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AGM Minutes 2025

Friends of Port Willunga Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 19th January, 2025 at 11am

Aldinga Institute Hall, Old Coach Road, Aldinga

1. Acknowledgement of Country and welcome of guests and committee members by FOPW chairperson Stephanie Johnston
2. Apologies called for and recorded. Rita Reitano, Merylyn McPhee, Jill Robinson, David Milner.
3. Motion for adoption of Minutes of AGM held 21st January, 2024 Moved Stephanie Johnston, seconded Zannie Twopeny. Voted and carried.
4. Chair's report – Stephanie Johnston

Key points of last year's work: Port Willunga Coast Park Fundraising: Wave Pool: Villawood Development: Jet Ski Free Zone: Port Willunga Coast Park and Heritage Caves Rubbish Issues: Hooded Plovers Update: FOPW Bush Gardeners, 2025 AGM and Membership Renewal.

Question from membership re Chair 's Report from David Seaton: How much money did we need to raise to plant a few trees and take out a Stobie pole? And did we have the permission of the membership to use

FOPW funds for the purpose? Stephanie explained FOPW had only committed to raise \$5000 as a separate fund, not from membership fees, and that individual residents whose properties' sightlines would most benefit from the poles' removal had pledged to provide the balance.

Motion for adoption of Chair's report. Moved Alex McCarthy, seconded Zanny Twopeny. Voted and carried

5. Treasurer's report – Andrew McLachlan. Motion to adopt Treasurer's report. Moved Andrew McLachlan, seconded Deborah Bogle. Voted and carried.
6. Election of officers and committee members conducted by Fiona Lindquist. Current members; Stephanie Johnston, Deborah Bogle, Zanny Twopeny, Fiona Lindquist, Andrew McLachlan, Stewart Roper. Returning committee member Karen March, and new member Lyn Langeluddeke. Elected by show of hands and carried.

Leaving Committee; David Milner, Chair thanked for extended work as Treasurer, gift to be forwarded to David. Alex McCarthy also leaving and thanked for her work.

7. Guest speaker – Stewart Roper presented a talk on birdlife of Linear Park and surrounds of Port Willunga. The number of birds and variety of species has increased as a result of revegetation, especially understorey plantings. The work of Port Willunga Bush Gardeners and the Aldinga Eco Village acknowledged, as well as the early plantings by Horst. The vegetation provides important shelter, nesting sites and food source: seeds, fruit, nectar and visiting insects.

Unfortunately, hooded plovers not doing as well, particularly this year. Acknowledgement of difficult work by volunteers in trying to protect this endangered species.

8. Vote of thanks to guest speaker – Deborah Bogle
9. Coast Park update – Nathan Farnell, leader Coast Park project. To date a two and a half year project with consultation of various stakeholders including FOPW. Nathan thanked FOPW for working through the issues, and acknowledged the importance of listening to concerns and suggestions from residents.

He noted that the 2.8km x 3m wide path from Port Willunga to Maslin Beach will pass through a landscape that is a very significant natural environment.

Council now has detailed design with construction start date projected within the next six to 12 months, depending on the progress of negotiations with landholders for an easement around Chinaman's Gully.

He also noted that the recently erected fencing preventing public access through private property was legal, but Council was continuing longstanding negotiations for an easement.

Additional funding has been secured for removal the of the Stobie pole in the old campground site Total cost of \$6 million for coast walk, \$350,000 to remove Stobie poles. Farnell noted that if the pole removal figure holds Council won't be coming to FOPW for additional funds.

In response to a question from the floor from Maureen Tyler, Farnell said providing power directly from Bowering Hill Rd had been ruled out because of far higher cost and access through private property.

A second question to Nathan from Lynn Langeluddeke about Council allowing the track through Chinaman's Gully to fall into such dire state of disrepair. Said Councillor Lauren Jew had told her there would be some action taken. Nathan reiterated that Council had been attempting to negotiate access for many years, and confirmed that a temporary upgrade was being considered.

Alex McCarthy sought confirmation that a bridge over the gully was no longer an option, and Nathan confirmed that was the case, due to the cost and the impact on fragile environment.

Zanny Twopeny also raised the issue of recent excessive fencing.

10. Wave Park update: Pam Zervas, Bowering Hill resident, representing several Bowering Hill neighbours and up to 70 Caravan Park residents.

Pam gave background on original application that didn't require public notification. Variation to extend hours to midnight, and the construction of 5 x 27m lighting towers like those around Adelaide Oval had galvanised the community to mount an objection to the variation. Pam and other

residents had engaged Phillip Brunning, planning consultant, to give expert advice on opposing the variation and he would represent a group objection and speak to the matter at a Council meeting in March or April. Pam urged audience to join the group objection and also to lodge individual objections by the deadline at midnight the following day. Fiona Lindquist moved Andrew McLachlan seconded motion for FOPW submission as well. Voted and passed unanimously.

11. Hooded Plover update: Sally Crafter, volunteer with Birdlife Australia, spoke of a very good breeding season last year that sadly had not been matched in the summer 2024 - 2025 season. Tides, foxes, and dogs off lead unfortunately have all prevented successful nesting or survival of fledglings. Sally spoke of the need for more volunteers to do a very difficult job.

12. Any other business:

Leigh Taylor asked if Council was watering the recently planted Aleppo pines on Port Rd. Committee agreed to follow up with Council. Stewart noted recent watering of Linear Park seedlings due to recent extended dry period.

Meeting closed 12:30pm.