



Montville Chamber of Commerce Inc.

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 24th September, 2020

Montville Gourmet Pizzeria

Attendance: Shiralee Cooper, Otto Lechner, Julianne Maher, Susan Brant, Wayne Malkin, Tracy Malkin, Tracie Sanim, Kate Scrace (Secretary/Admin)

Apologies: Linda Jones, Lisa Brereton,

The Meeting opened at 5: 15pm with Shiralee as Chair, and a warm welcome to all.

Acceptance of Minutes from the Executive Meeting on 27th August via Zoom was proposed.

MOTION: 'That the minutes of the Executive Meeting dated May 28th, 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.'

Moved: Kate Scrace

Seconded: Julianne Maher

For: **UNANIMOUS**

CARRIED

Correspondence:

MOTION: 'That correspondence Inwards and Outwards be accepted as presented.'

Moved: Otto Lechner

Seconded: Tracey Malkin

For: **UNANIMOUS**

CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With Paul Martin's move to Moreton Bay Council region, the meetings have been chaired by Mandy Day. Emma Thomas is the new SCC CEO.

The Chamber Alliance is morphing into a Coastal Alliance, spreading out to include Noosa, Gympie, and Cooroy: Shiralee participated in a recent link up and talked about the economic resurgence of the SCHregion in comparison with area such as Noosa, Buderim and Nambour as attested to by the weekly numbers of visitors, the occupancy levels in our accommodation, and the boom in visitors to our retail and hospitality sectors. Some businesses north of Coolum are being adversely affected by the increase in aircraft noise as flight paths have been rerouted, and the effect on real estate values has not gone unremarked.

Olivia from SCCA opined that this economic revival within the Sunshine Council hinterland region is so significant it should be celebrated on a national scale. However, there are still business that are hurting (Events and Wedding related businesses). New shops are opening in Montville which is a great sign.

A number of organisations are offering discounted memberships. Buderim had only 65 members, however they have offered free membership and has now increased to almost 200 members. VSC has offered a minimal charge for their membership. Glasshouse has offered free dinner at their AGM. The Chambers and CCIQ have been working hard by offering enticements to increase their membership.

The SCC Level UP Promotion is now on-line, offering courses and workshops to assist businesses improve their skills. Be Well, through TAFE, and Build a Better Business are also available. The Chamber Alliance is offering its mentoring program again. Business are now able to access these courses whenever they have time to do them.

The economic modelling from Council indicates that there have been 13500+ job losses due to Covid, but the region has gained the most number of jobs back pro rata.

Dessert Selection: Cheese Board; Pavlova, FG Crème Brulee

For the AGM, new nominations have been received from the following: Ali Khan from Narrows Escape; Kristy from Maple Weddings and Event; Martyn Baldwin from Support 2U; Shell Rodgers from Montville Misty Views; Martin Duncan Sunshine Coast Foodie will be asked to provide a focus on hospitality.

Shiralee will remain on the Executive in the role of President; Otto will step down as Vice President but will remain on the Executive; Julianne will remain while she is still here; Susan probably won't due to relocating further away; Wayne and Tracey will not be on the Executive but Wayne will still be on the Streetscape committee and on any Arts committee initiatives. Tracie Sanim is planning a move to Darwin so won't be available. Kate won't be on the Executive or in the Admin role.

Shiralee discussed the need to have a representative for the hospitality sector. Martin Duncan had agreed to join the EC to assist with social media promotion.

MOTION: 'That the Chamber offer Martin Duncan free membership if he is prepared to take up the role as our Social Media foodie ambassador.

Moved: Shiralee

For: **UNANIMOUS**

Seconded: Julianne

CARRIED

For the AGM the folders need to be prepared, with stickers on the front of each. And the following inclusions need to be printed and collated: Agenda, Treasurer's Report, President's Report and Value Statement. Susan offered to print the material at her work place if we email the documents to her.

Craig Davidson from VSC will be guest speaker, and he is open to what we want him to talk about. He is the interim president, and Andrew Fairbairn and Andrew Powell are coming on the night. Winston is not available as he will be at the MVA AGM on the same night.

Streetscape: Marty from the Montville Bar and Grill and Altitude is not happy with the lighting on the pathway as they don't believe they are providing a safe environment. Shiralee agrees from her observations that it isn't great. Edi also agreed it isn't good enough for pedestrians at night.

The council workers are ready to go ahead after the school holidays with the footpath, garden beds, and some planting against the unsightly timber wall where the mobile library stops. No carparks will be removed. With TMR approval, the SCC may be able to colour the entry area on the main road too.

The flagpole on the Village Green is going to be replaced. The Christmas Tree had more lights added to it. Looks terrific and adds vibrancy to that part of the street.

Frith provided some information to Shiralee to share with us, on The Senses Trail is being moved to RFP, as it is unsafe where it is currently situated near the primary school.

