**MEETING RE USES OF SHEKINAH BUILDING**

Meeting held at Burpengary Community Church at 2pm 19th Nov 2010

Present: Tom McCue, Julie Greer, Brendon Beckett, David Unwin,

Simon Done, Remo Masnada, Steve Hutchinson, Mary-Anne O’Neill,

Shawn Mathesen, Denielle Beattie, Elisha Fitton, Osa Nanah, Tafosaga Nunie, Inis Kugelman, Julian Foley, Kathie Horn, Neil Richardson, Joan Morris, Steve Wanmer, Charles Lambalika, Ashley Mc Lean, Carina Mc Lean, Bill Fowles, Karen Fowles, Ruth Mc Donald, Malcolm Thiesfield.

Bill Fowles opened the meeting welcoming everybody present and commenting on how the group was a wide representation of many different fields. He handed over the meeting to be chaired by Tom McCue.

Tom Mc Cue representing Federal Gov involved with youth ages 15-25 aim to engage all groups of society, business, schools, industry, parents to name a few.

Tom stated we were to view this meeting as a pre-partnership meeting to resolve differences that can arise and then look to form a partnership . He suggested we look at some topics for consideration when we meet again.

1. Do all groups have same goals.
2. Do all groups agree to address the issues.
3. Look at what benefits are in it for me.

Then those present were given the opportunity to say who they represented and what their vision was.

Julian Foley representing Young Networks Foundation. Julian has focus on supporting children in using the internet which he said is the new digital economy, his organisation is involved with children from 8yo and up running educational courses and they welcome program partnerships.

Denielle Beattie & Elisha Fitton from MBRC looking to support youth development in the region and were present to see in what ways the departments may participate.

Shawn Matheson representing Global Sports. He explained that an in depth feasibility study had been done on the building and surrounding community. Their role is to train and then release. They are involved in building sports centres around the world.

Mary-Anne O’Neill State Member for Kallangur. Mary-Anne likes the building and is sees lots of potential. She is keen to support the project when we know what it is we plan to do. She will assist in seeking funding.

Kathie Horn, member of Leadership team of Burpengary Community Church. Fully supportive of plans to utilise building for community activities.

Inis Kugelman commented on there being a great need to support youth from the Pacific Island community.

Brendon Beckett from MSHS has background of building and construction and would welcome opportunity to give students hands on experience which could happen in bringing the building up to standard.

Simon Done MSHS Sees the need to help the kids that can fall through the cracks. Which can cause them to self destruct. Programs like what Bill & Karen are doing can help stop this cycle.

He sees the potential for a youth training centre and said this was a long held belief from the staff at MSHS.

Ashley & Carina Mc Lean run youth activities on this site and attract up to 100 youth on Friday nights. They need lots of support to meet what is a growing need for our young people.

David Unwin from Qld Baptist Union who rescued building because of its potential when there was option to demolish it. Building is owned by internal bank and there is a debt that will need to be met at some future point. David agrees that the value of the building would be enhanced if used for growing young people.

Julie Greer Councillor MBRC said the building has huge potential and there is nothing in this area. In North Lakes there is a youth program jointly funded by developers and council. She is keen to help see such a program established here.

Ruth Mc Donald said with our community growing so much there is a lack of things to do and places to go so there is a great need for such a venue.

Neil Richardson Leadership BCC says we can make a change in young peoples lives and talked about what “ South Passage” achieves in a matter of days of its voyages. He thanked Qld Baptists for taking away the debt burden from this church community so we can focus on people. This is the environment that we can invest into.

Steve Hutchinson Community Development Officer with Reclink which helps groups support youth in sports and arts. Has contact with 15 agencies in MB region. He believes that they can bring good expertise to the table. Has also info on programs supported by Federal Gov through

Various departments.

Charles Lambalika Pastor of BCC stated that our community needs are more than spirituality, we as a community church can bring much more to the area through the programs we run.

Karen Fowles Leader of Shekinah program has around 30 pupils through program, uses flexible curriculum with vocational experience. The safe place with less pressure helps the girls and there are lots of volunteers involved sharing their lives.

Karen is there for the girls directing their purpose who do have a desire for working.

Steve Wanmer Chairman of steering committee, who are looking at what needs to happen and what to support, we are learning ourselves. Steve works in business coaching as well as being involved in many community groups. He believes that many local businesses have an interest in supporting such a project but need something they can connect with.

Bill Fowles commented on the needs for at risk kids and believes the answers are here, our focus must be on young people.

Tom Mc Cue summed up by saying that it is obvious that there is only one agenda here “Kids”

What we need to now do is work out how to go ahead.

We are only limited by our imagination.

Community support will be needed.

People will walk in to help.

Question on council re at risk kids.

Mary-Anne said it can become a magnet to draw people in.

Likes the fact we are all on the same page.

She can assist with grants.

Tom concluded by asking us to indicate interest in another meeting.

It will be about empowering youth and engaging communities.