

SADDLEWORTH INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

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32 Burra Rd, Saddleworth S.A. 5413

Minutes: Meeting held 20 July 2023 at 7.30pm. Saddleworth Institute

Chairperson: David Williams (also Caretaker)

Present: Dora Newhouse (arrived late), Heather Ritter Sue Humphries, Barb Gray, Portia Stanton-Noble (Secretary), Kenton Klem, Mark Kerrigan, Sue Selth, Rosie Richardson, Peter Richardson, and Wayne Thomas (ex-Mayor)

Apologies: Felicity Grabkowski, Greg Germain

Meeting Minutes

1. Greg's letter- sent to Councillors
2. One reply only from a Councillor - acknowledgement only.
3. Greg also rang three Councillors and thanked them for their support
4. Accept Minutes of previous meeting

Correspondence

5. Portia's email – suggested arranging (Adelaide Fringe) and SALA festival participation in the future
6. Felicity's email – her proposal to prepare a refurbishment plan for the Institute
7. Question was raised as to the cost of a plan preparation
8. Felicity said parts of plan will need to be paid for
9. Three choices – 1. Pay Felicity, 2. Approach Council for a Professional or 3.Go to an external firm
10. Rosie suggested organising a Deputation to Council
11. Wayne said go through the CEO -Send application to CEO
12. Mayor has the right to approve or otherwise
13. Put forward at Question Time in Council meeting
14. Wayne said Question Time is usually short – about 5 minutes

Council Meeting Attendance

15. July 19 meeting – David W discussed how it went
16. Riverton Hall is used weekly – lots of groups use it, including a writing group
17. Need to increase usage of Saddleworth Institute
18. Rosie said why not consider the lease option – lease building for 4-5 years
19. We won't have to pay the rates
20. Sue H said she had read Nell's history book on Saddleworth and the community used to manage the Institute
21. In 1983, Council took it over, Libraries Act
22. It was Community run building and had the library housed in it
23. General discussion about last year's town survey ensued
24. Some committee members felt pressure to reform the Institute committee and the 'rug was pulled out just as we were gaining our footing'

ACTION:

Approach Jeannine for electronic copies of surveys to all

25. Wayne discussed Council accumulated funds and how to potentially replace assets
26. Institute building – no major problems perceived for 5-10 years
27. A lease transfers the costs to the organization
28. Council has plans to spend over \$190,000 over the region's halls
29. Councilor's do not want to put the Council into debt
30. \$1.6 million projected to be spent on new local projects
31. Money will be taken out of smaller communities
32. Maybe approach to lease which may change revocation decision

ACTION:

Portia to draft letter to Council to revisit leasing option -send to CEO

Moved by Peter Richardson, Seconded by Barb Gray

33. Suggestion to hold a combined meeting – approach committees in Manoora, Riverton, Stockport, Marabel and Tarlee

ACTION:

David W asked all to come to the next meeting with 2 x ideas

Resignation

34. David W announced he will be resigning as Chair and as Institute Caretaker after the weekend of 2 & 3 September 2023
35. A reminder that the Peak Body AGM on 1st August – each community group has a chance to talk

General Business

36. Building inspection was recently conducted – the stage has been cordoned off as 'not up to standards', a public risk
37. Sue S asked what are the standards and what can we do about it

ACTION:

Send letter to CEO – need explanation of how to fix the stage

38. Felicity asked when should she start the refurbishment plan – wait for the full builders report
39. At Clare Town Hall, the plan is to remove the stage entirely
40. Heather expressed her concerns about the future of the Saddleworth Country Market

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 24 August 2023 at 7.30pm

Saddleworth Institute Supper Room