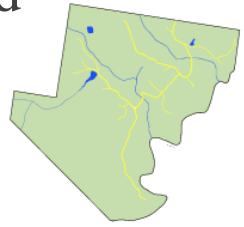


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Nmbngee SGM 8th May 2022

Meeting commenced: 10.20 a.m.

Present: Matt, Aaron, Chris, Reuben, Aumi, Jamala, Kristen, Christine, Paris, Alan, Tuk, Neil, Rebecca, Max, Karen, Monika, Ross, Lisa, Bjorne, Venu, Aiti, Ingrid, Margaret, Matty, Chibo.

Apologies: Bob, Brian, Helen.

Chair: Paris

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and approved, moved Rebecca, 2nd Ross.

Business Arising from Minutes

Alan explained his absence from previous meeting, denied assault and theft and distributed copies of statements explaining his views on this and many other issues.

Bjorne expressed his disagreement with Alan's comments.

Correspondence

Max read a letter from Aiti. She added comments regarding its contents: the need for urgent maintenance work on the site 5 house. The meeting agreed the Board should deal with this at once. Alan stated that he and Felix had investigated the house's requirements some time ago but were unable to act due to Covid restrictions. Paris and Ingrid offered their services for liaison between tenants and the Board in future.

Motion: That Ingrid be the first point of contact for Site 5 tenants. Any issues raised to be brought to the Board's attention. Moved Rebecca, 2nd Max. Carried.

Financial Report

It was decided to leave this till the AGM.

Resident Non Shareholders

Karen, Lisa, Paul and Josie, Zoe, Venu, Monika, Gary, Abha, Johnny and Aiti, Jamala, Bobby and Kelly, Julie.

Kristen informed the meeting that Daniella and Merlin will be leaving soon.

General Business

Chris opened discussion by stating that we all love Nmbngee, we just have different ways of expressing it.

Karen expressed the need for precise information on the topic of clearing and tree felling. Ingrid spoke of her distress at the recent tree felling near her site. She felt there had been

misconception and confused communication regarding the specific trees to be felled. Though Bjorne showed her trees intended for felling, she was disturbed by the destruction she perceived and mentioned the erosion caused by recent flooding. She stated the need for greater consultation and awareness of members' space and wishes concerning use or removal of vegetation.

Karen asked who makes decisions about clearing and questioned the need for solar panel-driven removal of trees.

Matt affirmed his love for Nmbngee. He cited rules relevant to this issue and spoke of shed construction, woodchip use, fence posts and regrowth patterns. (INSERT MATT'S LETTER HERE)

Bjorne spoke of the need to encourage a healthy forest, and the clearing of dense stands of gums. He spoke of his efforts to accommodate his neighbours and expressed regret for the negative impact the milling had had on Neil.

Neil spoke of inadequate communication. He felt the clearing was more than he had expected. He mentioned erosion and also the many trees cleared by members in the past.

Margaret was disturbed by the milling noise and vibration. She agrees gums should be thinned and described how the forest was purchased as a buffer with our neighbours.

Chris spoke of the need for responsible weed control and the need to avoid poisons. He asserted the importance of site protection, weed management and maintenance of infrastructure.

Aaron spoke of the need to maintain road verges, allowing them to dry out, and weed control. He stressed the importance of fire preparation. He mentioned his wish to care for his own site for future members' use.

Alan spoke of the need to protect the forest and wildlife habitats. He is concerned about destruction of areas on the periphery of his site.

Kristen expressed her distress at the tree felling and the need for greater consultation before clearing. She spoke of weeds replacing cleared trees and the need to conserve wildlife.

Paris spoke of our differing ideas on site management and the diversity in each site's physical layout. She asked for clarification of where the old growth forest lies and whether milling should be done on or off site. She mentioned the use of felled timber and the thinning of trees.

Markus spoke of clearing gums and the need for sufficient light and air to avoid mould.

Chibo asked about previous policies on this issue. He reminded us of serious problems in the wider world and urged us to find cohesion.

Lisa stated that Matt had acquired permission to clear from a previous meeting. She spoke of the week's accommodation they found for Ingrid during the felling and the havoc played by the weather. She spoke of fire danger and the many trees she has planted.

Ross spoke of Nmbngee's early role as a source of housing for low income people and the many trees removed in the past. He mentioned the need for forest management and a previous decision to allow 3 slasher-widths of clearance on road sides.

Monika stated her wish to be involved in the maintenance of the community's land.

Max spoke of the need for strategies and guidelines concerning necessary tree removal. He mentioned safety and comfort of habitation but that he also valued the gum tree forests that aren't a risk to habitation."

Rebecca spoke of the fundamental differences in members' value systems, balancing the priorities of humans, trees and wildlife. She spoke of the need for common ground and raised the question of milling in industrial, rather than residential areas.

Aumi felt it was acceptable to clear dense bush near houses.

Venu mentioned past incidents of tree felling and the possibility of landcare groups. She asserted the need for weed management. Though she has felt a great deal of stress and pressure around this issue, she hopes for a positive future.

Reuben spoke of site diversity, safety and sustainable building materials. He affirmed the need for a clear system.

Tuk's priority is community cohesion.

Kristen acknowledged the effectiveness of the road works crew but feels some activity is intrusive.

Bjorne stated that we all love wildlife. Instead of focusing on the negative impact we should try to see the bigger picture and long term effects. He questioned tree felling as the cause of erosion, mentioning the extreme rainfall we have had.

Matt stated that they have not touched the old growth forest.

Alan stated that we already have protocols on this but they have not been followed.

Ingrid asked whether money confers entitlement.

Chris affirmed the need for communication, mutual respect and accurate knowledge.

Aaron concurred with Chris.

General Suggestions:

Clear processes to be followed, participation, communication, respect for the wishes and actions of others, a clear definition of green belt zones, greater clarity, a voice for everyone, need for clear personal maps.

Many members expressed satisfaction with the direction and progress of the meeting so far.

Matt listed weeds and suggested that in common areas, only these be removed. Trees would require permission. The road should be cleared to 3 slasher-widths on the sides.

Margaret wished to see hamlets co-operating.

Bjorne spoke of the need for personal maps, and suggested the front crossing area as a model of landcare possibilities.

Matt stated that heavy machinery only needs to be used once.

Ingrid stated that cleared grassland increases fire hazards.

Alan questioned the 3 slasher-widths and mentioned 2 instead.

Max mentioned that the original land boundary for the back forest has become unclear.

Rebecca spoke of a model landcare area's inclusive nature. Everyone can participate, not just road works crew.

Matt requested clarification of the various zones.

Aaron suggested individuals define their zones on the map.

Paris requested clear definition of hamlets.

Three motions were suggested as agenda items for the AGM:

from Reuben on the founding of a landcare group,

from Paris on mapping and clarification of environmental policies

from Christine on setting a date for a further SGM.

Meeting ended 1.52 p.m.