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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 1st February 2017
Venue: Artarmon Community Hall
Present: Adrian Alexander, Dale McKay, Plamen Bassarov, Peter Egan, Christine Tuon, Peter Wilton
Apologies: Lindsay Alexander, Kath Herrmann, Sue Livingston, Maz Berry
Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Minutes Confirmation of minutes of 2nd November 2016; *proposed* P Wilton, *seconded* P Egan. Minutes taken as read and accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

- ***Meeting with Council Officers – Development Application compliance with Conservation Area Objectives***

A Alexander and P Bassarov met with Council Planning Manager to express the APA's concerns in respect to Development Application approvals and outcomes not in the spirit of the Conservation Area objectives. Officers listened to our concerns, took notes and indicated they would follow up on the properties raised with them. The delegation was not confident that there will be a change in the Planning Departments approach to developments in the Conservation Areas.

President's Report – Peter Wilton

Drafting of a ***Code of Behaviour for Executive Committee Members*** will be completed by the March Executive Meeting.

Action: President

P Wilton will attend the next meeting of the **Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations** (in P Egan's absence). Gladys Berejiklian's had been booked to attend this meeting but has had to cancel due to her recent appointment as Premier of NSW and the need to reorder her diary.

Action: President to attend Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations, Inc. meeting on 4 February 2017.

Reports from Artarmon Village Inc. President on the progress in the laying of the 33kV Sydney Metro powerline through the Artarmon Village and Artarmon were all positive from the shopkeepers point of view. Work has proceeded at a pace that has pleased all the shopkeepers resulting in some retailers offering food and drinks to the contractors employees to encourage a speedy



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end to the Village section of the project. It is not known at this stage when the work on the Jersey Road to Parkes Road section will commence. This section will again cause traffic delays through Artarmon. Follow up is required here.

Action: Follow up with Artarmon Village, Inc. President to resolve timetable for completion of the Jersey Road to Parkes Road section of the powerline construction.

The President proposed that Peter Conroy, Director of Planning and Infrastructure, Willoughby City Council be the guest speaker at the next Public Information Meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Peter Conroy at the last PIM agreed to return in 2017 to address questions previously deferred (taken on notice).

ACTION: P Wilton will contact Peter Conroy and D McKay will plan the promotion of the event for 22nd March 2017. Gazette Advertising of the event to be followed up by the Artarmon Gazette Editor.

APA Christmas Party was considered a great success with more people than expected turning up on the night. There also was very good support from Advertisers and Gazette contributors/delivery team members and the President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations, Inc Steph Croft. He thanked those who help organise the event.

APA consulted with the Artarmon Public School P & C to offer advice on their campaign to have the Education Department implement the full redevelopment Master Plan as originally announced. School Hall has been deferred but has major impact on school activities and playground spaces.

ACTION: Artarmon Gazette Editor to follow up with the APS P&C for a contribution in March 2017 Edition of the Gazette.

The President also reiterated that the APA role is to support local organisations like the APS P&C, Artarmon Village, Channel 9 redevelopment, etc, when matters of concern to the community are raised rather than the APA taking the lead role in any campaign.

Correspondence As circulated

Willoughby City Council Draft Boat Trailer Parking Strategy is out for public consultation until Friday 17 February and is considered a worthwhile strategy by most of the committee members as it was considered that boat parking was not appropriate in suburban streets, particularly where there is currently a shortage of parking for cars. You can participate in the Council survey on www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au.



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Treasurer's Report

Financial statements to 31 January 2017 were tabled and accepted

History Project and Heritage Report

National Trust Heritage Festival theme this year is "Having a Voice". A Alexander is looking at the possibility of again recycling some of past exhibit content as with being Editor of the Gazette again he does not a lot of time available to create new material by the April deadline.

Artarmon Street Name series will continue in the Gazette in March edition – next covered will be the Sailor Streets (Raleigh, Drake, Hawkins and Elizabeth).

ACTION: *A Alexander consider options available for participating in the National Trust's Heritage Festival.*

Gazette Matters

A Alexander reported that the production of the upcoming March 2017 edition of the Gazette has commenced. Deadline for advertising and contributions is Friday 10 February 2017.

Federation Report

Next meeting will be held on Saturday 4 February 2016. The President will attend. New State Premier and Member for Willoughby, Gladys Berejiklian was to attend but has now cancelled.

There is a lot on the meeting agenda.

The Federation is working towards being the community Voice of Willoughby.

Council Amalgamation process is up in the air with State Government announcements pending.

Voting at Federation meetings is currently one vote per delegate. The general opinion was that it should be one vote per member Progress Association (9).

ACTION: *The President to attend Federation Meeting.*

Membership Report

No report

Website Report

Website content to be review/culled.

