
Committee: Indigo Atauro Island Friendship Committee

TO BE HELD: Wednesday 9 May at 4pm

LOCATION: The Long Room, Ford Street Beechworth

CHAIR: Rob Porter

ATTENDEES:

- Rob Porter
- Mark Verbaken
- Irene Cracknell
- Frances Walsh
- Peter Croucher
- Libby Hosking
- Greg Pinkerton
- Jess Johnston

APOLOGIES: Lesley Milne

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1. **Welcome**
 2. **Present** - RP, MV, IC, FW, PC, LH, GP, JJ
 3. **Apologies** – Lesley Milne
 4. **Disclosure of conflicts of interest** – NIL
 5. **What is the best operating model for the Friends of Atauro and their administrative committee?**

Committee – Important to protect the Memorandum that has been signed by Council (2008 and 2014)

GP: There is no planned change of direction or policy – Council still supports the committee however they often need to do things that are difficult to do under the rules of Local Government in Victoria. These proposed changes are about supporting the continued functioning of the committee.

Committee: expressed concern about the sustainability of the committee if they are not an S86.

GP: we can protect the sustainability by creating a strong agreement with Council with specific, detailed links.

Committee: Are there different options other than S86 and becoming incorporated?

GP: Not a Council committee that would allow you to deal with money. The only other model would be if the committee became a fundraising committee then give the money to another organisation to manage payments, although this does not appear to be a palatable option.

6. What is the process by which we move to the new model

Greg strongly recommends becoming an incorporated association with strong links to Council and the potential for a 5 year commitment from Council.

7. Council connections

See point 8.

8. Next steps

Greg to pull together standard incorporation documentation and MOU/terms between committee and Council to present to the June committee meeting for discussion and feedback.

Detail connections and what need to be maintained and protected, including:

- Continued support from Council
- Present to Council once a year
- Minutes on website
- In Council Plan / Annual report/ strategic plan as well as the international view of council
- What happened if the committee falls over – eg they have no members – what support can Council provide in this situation
- Insurance
- Councillor attendance with a sub
- Continued financial support

Greg to explore other options and if he comes across another model that would work present it to the committee.

This document is a draft only, acknowledge that it will need to be edited over time.

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9. Date of next meeting: 5pm - 27 June – Peter’s House in Tangambalanga
10. Meeting closed: 5:15pm