**Minutes of Community Praxis Meeting**

**9th October, 2015**

**at Scuzi Café, Chermside**

Attending: Howard Buckley (chair), Dave Andrews, Paul Toon (as guest/prospective member), Peter Westoby, Lynda Shevellar, Em James, Neil Barringham, Tina Lathouras (minutes).

Apologies: Gillian O’Brien, Gerard Dowling

1. Meeting opened 2.24pm and attendees ‘checked-in’.
2. Report back: Allan and Sue 3-day Masterclass went really well, with 18 people, and discussions about a possible longer program (see point #3).
3. Report back: Project Team: Lynda, Peter and Gerard were tasked, along with Allan and Sue (Proteus) to develop a DRAFT proposal called ‘Reflective Social Practice’, to be a new initiative of Praxis and the Proteus Initiative in 2016ff. Looking for 20 people to participate. The objective is to experiment in building a 2,5 year program of learning, as opposed to the one-off workshops. Advertising is about to go out, firstly to the approximate 50 people who’ve attended 3 previous workshops (to elicit feedback and any sense of interest/commitment) and then to broader markets.
4. Accredited training/RTO update. Lynda and Tina followed up with their contacts. When Roland returns we’ll revisit this as a possible team project.
5. Possible co-writing project and 20th anniversary of Praxis in 2018. Postpone this idea for another day when we have energy for it.
6. **Update on Projects:** 
   1. BBC in West End and Yeronga with Community Plus (via BCC funding). **Action: Dave** to follow up with Crystal around a contract; **Dave to email** Howard with details of budget and so Howard can allocate a Project number.
   2. Proteus project as above
7. **Ethical Dividend**:
   1. Richard Warner has asked we support the Mountain Mowing Men (MMM) to purchase a vehicle. Moved by Neil that $2,000 be given to MMM and ask them to let us know how they spent it in about a year’s time. We’d like them to consider other ways to get capital funding e.g. Community Benefit Gambling Fund, or dollar for dollar type sponsorships. **Action: Peter** to follow up with Richard.
   2. Also it was moved by Dave that up to $500 be allocated to support an unwaged person to attend the Praxis Conversations event, the two-day conference and airfares. Accepted. **All: email** others if you have an idea for who could use this.
8. **Conversations Event:** Project Team is Em, Howard, Tina and Lynda. Lynda’s role is to hold the Open Space process. Dave, Neil and Peter will come and would like to help on the day. **All attending:** come with an idea for hosting a conversation.
9. **Reflection/planning day**: Howard suggested that we do some thinking about our financial situation, how we are travelling, what actions we want to commit to in the future etc. Paul offered to facilitate a day-long process with us based on the theme “What we call the beginning is often the end, And to make an end is to make a beginning, the end is where we start from” (T.S. Elliot). Saturday 6th August 2016 – 10am – 3pm in Maleny on Howard’s deck.
10. **Next meeting:** Friday 4th December 1pm – Octane Zillmere. **Action: Peter** to check if it is open.

Meeting closed at 4.05.