ACTION: *A Alexander and R Newman to attend asap.*



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Traffic and Parking Report P Egan

A general discussion on traffic matters in and around Artarmon took place. Concerns were expressed that the current peak hour gridlock through Artarmon, Chatswood and Willoughby can only get worst in coming years unless something is done about it.

The Greater Sydney Commission, North District Plan is currently out for public consultation until May 2017. This provides the APA with an opportunity to push for early attention to developing alternatives to current traffic plans.

These alternative to include early development of prime arterial roads to bypass existing local roads such as Mowbray Road, Fullers Road, Willoughby Road, Epping Road and to develop new harbour crossings for Northern Beaches traffic and through traffic to the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga.

There is currently a proposal to connect Westconnex to the Warringah Freeway at North Sydney. Unless there is complementary extension of freeway conditions through to the southern part of the Northern Beaches (north of the Spit Bridge), connections to the Roseville Bridge and Wahroonga (M1 Sydney/Newcastle), the Lower North Shore will continue to be congested.

P Egan outlined the main issues involved and suggested that as Turramurra has done, Artarmon should submit a Strategic Artarmon Transport Plan to local member, and State Premier Gladys Berejiklian requesting early implementation. The Plan should include Roads, Public Transport and parking, etc.

P Egan reported on Sydney Metro powerline project. Although the contractor has done a good job getting through the Artarmon Village, as mentioned under President's Report concerns still exist in respect to the Jersey Road to Parkes Road section of the powerline.

R Newman advised that he had heard that there was a proposal to impose a 40km speed limit through the Artarmon Village (Jersey Road to Brand Street).

ACTION: P Egan to prepare first draft for consideration of committee and to be signed off by President on APA letterhead.

Council Matters

A Alexander advised that the Council has advertise that they propose to close Bridge Street, Artarmon and amalgamate the title with the adjoining Cameron Avenue Car Park. In practice, Bridge Street has been part of this carpark for a very long time, the Council having acquired the car park in 1948. Bridge Street was originally part of Cameron Avenue until 1916 when Cameron Avenue was extended to Tindale Road and Harden Road.



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No action required as there will be no change in usage.

Matter of Current Interest to APA 2017

It has been the practice of the committee for the past five years to prepare an annual Matter of Interest to APA schedule.

A Alexander distributed the paper prior to the meeting.

With the Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan out for public comment it is timely for the Executive Committee to consider its position on what are considered the most urgent issues to be addressed to enable an APA submission to be written and submitted by due date.

Some of the issues raised in the paper are:

- Traffic Gridlock in Artarmon and Willoughby City in general
- Sydney Metro Station for Artarmon (not currently in the Sydney Metro Plans)
- Retention of Conservation Areas
- Additional Educational facilities (new schools)
- Additional sporting facilities and open space
- Review of high rise restrictions in West Artarmon as many older blocks are nearing the end of the useful lives
- Review Commuter Parking Strategies
- St Leonards, Crows Nest, Greenwich, Artarmon Industrial Area Collaboration Area (State Government has designated this as the St Leonards Collaboration Area). It currently the responsibility of three councils with little consultation between them on planning matters.

The paper also covers:

- Public Information Meetings 22 March, 21 June 11 October 2017
- Need for development of a well located Community Centre in Artarmon (excluding the Artarmon Library Hall and the Artarmon Bowling Club).
- Redevelopment of the Artarmon Village precinct to increase employment, retail and social activities.
- Promotion the Artarmon Village as a Health Services and "Eats Street" destination
- Encourage the formation of Community Groups to support Artarmon Community eg Senior Citizens Club, Youth Activities, etc.
- Work with the Willoughby City Council to review the Artarmon Reserve Master Plan, which should incorporate the Artarmon Bowling Club land and interconnectivity with Artarmon Park, Prentice Park and Walter Street Reserve. Willoughby South and Naremburn Progress Associations have expressed interest in participating in this review.

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- Railway Corridor to be cleaned up and re-landscaped (both east and west sides). East side access to the station to be addressed (lift access to platforms and Wilkes Avenue gradient changed to meet current building standards)
- Lobby Council and government to improve commuter parking near the station.
- Council Amalgamation and the impact on Progress Associations in the new council area.
- Upgrade APA Website and policy relating thereto and APA Digital Policy.

ACTION: *Matters of Interest 2017 Paper to be placed on the March Executive Committee Meeting Agenda for discussion with the objective of deciding which items should be actioned and which should be deleted.*

Submission to Greater Sydney Commission on their Draft North District Plan to be prepared once the committee is in agreement on the matters which should be addressed therein.

Public Information Meetings

22nd March – Peter Conroy Director Planning and Infrastructure, Willoughby City Council to be invited to speak again.

ACTION: *P Wilton to contact Peter Conroy to arrange.*

Next Meeting

Next executive meeting Wednesday 1st March 2017, 7:40pm.

Meeting closed at 9:20 pm.