

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
**Venue:** Artarmon Community Hall  
**Present:** Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Peter Egan, Sue Livingston, Robert Newman, Christine Tuon, Peter Wilton  
**Apologies:** Maz Berry  
**Meeting Opened:** 7:45 pm

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**Minutes** Confirmation of minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017; *proposed* P Wilton, *seconded* P Bassarov. Minutes taken as read and accepted.

### Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

**ACTION: P Wilton** will draft A Code of Behaviour for Executive Committee Members by the April Executive Meeting.

**ACTION: P Wilton** will contact D McKay regarding the promotion of the PIM hosting Peter Conroy, Director of Planning and Infrastructure, Willoughby City Council for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will place Matters of Interest 2017 Paper on the April Executive Committee Meeting Agenda for discussion with the objective of deciding which items should be actioned and which should be deleted.

### Correspondence

As circulated

**ACTION: P Wilton** will contact M Berry to discuss the details of the management of the "Welcome Pack" for new residents.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will send an Immediate to the APA Membership re the Willoughby Council promotion of Neighbour Day

**ACTION: S Livingston** will forward on correspondence to Tom Gilling received through the APA.

### President's Report – Peter Wilton

P Wilton reported reconsideration of the submission on the Transport Strategy discussed last meeting. It was suggested the submission be directed to Willoughby Council with a change in emphasis toward addressing the Local Centres (Artarmon Village) stream of the Planning for the Future Strategy.

P Wilton passed on Bob Taffel's invitation to the Willoughby South Progress Association meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Castlevale where Deborah Dearing, District Commissioner - North will address the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Financial statements to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were tabled and accepted.  
A Alexander reported that he is currently following up overdue debtors.

### **Treasurer's Report (Cont)**

Income from the Gazette is down slightly to previous periods due to a drop in advertising, but this is most likely an outlying event. All costs in producing the Gazette are covered.

### **History Project and Heritage Report**

A Alexander reported that the APA is participating in the National Trust Heritage Festival "Having a Voice". 18 posters will be displayed in the Artarmon Library during May celebrating the activities of the APA since 1906.

One of the current investigations of the History Project revolves around the Artarmon Tennis Club in Cleland Park turning 100. This has led to further research into past and present tennis courts in Artarmon

### **Gazette Matters**

S Livingston passed on a set of Artarmon Gazettes to A Alexander that were kindly collated and donated by Peter Atherden who has recently moved from Artarmon. The collection runs from the first edition in 1999 and is only missing issues 7 and 63.

A Alexander reported that the March 2017 edition of the Gazette is at the printers and is expected to be ready for distribution by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. P Wilton commented that the new News In Brief and Community Noticeboard Sections worked very well. A renewed call to source an Editor was made, as A Alexander will be absent in November 2017. There was also another request to committee members or people they know for articles with a local flavour or written by a local for the Gazette. C Tuon commented she had not received a copy of the Gazette for a year.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will contact the Tindale Rd distributor to check the distribution extends past Artarmon Road.

### **Federation Report**

P Egan flagged a possible query from the Secretary of the Federation regarding membership fees as she is looking at Constitution review processes. The APA has reviewed its Constitution in the recent past and made a considered decision not to charge for membership.

P Egan attended a meeting with Trent Zimmerman together with other Progress Association executive members. Trent Zimmerman flagged his willingness to attend Progress Association Meetings and this should be raised with D McKay as a possibility for a PIM.

### **Membership Report**

There was discussion of the need to promote membership to people of non-English-speaking backgrounds. To further this push, C Tuon agreed to an interview with A Alexander about her membership of the committee that could be published in the Gazette.

**ACTION: A Alexander** will interview C Tuon about her membership of the APA, and **C Tuon** will translate the essence of the interview to attract interest in membership from people of non-English-speaking backgrounds.



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#### **Website Report**

**ACTION:** *A Alexander and R Newman will attend to the website review as soon as possible.*

#### **Traffic and Parking Report**

P Egan reported that the Council traffic wardens are processing more infringements, most likely due to unfamiliarity of parkers with temporary parking changes. Lindsay Alexander reported continued illegal parking on Fridays due to the Mosque service and that although he has called Council repeatedly to let them know the timing of the problem the rangers do not arrive at the right time. As the service is typically in the middle of the day, workers and commuters already take most of the available parking.

**ACTION:** *L Alexander will write to Council giving them the typical timing of the Friday service and asking that Rangers be prepared to patrol at that time.*

**ACTION:** *P Egan will write and circulate a draft of a submission to Council detailing difficulties arising from commuter parking in Artarmon with particular attention to the western side of the line where there seemed to be a lack of understanding regarding parking in Council documents.*

**ACTION:** *P Egan will again circulate Council's draft Parking Strategy Volume II for the executive to read.*

#### **Council Matters**

A Alexander raised Willoughby Council's Planning Strategy 2016-2036 encompassing four position statements: 1.Chatswood CBD, 2.Local Centres in Willoughby, 3.Industrial Lands and 4.Housing in Willoughby. Council is consulting until 17 March and gave very little notice and detail about public consultation events. The APA Executive agreed it should have more opportunity to consult.

**ACTION:** *P Wilton will contact Norma Shankie-Williams at Council to investigate the level of detail that Council might require for submissions, and whether a meeting of APA and Council is merited.*

#### **Public Information Meetings**

22nd March – Peter Conroy Director Planning and Infrastructure, Willoughby City Council is speaking about the Artarmon Reserve Master Plan incorporating the Artarmon Reserve and the former Artarmon Bowling Club.

**ACTION:** *D McKay to commence preparing promotional material for the March PIM, including an Immediate to all APA Members to be sent on 15<sup>th</sup> March and a reminder on 21<sup>st</sup> March.*

PIMs after that are 21 June, and 11 October 2017



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**Other Business**

The Greater Sydney Commission, North District Plan is currently out for public consultation. This provides the APA with an opportunity to push for early attention to a number of issues ranging through transport, the industrial area, building restrictions, and the possibility of another primary school. Deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

***ACTION:*** P Wilton will circulate a response to the Executive.

**Next Meeting**

Next executive meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7:40pm.

**Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.**