applewood Property & Infrastructure Committee

5, Grand Boulevard, Doncaster , Victoria, 3108

FINAL MINUTES

Minutes P & I meeting – Thursday March 20th at 2.00 pm in Private Dining Room

Chair – Mike Reece

Present – Blair Feenaghty, Rod Sinclair, Dave Mullen, Peter Horton, Bob Slater, Peter Sage, Ellen Boyd (Guest)

Apologies – Col Gosbell

Welcome – Ellen Boyd ARC – invited to attend.

Relocation Papers

Blair Feenaghty and Rod Sinclair both spoke about the detailed papers that they have produced.

Areas covered included deferred fees and the financial advantage to Applewood if current residents who wish to down size from a larger unit to a smaller unit or apartment.

The paper prepared by Rod Sinclair included financial comparisons that highlighted the penalty residents face if they relocate rather than remain in their 'larger' unit again confirming the financial advantages to ARD.

It was agreed by the committee that the subject of Relocation should be on-going with Blair and Rod to work together in developing further examples before any documentation was sent to Head Office.

It was noted that the larger villa units are in high demand which also confirmed that this was an advantage for ARD for residents to move to a smaller unit should their circumstances change.

Ellen Boyd said that the ARD should look at the needs of the Applewood Community and show compassion to residents who have a personal reason for relocation.

The Committee thanked both for their input and detailed reports,

Action: Rod and Blair to progress development of examples.

Re-Sale Paper

The Chairman has asked for comments on the Re-Sale paper sent to committee

The paper tabled a number of relevant topics for discussion with ARD. Members were requested to review them and offer their thoughts to progress the paper.

Action: As above, with the original paper attached for reference.

Half Yearly Budget Report – Peter Horton

Peter Horton circulated an overview of the half yearly budget meeting.

Copy of the Statement and Expenditure document presented at the half yearly budget sent to P&I committee members

Feedback from ARC – Peter Sage

Peter Sage, Mike Reece and Ellen Boyd met with the Mayor of Manningham Cr. Deirdree Diamante to propose that Manningham offers a lower differential rate for Retirement Villages. Our request was met in a friendly and positive way by the Mayor and CFO Jon Gorst.

It was learnt that Manningham is in the final stages of preparing their budget for year commencing July 1st 2025 and also their 4-year Revenue and Rate Plan. Both will be finalised in May/June – so timely intervention on ARC's part.

There is the possibility that Manningham may consider a discount that reflects including road repairs and maintenance, underground drainage etc etc. Based on the latest data the ARC calculates this warrants a discount of around 17% on the current rate.

Any reduction will have to be approved by a majority of councillors and hopefully they will be guided by their Mayor.

of 83%.

In regard to Security at Applewood Peter Sage reported that the damaged front gate would be replaced this coming Friday (March 21st).

Peter Sage advised the meeting that ARC will be advising John Sheedy that future correspondence regarding Insurance issues should be directed to and remain with Applewood Management.

The ARC Committee welcomed the Rivervue Resident's Committee for a joint meeting.

Rivervue reported that their management attend every meeting and that they have set in place specific rules – e.g the dining room is for dining and not to be used for other activities.

Ellen Boyd reported that management at Applewood are now actively involved in organising the monthly Friday Night Dinner along with the theme of the night and they are now managing the monthly Ladies lunch.

Review of Internet and Phone Charges – Dave Mullen

Dave Mullen provided members with an extensive report on the work he has carried out in checking both internet and phone charges including ways that residents can potentially reduce costs.

The committee thanked Dave for the time he has spent checking costs but it does appear that the charges residents pay via Applewood are acceptable and it was agreed that no further action was required,

Next meeting – 17th April – 2.00 pm – Private Dining Room

Attachment: Re-sale Paper