

Minutes from the Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee meeting held at the office at 7pm, Tuesday the 19th of January 2010

Present; Ruth Patching, Lisa Stribley, Max Kubenek, Paul Stribley, Jayme Peltz, Bob Clark, Brenton Fenwick, Barry Porter

Apologies; Gill Beeson, Tony Whateley, Lloyd Wright

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

1. Walking Trails Project

Ruth presented a draft of the walking trails concept plan for the committee to review and comment upon.

2. BBLAP Governance Proposal

Discussion took place on the proposal Paul circulated late last year regarding the possibility of the BBLAP to spend the next year overhauling its current governance system and implanting a strategic planning element to the working of the committee and ensuring appropriate structures are in place to ensure transparency and accountability.

In order for these changes to take place Paul outlined the approximate time needed to dedicate to the development of these changes and suggested that a Project Manager be employed in his place whilst he worked on implementing the changes.

The committee generally agreed that there was an opportunity to tighten the way in which the committee works and to update the systems particularly in regards to the financial workings of the committee. It was agreed this would protect the committee when working with future employees and in ensuring insurance cover. It was also noted that the presence of an extra employee could offer opportunities for the LAP to widen its work and seek external funding.

It was agreed that it would only be possible to over a 12 month contract and that there could be a problem attracting a quality person for the position. In addition to this the question of Paul's contractual right to personal use of the work vehicle was discussed as possibly being a difficulty. It was discussed that whilst a new employee would not get private use of the vehicle it may be necessary to delegate use of the vehicle for work purposes only. If this was the case Paul may have to be compensated for the loss of his vehicle in his contract.

In light of these points, further discussion took place on whether it may be possible to employ someone in an Administrative position, or more than one position, rather than in the Project Manager position or possibility employ a contractor to complete some of the required work.

It was generally agreed that a decision would be made once further details were known and the financial viability of each option was discovered.

It was also decided that when a final vote on the matter was conducted Lisa would be happy to stand out to avoid a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Paul to develop a detailed work plan of both options outlining the specific administrative jobs and on-ground project work and how they would be distributed amongst employees. Part of the work plan would include prioritising which strategic elements to update and providing costings for each option.

3. Budget Presentations

Paul presented the new way in which he will present the budget to the committee which allows the committee to track how the budget is going. The new set-up is additional rather than in replacement of the current set-up.

4. Additional Business

Nothing to Add

Meeting Close: 8:20pm