The Christmas Campaign will commence just after the AGM. Shiralee proposed having one draw instead of two and getting the businesses to draw their own winners, making it a more personal event for the voucher suppliers and participants and every shop has a winner. Some vouchers will be pooled too. It was mentioned that the MVA were going to be involved because it is more of a community thing rather than a business focused event. The MVA and the Chamber should work together on this event. Moving the event to RFP was suggested in addition to asking the MVA if they want to collaborate. This event is the culmination of the Christmas Campaign.

Verbal permission from people in the Ranges will need to be obtained before we hold the fireworks. Although they will run for less than 5 minutes, one person cannot prevent the event from going ahead.

We will need to make sure we do a letter drop to let people with dogs know it is going ahead. It will happen at 7:30pm.

Discussion ensued about holding it back on the Village Green or in the School grounds... but we really prefer to hold it at RFP due to more space and as a launch of the work done there. Lighting will be improved on the night by mobile lighting. Illuminate is being held at Caloundra so we should keep an eye on what they do. The event needs to be kept simple in case it needs to be delayed or cancelled due to Covid 19. Shiralee to ask if Christmas Wonderland could have a shop during Xmas month?

We will ask the MVA if they have a preferred date, but we are thinking about holding it after the school kids go on holidays. Montville SS children are unable to perform due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Hinterland Tourism had an incredibly stressful AGM. Kerry and Felicity were nominated as president, and there were a number of late proxy votes. Some arguments ensued and dissatisfaction voiced however Kerry Brown was reelected as President.

The recent workshops held by HT were not as well attended as they had hoped. There were some negatives/challenges about how the workshops were run with connectivity issues. It is a great idea so it is hoped there will be more workshops in the coming months.

Memberships proposed:

Serge Properties, Range Care, Katherine Wood Fine Art and Tina Cooper Glass have all submitted their paperwork for our consideration.

MOTION: 'It is proposed that the following businesses be accepted as members of the Montville Chamber of Commerce for Serge Properties, Range Care, Katherine Wood Fine Art and Tina Cooper Glass

Moved: Shiralee Cooper
For: **UNANIMOUS**

Seconded: Tracey Malkin
CARRIED

Website Review is in abeyance until the new Executive is formed.

Otto mentioned there were 178 data elements to be changed on the map. He managed the activity and has the map ready to be produced. Wayne mentioned that he would have liked to give it a go himself, however it was beyond his expertise. WM showed an alternative idea as produced on the Juneau Visitors Map. The map currently produced is adapted and used across the Chamber for multiple purposes.

The quote received was for \$760 for 5000. We're possibly able to reduce the cost if 50 pads of 100 maps are printed rather than smaller pads of less numbers. It is not likely to be produced in time for the AGM.

Meet the Candidates via Zoom by MCOC – decided not to hold it as it is too difficult doing it by Zoom. We will promote the Maleny event.

Kondalilla Falls Pathway – there are three options to be considered, each with merit.

The increased numbers of walkers is being commented on by businesses along the paths of these walkers. SCC are keen to promote active transport, encouraging walkers and cyclists. It would definitely value add to the area. It would reduce parking problems. Looking at this from a safety aspect for locals and visitors is important as the number of walkers continues to grow.

The dome has had a public health order against it for the removal of asbestos around the doorway. The owner is in the US. The Response Service said it was not overgrown or unsightly. The overgrown part of it is partially hiding the unsightliness of the building. It has been an ongoing issue for a long time now.

Carparks at both ends of town would be valuable. People use the area where the dome is to turn around. It is illegal to turn there but there does need to be something developed at this end of town. The public is allowed to park behind Altitude.

Range Care have paid their membership, and they do get a vote at the AGM.

Wayne Malkin mentioned that he had been invited to join in the Sunshine Coast Arts Foundation. Wayne has put forward a design for a Regional Arts Gallery in RFP. They were quite interested. They had experienced a lot of trouble finding flat ground on Mountain View Road. Wayne made them aware that the RFP allowed for a building to support the Arts. They said they were unaware, but in fact, they had been told about it in the past and were now listening. They were really interested and were going to check with the Council.

WM mentioned there were all sorts of possibilities in the mix. The Council could sell the VIC and move the VIC into the Art Gallery. They could use the building roof for a cultural element – Could hold the Bunya Festival there (3 yearly) which would include the two local aboriginal groups (Kabi Kabi and the Jiniburra). The Roof could be used for functions, a sculpture garden. Proximity to cafes would translate to no need for a café. WM said there was no need to have a kitchen however it was suggested that there would be need to have a food preparation area. The next step is to set up an incorporated company to include sponsors, business and interested parties. Well done to Wayne for taking the idea forward.

Meeting Closed at 7:30pm. Next Meeting will be the AGM on 14th October, 2020 – Venue to be advised.

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