

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017  
**Venue:** Artarmon Community Hall  
**Present:** Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Peter Egan, Dale McKay, Robert Newman, Sue Livingston, and Peter Wilton  
**Apologies:** Maz Berry, Christine Tuon  
**Meeting Opened:** 7:40 pm

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**Minutes** Confirmation of minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017; *proposed P Bassarov, seconded L Alexander*. Minutes taken as read and accepted.

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

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

**ACTION: P Wilton** will contact A Alexander to assess and prioritise Matters of Interest 2017.

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

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

**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.

### President's Update – Peter Wilton

P Wilton confirmed that, upon following the link provided by the WPA Federation from the Office of Fair Trading, the APA constitution would require a major rewrite.

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

The president received a response from Rev David Lim of St Basil's church that the Parish Council is happy for the APA to use its facilities for community events. The committee agreed this is good news for events that may be affected by weather. It was also acknowledged that the locality in western Artarmon benefits the wider Artarmon community.

P Wilton reported on the meeting last month (also attended by A Alexander and S Livingston) with Tania Stark of Willoughby City Council regarding effective ways to conduct the community consultation phase of consideration

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of the future of the former Artarmon Bowling Club site. Although the meeting was primarily about the consultation process, the President stressed to Ms Stark that:

1. The Artarmon Bowling Club House had been an important hall available to the community for 50 years.
2. Now it is unavailable for community use there is a lack of appropriate community hall facilities in Artarmon.
3. In the event of Council deciding that the clubhouse will be demolished, the current structure must be maintained and made available until another is built.

In tonight's meeting P Wilton made the point that in line with the Greater Sydney Commission-Northern District Plan's requirements for increased housing density in the area, and in light of the likely Channel 9 redevelopment, that the maintenance and upgrade of the Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse takes on even greater importance in planning for the future. Discussion ensued about the best way to alert the Artarmon community about the Community Consultation timeframe and process. S Livingston pointed out the restricted nature of the "Have Your Say" survey option offered by Council.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will investigate the actual availability and facilities of other existing community venues in Artarmon listed by Council.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will redraft the proposed Artarmon Immediate. The "Have Your Say" survey option will be deleted, and the APA's position included. S Livingston will circulate the draft to the executive before sending it to members.

**ACTION: P Wilton** will draft a broad concept submission on the future of the former Artarmon Bowling Club grounds and clubhouse.

**Correspondence** As circulated

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. A Alexander reported that no overdue debts from the last Gazette remain. The existing term deposit has been renewed at 2.35%.

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

A Alexander has produced and ordered 20 posters celebrating the history of the Artarmon Progress Association "The Voice of Artarmon". They will be displayed in the Artarmon Library for approximately one month.

#### **Gazette Matters**

Closing date for submissions for the next issue is 12<sup>th</sup> May. The lead story will be the new school hall (P Wilton). Another article about the Artarmon Bowling Club will run along the lines of the APA's submission to Council. K Herrmann has spoken with P Wilton about the possibility of a fortnightly email to members covering relevant events, mostly the divestment of Council information. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of more frequent emails to members.

**Action: P Wilton** will discuss further with K Herrmann

### Federation Report

After 8 years of representing the Artarmon Progress Association at the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations, Peter Egan has signalled his intention to step down. Peter Wilton remains as the APA representative.  
**ACTION: P Wilton** will write to the President of the FWPA informing her of P Egan's resignation.

P Egan pointed out that his resignation would mean withdrawal (as representative of the Federation) from the Traffic and Parking Committee at Willoughby City Council. A Alexander confirmed that the minutes of the sub-committee were available through the Council website.

### Membership Report

A discussion by the committee was illuminated the discrepancy between the membership list held by L Alexander (727 members and affiliates) and the mailing list held by R Newman (approx 170).

**ACTION: R Newman** will cut and paste the list he holds and send it to **L Alexander** to compare. **L Alexander** will then confer with **K Herrmann** to clear up any discrepancies.

### Website Report

Gazette files have been received and updated.

### Traffic and Parking Report

The Sydney Metro cabling in Barton Road is almost complete. Hampden Lane is currently being excavated for the shared pathway to the school. P Egan reported traffic in both cases is being well managed. The construction of two inspection pits at Reserve/Barton and Hampden/Brand intersections is likely to cause further disruption.

### Public Information Meetings (PIMs)

Upcoming PIMs are 21 June, and 11 October 2017. P Wilton suggested the name of a former council staff member who now works for the Northern District Planning body might speak at the June meeting.

**ACTION: P Wilton** to co-ordinate the invitation with **D McKay**.

The upcoming change in the APA's constitution will require a vote by the members. Discussion ensued about whether this could be co-ordinated with a PIM. It was noted that Council elections will be held 9<sup>th</sup> September. The candidates (or successful office bearers) may be contacted to address one of the PIMs.

### Council Matters

P Bassarov reported that the DA concerning parking spaces at 44 Hampden Road (Masonic Centre) were internal and of no concern to the wider community. The DA for the two-storey building to be erected after the demolition of the current structure at 52 Burra Road was discussed. It was agreed that the design of the new building was in keeping with the streetscape provided the Colorbond roofing as it the rear of the building. In the new DA for 35 Hampden Road there appears to be underestimation of the number of worshippers attending which affects the issue of inadequate provision for parking. Members of the committee agreed this is an ongoing problem.

**Next Meeting** Next executive meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7:40pm.  
**Meeting closed at 8:55 pm.**