

**MEETING MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
Saturday November 2, 2024**

**Meeting Opened 10 am**

**1. Present and apologies.**

**Present:** (26)

- Apologies:** (17)

**Attendance via Teams - Nil**

**2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on 8 June, 2024.**

**Motion:** That the amended minutes of the previous meeting are accepted as an accurate record.

**Moved:** Gary **Seconded:** Brett

**3. Business Arising from Minutes**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Arrange purchase of large screen SMART TV <b>Done (See Financial Report)</b> Hisense 100 inch SMART TV and JBL soundbar delivered and installed. Cost: \$6,040 - \$840 grant= Total \$5200	<b>Committee</b>
<b>3.2</b>	Grant application submitted to TasNetworks Community Grants: \$2,500 - <b>Unsuccessful</b>	<b>Craig</b>
<b>3.3</b>	Write to Optus to suggest a power backup system for the Optus tower in the event of extended power outages.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>3.4</b>	Submit WPA Members response to Township Character Plans to GTC by June 14 <b>Done 10 June</b> Responses received from GTC 11 June. There has been some preparatory work for access to the beach in and around the shelter shed – finishing soon	<b>Craig</b>
<b>3.5</b>	Follow up and gain more specific information about Festival of Small Halls. Refer to Committee for consideration. <b>Done</b> <b>Recommend not to proceed</b>	<b>Gary</b>
<b>3.6</b>	Send log in MyImpactPage details to members. <b>Done</b> Survey power outage – to be considered <b>Completed. 16 respondents</b>	<b>Craig</b>

**4. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report is accepted.

**Moved:** Gary **Seconded:** Ralph

**5. Correspondence:**

**In:**

- Remittance advice Commonwealth Volunteer Grant.

- Letter and Grant Deed for “Saluting our Service “ Grant
- Executed Grant for “Saluting Our Service”
- Invoice from WE Fine Catering for Christmas in July.
- Reply email from Shane Power regarding power at Hall.
- Acknowledgment of receipt of TCP Feedback from Tamara Burt.
- Reply from Bridget Archer’s Office regarding Acquittal of Community Support Grant.
- Letter from GTC regarding 2024/2025 Budget Submission.
- Response from Andrew McCarthy regarding minor works.
- TasNetworks Grant outcome letter (310724).
- Resignation from Committee from Katie Bower.
- Email from GTC regarding portrait of King Charles III
- Reply from GM regarding State Gov’t Food Grant.
- Emails from Thane Brady regarding November music
- Emails from Craig Woodfall regarding November music
- Email from LCA regarding power outages

**Correspondence: Out**

- Feedback to GTC regarding Township Character Plan
- Email to Shane Power regarding power failure at Weymouth Hall during Christmas in July.
- Signed Grant Deed for “Saluting Our Service”
- Email to Bridget Archer and Community Grants seeking clarification regarding acquittal of Community Support Grant.
- Letter to Optus regarding power outages (25/07/24)
- Sponsorship request for November Anniversary sent to GTC.
- Emails to Thane Brady regarding November music
- Emails to Craig Woodfall regarding November music
- Email to GM regarding State Gov’t Food Grant –
- Email to LCA regarding possible working party
- Letter to GTC GM regarding safety concerns associated with the Weymouth Road bridge over Back Creek.

**Motion: That the inwards correspondence is received and the outwards endorsed.**

**Moved: John    Seconded: Michael**

**Notes arising from Correspondence:**

- *Power has been upgraded and will eliminate further overload failure*
- *WPA compensated for food spoilage in recent power outage.*
- *GTC response to concerns re Back Creek bridge -recognised issue - realigning the approach and creating 2 lanes for the bridge is estimated to cost \$2,500,000 - to be progressed through upcoming budgets - 2026- 2027*
- *Heat pump installed in the hall*
- *Suggested survey monkey regarding future telecommunications /power outages what is needed in the community*
- *Thank you Katie Bower for your time and work on the WPA Committee.*
- *Craig/Gary will attend meeting 4/12/24 with GTC and Transend for discussions re outages and potential grant money to assist communities*
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**6. External committees updates**

- 6.1 Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch. Update sent to members by email. – **nothing further**
- 6.2 George Town Coastal Communities Management Group. Report from June 19 meeting in

the Hillwood Memorial Hall. –

- Thankyou to Sally Phil and Auriol Von Bertouch for their contribution to the Bone seed Blitz.

