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DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 7th June 2017
Venue: Artarmon Community Hall
Present: Adrian Alexander, Peter Egan, Dale McKay, Robert Newman, Sue Livingston, and Peter Wilton
Attending: Rev David Lim
Apologies: Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Maz Berry, Christine Tuon
Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Minutes Confirmation of minutes of 3rd May 2017; *proposed A Alexander, seconded P Egan*. Minutes taken as read and accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

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

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

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

ACTION: P Wilton will discuss merit of fortnightly emails to members with **K Herrmann**

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.

Open Forum

Rev David Lim from St Basils Anglican Church spoke briefly about getting to know the Artarmon community. He is connected to Artarmon Public School through having children there, and through conducting Anglican scripture classes. He estimated that there were probably around 30-40% Artarmon residents in his congregation at St Basils.

President's Update – Peter Wilton

The President reported on a strong turnout to the WCC Open Day at the Artarmon Bowling Club, where members of the APA distributed flyers and engaged residents outlining our stance on redevelopment of the site.

P Wilton tabled his draft APA submission on the Artarmon Bowling Club site renewal. Its key points were low impact use, incorporation into the Artarmon Reserve, improved access from west Artarmon and maintaining the Club House. The Executive approved it for submission to Council.

Correspondence As circulated

A Alexander reported on notice of remedial work on the Artarmon Road bridge slated to commence in September. Discussion ensued about using the opportunity to have an input into better access to Cordia Way beneath the Bridge.

ACTION: *P Wilton will be meeting with the new Planning and Infrastructure Director of Willoughby City Council next week and will enquire about a firm start date*

ACTION: *P Egan will write a brief request to Council to improve access to the pedestrian/cycleway during the bridge works*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. A Alexander reported that although the year's balance is still positive, this is the second quarter where the Gazette has struggled to break even in the advertising area. Improvement in advertising interest for the September issue is needed.

ACTION: *S Livingston will offer assistance to the advertising co-ordinator.*

ACTION: *A Alexander will distribute some copies of the Gazette to the Artarmon Village in order to raise its profile.*

History Project and Heritage Report

A Alexander reported that "The Voice of Artarmon" display in the Library will run another week. He will be taking down the banners at the station in the next couple of days.

A Alexander recently attended the Council Heritage Advisory Committee meeting where there was discussion of the wine vault that Spare Room storage leases from Council. This is the old tram tunnel beneath Reserve Road that formerly linked the two brick pits. Fire regulations were an issue but discussion ranged over its suitability as small entertainment venue.

The two Wickham Walk signs have been erected at both ends of the path through Artarmon Reserve that runs parallel to the train line.

Gazette Matters

P Wilton was contacted by an Artarmon resident who keen to contribute to the Gazette. She is a journalist who has previously worked with SBS and The Australian newspaper.

ACTION: *P Wilton will follow up the offer.*



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Federation Report

P Wilton was unable to attend the last Federation meeting. He reported that he is assisting the Federation in its strategy development by identifying the types of issues the Federation should address. It was agreed by the APA executive that these issues should be uniquely local.

Membership Report

L Alexander was unable to attend the meeting. He kindly forwarded the following report:

"I have checked Robert's email list and amended the Membership List accordingly. Our active membership stands at 219 currently. We have had 2 new members since the last executive."

Website Report

Members of the Executive reported to R Newman that the exec email had bounced repeatedly in the last few days. Upon immediate investigation it appeared that the website was also down. R Newman thought this might be due to the changeover involving Net Registry. He confirmed the subscription was paid and should have rolled over during the changeover of provider.

ACTION: *R Newman will attempt to rectify current email and website problems.*

Traffic and Parking Report

P Egan reported that work in Hampden Lane had come to a halt but there is no information about the reason for this.

P Egan raised the issue of the blind spot in Hampden Lane caused by a brick wall with cars having to proceed out across the footpath to be able to see.

ACTION: *P Egan will draft a short note to Council about this safety issue and P Wilton will present it at his meeting with the new Director of Planning and Infrastructure.*

ACTION: *P Egan will look over the final Parking Strategy produced by Council and report back to the next meeting.*

Public Information Meetings (PIMs)

APA will host Greg Woodhams, Executive Director City Planning and planner at the Greater Sydney Commission at the next Public Information Meeting on Wednesday 21st June. Members of Castlecrag Progress Association will also be attending.

ACTION: *D McKay will have posters printed this week to advertise the PIM.*

The last PIM of the year will be 11th October 2017



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Council Matters

P Wilton flagged the APA's involvement in the upcoming Draft Northern Strategy Plan feeding into the new LEP. Discussion ensued about the inevitable increase in Artarmon population, where development should occur and how it should look. Rezoning of areas was raised, and the role that the APA should take in facilitating appropriate development. P Egan noted the greatest density should occur close to transport, parks and shops and avoid road congestion. One suggestion was that the APA could identify development opportunities over Artarmon and rate them on preference. The need to engage the community in these concepts and plans was raised and the question of how to do that was left to a later date.

Other Business

R Newman attended an information meeting on the proposed Northern Beaches Link. There was no new information apart from more specific test drilling site details.

Next Meeting Next executive meeting Wednesday 5th July 2017, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.