

The Big Tractor Project
Committee Meeting
Monday 11th of January 2021 at 6pm at One L of a Good Feed

Minutes

Present:

Brendon Haeusler, Andrew Bowman-Bright, Hal Walton, Vin Fordham Lamont (Shire of Carnamah CEO), Kylie Tremlett.

Apologies:

Finlay Brown and John Morgan

Brendon opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the concept of The Big Tractor Project.

The Big Tractor Project plans to have a 5 times the size replica of the Chamberlain Model 40K built on land near the southern end of the town of Carnamah. Brendon showed the meeting the Tracmach (design company) design for the tractor and from initial research and conversations between Hal, Brendon and Fremantle Steel an estimated cost of \$800,000 has been given, although Gnowangerup's quotes Hal believes were all over one million. The idea of the Big Tractor is to attract more people to Carnamah to help with the declining population. To have one major attraction to get more travellers here and tie in all the other attractions in the town and district.

After discussion was had by all, Brendon proposed a committee be formed from the meeting, with the thought of proceeding to acquire the funds to build the Big Tractor in Carnamah. Brendon also let the meeting know that Tracmach will not approach any other town with their design until he gets back to them with either a confirmation of the project or that we have declined to proceed with the project.

Election of Office Bearers

As there was no official Chairperson, Hal asked for nominations for office bearers.

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| Chairperson – Hal nominated Brendon Haeusler, Second by Andrew | Accepted |
| Secretary – Brendon nominated Kylie Tremlett, Second by Hal | Accepted |
| Treasurer – Kylie nominated Andrew Bowman-Bright, Second by Vin | Accepted |
| Shire Liaison – Brendon nominated Vin Fordham Lamont, Second by Hal | Accepted |

With all positions filled, Brendon thanked those taking on positions.

General Business

- Meeting resolved for Brendon to notify Tracmach that the Big Tractor committee wish to proceed with the process to build the Big Tractor.
- Hal Walton informed the meeting he is still awaiting the final quote from Fremantle Steel of the project.
- Vin informed the meeting of the Federal Governments Building Better Regions Fund grants, but time was of urgency. BBRF grant has the potential of contributing up to 75% of the costs of the project if the community can raise/have pledges of 25% of the cost at the date of the grant application the 5th of March 2021.
- Meeting resolved to ask for the Carnamah Shires support with the grant application process.
- Due to short time factor the meeting resolved Hal, Kylie and Brendon to send out support letters to past and present residences of Carnamah Shire as soon as possible, as well as those residents in the surrounding shires which will benefit from the increased traffic to the district.
- Brendon, Kylie and Hal to send letters to corporate entities for donations.
- Hal to send letters requesting support from the Western Australian politicians.
- An Evidence of Contribution form needs to be filled out by all donors and sent to Vin as proof of donations/pledges as per Federal BBRF grant guidelines.
- Andrew to set up a go fund me page.
- Andrew informed the meeting that he will ask if the Carnamah Historical Society and Museum can accept all donations. This will enable donations to be tax deductible.
- Vin to research the process for the committee to become an incorporated association.
- Meeting resolved that the main focus at this point in time is to raise as much funds as possible before the BBRF grant deadline.

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Brendon thanked all for coming, wished everyone good luck and declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.