## 7. GTC Service Requests

7.1 George Town Council

7.2 Property Services

- **Nil**

## 8. Update from WPA Committee

8.1 Dishwasher installation complete – ***Thanks to Graeme Bowkett for the install.***

8.2 Smart TV for Hall purchased and installed. Suggestions for future use - Suggestions from the floor:

- Community information days
- rolling information – fire preparation, sustainable living etc
- Movie nights
- Watching football/sports games/Olympics etc.
- Please use Hall booking system for private events.

8.3 Beach directional signage/maintenance.

- Gary explained that Andrew McCarthy GTC and Nick Duigan working with Parks and Wildlife to determine lease arrangements and follow up.

8.4 NFP Tax Exempt status update

- ATO requested more information - Nicola progressing and explained that the move to NFP is good governance – ensuring that we as an organization are not burdened with tax returns and time consuming reporting.

8.5 Investigate grants for solar panels for hall roof.

**Action: Gary to arrange meeting with Shane Power to discuss possibilities.**

8.6 Purchase of a new tablet has enabled more efficient use of Square for online payments.

## 9. Update from Sub Committees

9.1 Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (WMBRA) Sub Committee.

- Lease remains in question. Gary working with Andrew McCarthy regarding updating toilets (painting, new water source), clean floor of old shelter shed, Use cement water tank.

9.2 Environment Sub Committee: Sue Woinarski gave a presentation.

- waste disposal on crown land – private owners pushing waste onto crown land,
- feral animal update – Cat trapping program – trapped 5 cats in previous months
- sea spurge under control at Lulworth – bio control fungus gradually working its way around the state
- information on Cultural burning has been sent.

9.3 Fire Management and Community Recovery Sub Committee - Update from Ralph:

- fire preparedness important – reduce fuel load around shacks, awareness of ember attack and what to do.
- information sessions recommended – Information given on asset value re fire fighting – small house higher value than broad acreage.

9.4 Weymouth Cricket Club: ***Lease remains unresolved***

9.5 Maintenance Sub Committee.

## 10. General Business

- 10.1 Bronze Plaque has been delivered and installed.
- 10.2 Township Character Plans: **Progressing**
- 10.3 Winter Solstice report and feedback:
  - Suggestions from Debbie Q – kids create lanterns, ensure square working, potentially walk ends up at Cricket ground – suggestions to be considered.
- 10.4 Christmas in July Report and feedback:
  - Upgrade power – done, install heating – heat pump installed. Jenny S congratulated those responsible for the beautiful table decorations – thankyou to Kylie, Carmen and Kate.  
**Motion: To formally thank Kylie.**  
**Moved: Ralph                      Seconded Jenny S                      Carried**
- 10.5 Anniversary Event
- 10.6 Life Membership Criteria – **circulated**. Discussions re limitations of defined number of people/yr  
**Amendment: to remove defining numbers -**  
**Moved: Gary Seconded: Ralph Carried**  
**Action: Craig to amend Guidelines.**
- 10.7 Association Chairs' Meeting on July 25 with GM and Mayor. –
  - Gary expressed the value in these meetings and praised Craig for establishing the WPA as a well functioning, well respected and significant group that others are keen to emulate.
- 10.8 Easter Market advanced planning: Food vans: Ice cream, The Candy Van, chips? –
  - Mark Johnson and Sally Sauer will be coordinating the market this year – please send all enquiries regarding the Market to market@weymouth.org.au
- 10.9 ANZAC Day guest speaker-
  - Discussed suggestion for local community member or young person currently in armed forces.
- 10.10 Extended power outages: Risk Management.
  - Possibility of working party with Lulworth Community Association
  - Support Plan for isolated and vulnerable residents.

