

SADDLEWORTH INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

Minutes:	Special Meeting held 6 July 2023 at 7.30pm. Saddleworth Institute
Chairperson:	David Williams (also Caretaker)
Present:	Dora Newhouse, Sue Humphries, Barb Gray, Portia Stanton-Noble (Secretary), Kenton Klem, Greg Gremain, Mark Kerrigan, Sue Selth and Felicity Grabkowski
Apologies:	Rosie Richardson, Peter Richardson, Lalika Change

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1. Greg's letter- went out to all Councillors
2. He added Kenton's information and Portia's extra note about the market into the final draft of the letter
3. 'Thank you' letters were also sent to the three Councillors who supported keeping The Institute
4. Building report – need more time to investigate the findings
5. Felicity acknowledged that more tourists are passing through and stopping in Saddleworth
6. It was noted that the community is not doing anything to save the Institute
7. Suggestion to tackle salt damp issue through grants, rather than approach Council
Action: Thank you to Greg Gremain for his letter
Moved by Barb Gray, Seconded by Kenton Klem
8. Petition, door knocking and flyer proposed to reconnect with locals about the issue
9. Building report cited value of the building at \$2.7 million
10. Council had just approved \$700k for Auburn streetscape
11. And Council has allocated \$100k for the Riverton Hall refurbishment
12. Drought relief fund money is still available
13. Institute building issues include salt damp, front two rooms need ventilation as concrete floors and stormwater doesn't go out onto the street
14. Kenton suggested drafting a letter to CWA and Riverton Table Tennis Club, thanking them for continued use of the building
Action: Kenton
15. Felicity said that she was not a resident when the special town meeting was held a year ago, discussing the lease proposal presented by Council

16. Approach Jeannine Naughton for copies of last years survey responses – as requested by Felicity

Action: Portia

17. Committee acknowledged the need to raise more revenue – advertise use of the institute for clearing sales by real estate agents and perhaps approach car shows as plenty of parking space around the institute building

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 20 July 2023