

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015  
**Venue:** Artarmon Community Hall  
**Present:** Christine Kelley, Plamen Bassarov, Barry Thompson, Peter Egan, Kath Herrmann, Peter Wang  
**Visitor:** Justina Mills (Ability Links, Willoughby Region)  
**Apologies:** Dale McKay, Adrian Alexander, Peter Wilton, Parry Aliferis  
**Meeting Opened:** 7.50pm

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**Open Forum** Justina Mills of Ability Links, Willoughby Region, a NSW government community programme, introduced herself to the meeting and explained her professional interest in attending meetings of Willoughby Progress Associations to further acquaint herself with issues impacting on residents of Willoughby.

**Minutes** Minutes of 4th March 2015, having been circulated, were taken as read and accepted.  
**Proposed:** P Bassarov, **Seconded:** P Egan. Motion Carried

**President's Report** No report.

**Correspondence In/Out** As circulated.

**Treasurer's Report** No report.

**Heritage** No report. Heritage display to open on 29<sup>th</sup> April.  
**ACTION:** *Secretary to ascertain what assistance with mounting and taking down display and what further publicity is required.*

**Gazette Matters** March issue successfully produced under new editor, Helena Ho. Parry Aliferis has taken over Gazette liaison for June issue.

**Federation** Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> March circulated and the following items discussed:

1. **Council Amalgamations** The benefits and disadvantages of council amalgamations were discussed and the following resolution moved:

**Motion:** "Artarmon Progress Association sees no advantage for the residents of Artarmon in the amalgamation of Willoughby City Council with any other council and opposes amalgamation. In an effort to better inform Artarmon residents, further information to be requested of Willoughby City Council."

**Proposed:** B Thompson, **Seconded:** P Egan. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** *Letter to WCC to be drafted and circulated by Plamen Bassarov for input by executive committee.*

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2. **Infrastructure Levy** was discussed and the following motion proposed:

**MOTION 1:** "That Artarmon Progress Association supports the introduction of the proposed Infrastructure Levy."

**Proposed:** P Egan, **Seconded:** B Thompson. Motion carried.

**MOTION 2:** "That Artarmon Progress Association looks to Willoughby Councillors to focus positively on and act decisively for the betterment of Willoughby LGA."

**Proposed:** B Thompson, **Seconded:** C Kelley. Motion carried.

3. **"Meet The Candidates"** – Peter Egan reported that the FWPA public information meeting had been a great success. Candidates for Liberal, Labor, Greens and Australian Cyclists Party spoke to residents.
4. **Memorial to late Mayor Pat Reilly** – Peter Egan advised that WCC had resolved to commission a bas relief sculpture of the late mayor to be placed at The Concourse, and that a room at the refurbished Willoughby Park Centre be renamed in his honour.

#### Traffic

Nothing to report.

#### Membership

**ACTION:** *Proposal from Peter Wilton regarding way forward re introduction of free membership.*

In the meantime, it was proposed:

**MOTION:** "That a letter of acknowledgement of membership be sent to all new members."

**Proposed:** B Thompson, **Seconded:** C Kelley. Motion carried.

Updating of membership database was discussed.

**ACTION:** *Kath Herrmann to prepare and circulate a draft acknowledgement of membership for input by the executive committee.*

#### Website

**ACTION:** *All executive committee members to peruse website and report any updates and amendments required to Secretary.*

#### Council Matters

1. **98 – 102 Hampden Rd**  
Conciliation meeting set down for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015.  
**MOTION:** "That Plamen Bassarov attend the conciliation meeting to present the views of the APA."  
**Proposed:** B Thompson, **Seconded:** C Kelley. Motion carried.
2. **Channel 9 development** now up for sale.
3. **Childcare Centre 44 & 44A Stafford Road** No further details on Land & Environment Court application.
4. **St Leonards Towers** Issues regarding parking and traffic congestion which would result in St Leonards, and overcrowding

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at Artarmon Primary School, were discussed. Noted that Naremburn Action Group (NAG) has been established to represent community interests, with support from Willoughby Area Action Group (WAAG).

**MOTION:** “That Artarmon Progress Association supports the intent of the formation of NAG and its objective of ensuring an appropriate scale of development of the St Leonards Towers, and offers to assist NAG in communicating with the community.”

**Proposed:** B Thompson, **Seconded** P Egan. Motion carried.

**Public Information Meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> June – Debra Just, WCC General Manager

**ACTION:** *Peter Wilton and Parry Aliferis to publicise in June Gazette.*

**Artarmon Village Group**

Nothing to report.

**General Business.**

**1. Artarmon Railway Station Access Upgrade**

**ACTION:** *Peter Egan to draft and circulate to executive a letter to new Minister for Transport Andrew Constance, congratulating him on his appointment and regarding unsatisfactory outcome regarding proposed Access Upgrade for Artarmon Railway Station.*

**2. Election of New Executive Committee Member**

**MOTION:** “That Peter Wang be elected a member of the Executive Committee.”

**Proposed:** C Kelley, **Seconded:** P Egan. Motion carried.

**Next Meetings**

Wednesday, 29th April, Heritage Launch

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.40pm, Executive Committee meeting

**Meeting closed at 9.35pm.**