## **11. Other General Business**

11.1 Suggestion to install a generator at the hall to allow residents to use facilities - kitchen, toilets, water, space, wifi etc. in case of power outage –

**Action: Committee to progress.**

11.2 Suggestion to look at alternatives to generator, at the hall, such as Solar and battery back up are the future and will reduce costs into the future. Discussion continued. Winter has reduced sunlight and may not produce enough power in storm event. Generator still required.

**Action: Gary to speak to General Manager GTC.**

11.3 Driver report of close shave at the Back Creek Bridge. Suggest traffic calming more immediately, prior to discuss future developments.

**Action: Gary to take suggestion to GTC.**

11.4 Jenny S suggested making the Hall available to groups visiting from aged care homes or elsewhere. All in favour of exploring how that may work.

**Action: Jenny to follow up with Nursing homes to pre plan hall use.**

11.5 New Dog policy - directed by the state. Discussed. Nonsensical zoning of on lead off lead areas – it is in draft at the moment – community can ask for review. Signage may alert visitors to dog leash status.

**Action: Gary to follow up**

11.6 Relook at signage for No Camping in Weymouth

11.7 Sandcastle Competition – Coordinator - Nicola Cox – preliminary information – low tide 3.30 pm. Icecream van and coffee van set up @12pm, BBQ begins @ 1pm and judging @ 4pm. Bridget Archer accepted roll as judge.

11.8 Reports of people hooning in the area around the cricket ground. Community to be aware.

11.9 Stan and Lynn promoting Mobi Mat for disability and pram users to access the beach. Rolls out to cover soft sand enabling wheelchair users and/or families access the harder sand. Links in with TCP.

**Action: Stan and Lynn to follow up with additional information.**

11.10 John congratulated and thanked the committee for WPA Fast News. Thanks extended to Craig who is responsible for publication.

11.11 Discussion on hard and green waste. Two free tip days after storm for GT community – only 1 for PR tip.

**Action: Gary to write letter to GTC asking for additional free tip day. Increasing tip costs discussed – need cash.**

11.12 Post storm tree and debris clean up along the Weymouth Road not yet attended to. – Gary has written to the General Manager GTC to follow up.

11.13 Congratulations to Stan and Lynn for progressing to the semi-finals of the sustainability awards for the tackle removal pipes at the river and sea boat ramps.

11.14 New Event: Christmas Drinks at the Hall. BYO drinks food. Scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 Hall will be open.

## **12. Next meeting: 2025**

- Annual General Meeting: Saturday, March 8
- General Meeting: Saturday, June 7
- General Meeting: Saturday, November 1

### **Committee Meetings 2025:**

- Saturday, December 7
- Saturday, February 1
- Saturday, March 1
- Saturday, April 5
- Saturday, May 3
- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, October 4
- Saturday, December 6

### **Other Events: 2025**

- Sand Castle Competition: Sunday, January 26
- Easter Market: Saturday, April 19
- ANZAC Day: Friday, April 25
- Winter Solstice: Saturday, June 7
- Christmas in July: Saturday July 5, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
- Anniversary Event: Saturday, November 1
- Christmas Drinks TBA

## **12. Meeting closure: 11.41am**



**Action Items:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>8.2</b>	Consider suggestions for use of large screen TV.	<b>Committee</b>
<b>8.5</b>	Arrange meeting with Shane Power to discuss possibilities.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>10.6</b>	Amend Life Membership Guidelines.	<b>Craig</b>
<b>11.1</b>	Investigate power generator solutions for the Hall.	<b>Committee</b>
<b>11.2</b>	Discuss power options, including solar panels, with to General Manager GTC.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>11.3</b>	Follow up on Back Creek bridge upgrade with GTC.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>11.4</b>	Follow up with Nursing homes to pre plan hall use.	<b>Jenny</b>
<b>11.5</b>	Follow upon dog leash zoning with GTC.	<b>Gary</b>
<b>11.9</b>	Follow up on Mobi Mat disability access to beach.	<b>Stan/Lynn</b>
<b>11.11</b>	Write letter to GTC asking for additional free tip day.	<b>Gary</b>