

Minutes of a meeting of the Barnes Bay Chapel Committee

Held on Saturday 6th March 2021

The meeting opened at 11.00am

PRESENT: Di Jodlowska (President), Yvonne Bottomley (taking the Minutes), Jill Allie, Stephen Allie, Perri Bottomley, Ralph Bottomley, Christine Churchill, Anne Correy, Dennis Cousins, Garth Denne, Pam Denne, David Goodrick, Jake Jodlowski, Tanzi Lewis, Carolyn Martyn, Ella Martyn, Ros Woodburn.

APOLOGIES: Alan Bottomley, Zanna Jodlowska and Justin Jones.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – October 2020 were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A summary of the Minutes was available on the Chapel website.

- 1 Natural Burials: It was clarified that a 'Doula' provided support to relatives of the dead. The contact person was Bec Lyons who was prepared to speak to members if requested. Carolyn to check if the group require payment for talking to our meeting.
- 2 Grave Digging: Di will confirm that Justin Jones organises this.
- 3 Cork Club has donated \$1,000 to the Chapel. A Thank-you letter has been sent. It was suggested that as Bruny Island Community Association (BICA) had received funds from the now-dissolved Primary Industry Group, our group could request a donation from BICA.
- 4 New Toilet: Lack of planning permission is causing the delay. We are waiting on a final quote from Shane Spaulding. The Kingborough Council will probably match the funds we raise.
- 5 Spare Chairs: Ten chairs have been received from the Denne's Point Hall. The Hall committee has been thanked via Justin Jones.
- 6 Maintenance Items: More tea towels have been donated by Di. A new door mat has been provided by Alan. The mouldy wall has been repainted (Jill and Christine). Still outstanding: new edge strips for front steps.
- 7 Perri has been reimbursed for the new mower battery.
- 8 Family histories: Some have already been sent to Alan for inclusion on the website. Anne's still to be published.
- 9 Plastic Flowers: Some members felt that plastic flowers were littering the cemetery and they have been removed. Fresh flowers were encouraged.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Out: Thank-you letters to The Cork Club and the Denne's Point Hall Committee.

In: Carolyn had received a letter from Siobhan Gaskell at Denne's Point, questioning the cost of a burial plot. Currently the costs on our website are as follows:

FEES:

For an ashes niche in the Columbarium	\$200
<u>For a burial plot:</u>	
For an association member who contributed to the original purchase of the site	\$650
For others who have lived on or who have a family connection to Bruny Island	\$1,000
For a tandem burial (where a second coffin is placed on top of a previous one)	\$300
To hire the chapel building and surrounds (includes seating, marquee, electricity)	POA per day

Notes:

1. The cost of digging the grave itself is not included in the above fees.
2. A tandem burial is subject to there being sufficient depth. The first coffin may need to be buried deeper.

Issues raised during discussion included:

- Should the association increase the charges annually in line with cost of living increases?
- Should there be a time limit within which the total cost must be paid?
- Should we guarantee a price for a period eg, 5 years?

A check of the donor list indicates that Ms Gaskell's family was not an original donor and was not therefore eligible for that discount.

Carolyn will notify Ms Gaskell and advise that the Committee will be discussing charges at our next meeting.

Jake will check prices at other cemeteries for a comparison.

The Correspondence was accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

An electronic copy of the latest Finance Report dated 5th March 2021, is attached.

In summary,

The opening balance on 30th June 2020 was \$12,443.84

The Closing balance on 5th March 2021 was \$12,992.54

After discussion it was decided that private donations should be listed individually as 'anonymous' donations, rather than be grouped together.

Proposed: Perri, seconded Garth

Steve raised the matter of management of the money being paid to the Association for burial plots/spots in the Columbarium. (Currently the Association has just one account in which all funds are deposited and from which all costs are paid.) The question was raised should the association protect such monies from possible closure of the Association by depositing it in a separate "Trust" account? Points discussed included the increase in complexity of managing the Association funds, possible distress if the funds were lost in closure. It was agreed that Jake would contact the Cornelian Bay Cemetery management and if they ran a separate account for burial funds, then he would open such an account on our behalf.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Box:

It was suggested that a donation box be attached to a wall somewhere to allow visitors to make donations. Garth will investigate for a suitable box.

Mail Delivery:

A recent mail delivery of plaques for the Columbarium had been received by a local resident as there was no mail box at the Chapel itself. The delivery had finally been passed on to Carolyn. Members agreed that the Chapel should have a mail box on the premises (39 Church Road, Barnes Bay).

Carolyn will supply a mail box.

Bruny Easter Carnival:

To be held on Easter Saturday (3rd April). BICA now runs the Carnival. The Chapel Committee will run a stall. Christine, Yvonne and family will help work the stall as Carolyn and Di might be running the children's entertainment. Others are welcome to assist. Steve to investigate obtaining a Chocolate Wheel.

Committee members:

It was noted that Anne Correy and Jill Allie should be listed as general Committee members.

Minutes:

Members requested that the full Minutes of the meeting be circulated electronically to those with email.

A summary of the Minutes will be placed on the Chapel website as normal, for those without email.

MEETING CLOSED: 12 noon.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 12th June at 11.00am

A Working Bee followed the meeting. The gardens were trimmed, rubbish and weeds were burnt. Graves were whipper-snipped.