

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 5th April 2017
Venue: Artarmon Community Hall
Present: Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Maz Berry, Sue Livingston, Peter Wilton
Apologies: Adrian Alexander, Dale McKay, Christine Tuon
Absent: Peter Egan, Robert Newman
Attending: Richard White
Meeting Opened: 7:43 pm

Minutes Confirmation of minutes of 1st March 2017; *proposed L Alexander, seconded P Bassarov.* Minutes taken as read and accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

ACTION: *P Wilton will contact A Alexander to assess and prioritise Matters of Interest 2017 and S Livingston will place Matters of Interest 2017 Paper on the May Executive Committee Meeting Agenda for discussion.*

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.*

ACTION: *P Wilton will contact R Newman to discuss website review.*

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. (See notes below in Traffic and Parking)*

ACTION: *P Wilton will circulate a response to the Executive for The Greater Sydney Commission, North District Plan.*

Correspondence As circulated

President's Report – Peter Wilton

P Wilton reported upon meeting with the new minister at St Basil's Artarmon, Rev David Lim. The minister has joined the APA. P Wilton raised the subject of the value of a community event and Rev Lim was open to the possibility of hosting such an event on the church grounds or in the hall. The president reiterated to the executive meeting the need for the APA to develop a stronger relationship with western Artarmon, and to play a role in engendering a greater sense of community and citizenship. Ideas for a community event were canvassed such as a multicultural day, a fete or a farmers' market. The event should have the potential to engage as many nationalities of origin as are resident in Artarmon.



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President's Report (Cont)

P Wilton recently met the Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, whose seat covers part of western Artarmon. Mr Roberts is also the Minister for Planning.

A good result on the approval of the Artarmon School Hall was reported, with the APA president taking a role in coaching the successful lobbyists.

P Wilton reported that Premier Gladys Berejiklian attended the most recent FWPA meeting. Amongst other subjects the Premier addressed questions about the Northern Beaches Link, stating that her understanding was that no residential properties in Artarmon would be affected, and those commercial properties likely to be affected had been contacted. It would be another year before specific localities of the route would be known.

Treasurer's Report

Report deferred until next meeting. The President reported that the APA's finances were in good shape.

History Project and Heritage Report

Report deferred until next meeting.

Gazette Matters

The president reported that the last edition of the Gazette was an excellent production. A couple of Chatswood residents wrote to complement the APA on the quality of the publication that they picked up in an Artarmon café. The need for an editor remains urgent. Since the use of students for the role has yielded mixed results it may be necessary to offer remuneration for the position.

ACTION: *A Alexander will contact the Gazette layout designer (Robyn) for assistance in locating an editor.*

P Wilton again stressed that the work involved in producing the Gazette was falling to too few individuals and should be shared by a wider base.

Federation Report

The secretary of the Federation has highlighted the necessity of the constitution review process of Incorporated Associations. P Wilton reports that the APA is not fully compliant and the changes required to the constitution will need to be presented to the full membership. The most convenient forum for this would be the next Public Information Meeting in June. The Federation has produced a "model constitution" which might be used by the APA as a template.

ACTION: *P Wilton will draft amendments to the APA constitution to bring it to compliance, and will circulate this before the next meeting.*



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Membership Report

L Alexander reported that the APA emailing list now has 727 members and affiliates. There have been 15 new members join in 2017 and eight have renewed their membership after allowing it to lapse. A question was raised about whether this email list now tallies with the emailing list for Artarmon Immediate emails.

ACTION: *L Alexander will ask R Newman to send the Artarmon Immediate emailing list, so they may be compared.*

R White commented that a sign-up sheet separate from the PIM register of attendance should be available at PIMs to capture a greater membership.

Website Report

Deferred until next meeting.

Traffic and Parking Report

Report deferred until next meeting.

M Berry raised the situation of the loss of 8 parking spaces in Hampden Lane coming off Barton Road. This is due to pedestrian access being prioritised, which in turn is necessitated due to the loss of pedestrian access from Barton to Macmillan Road as it was incorporated into the Artarmon Public School development. P Bassarov also reported on the imminent loss of parking in Hampden Lane behind the Masonic centre. Although it was considered that the APA could not challenge the loss of parking adjacent to the school, the continued erosion of parking spaces in Artarmon is worthy of minuting.

ACTION: *P Bassarov will write to Council that it is against the public interest to further reduce the number of parking spaces.*

Council Matters

S Livingston passed on Current Development Applications from Willoughby City Council Meeting Agenda 27 March 2017 to P Bassarov. Some DAs had not come through on the regular alerts, although the APA had considered most DAs previously.

ACTION: *P Bassarov to investigate outliers further.*

The application for approval of 35 Hampden Road as a Place of Worship was again discussed, reiterating the APA's stance that there is no problem with the designation *per se*, however an adequate parking strategy must be produced to address the existing problem of illegal parking during worship times.



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Public Information Meetings (PIMs)

On 22nd March Peter Conroy, Director Planning and Infrastructure, and Melanie Smith, Director Community, Culture and Leisure at Willoughby City Council addressed the public meeting about the planning process for the future of the Artarmon Reserve and the former Artarmon Bowling Club. The meeting was extraordinarily well attended with 74 registered attendees, although a rough count gave almost 90. The window for community consultation on the future of the Artarmon Bowling Club and adjacent Artarmon Reserve will be approximately 1st May to 9th June. The APA, the Naremburn Progress Association, and the Willoughby South Progress Association will be involved in forums and workshops around this process.

Upcoming PIMs are 21 June, and 11 October 2017

ACTION: *P Wilton to contact D McKay to discuss inviting minister Anthony Roberts, Member for Lane Cove, to address the next meeting.*

Trent Zimmerman has previously flagged his willingness to attend Progress Association Meetings and this could be raised with D McKay as a possibility for a PIM.

Other Business

The implementation of a "Welcome Pack" to new Artarmon residents was discussed. Artarmon Village would like to produce a voucher system to encourage business and is supportive of the vouchers being part of a welcome pack. The difficulty canvassed is how to identify new Artarmon residents, and how to set the system up so it runs effectively without the need to be driven by an individual. Ideas covered involving the School and real estate agents in guiding distribution, although difficulties were identified in these methods. The executive agreed to further consider options, but in the meantime it would be possible to include the vouchers in the Gazette.

M Berry holds Council information material that could be included in the welcome packs when they are assembled.

R White asked for clarification on which authority checked that a development complied with agreed conditions after construction. A discussion regarding private certifiers ensued.

Next Meeting

Next executive meeting Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 7:40pm.

Meeting closed at 9:24 pm.