

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 5th July 2017
Venue: Artarmon Community Hall
Present: Adrian Alexander, Peter Egan, Peter Wilton, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Christine Tuon
Attending:
Apologies: Sue Livingston, Maz Berry, Dale McKay
Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Minutes Confirmation of minutes of 7th June 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 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

Not required.

President's Update – Peter Wilton

The President reported he met with WCC's acting Planning and Infrastructure Director Greg McDonald during June. Council has advised the new Channel 9 owners that if they do not proceed with current plans or seek an increase density, the sale to them by the Council of Scott Street land will not proceed.

Any application to change the size of the development without Scott Street land will result in the whole Development Application process beginning again and without the benefit of the approval process that was used for the existing approval (via the State Planning Department).

Artarmon Road Bridge remedial works has been included in Council budget for 2017/2018 but there is no start date for the works yet. Fencing on bridge – after discussion – it was agreed that domestic style fencing was only required and not the "suicide prevention" style used on the Cammeray Bridge (much higher off the ground).

ACTION: Peter Wilton to write to Council on the issue of the fencing style.



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ACTION: P Egan will write a brief request to Council to improve the pedestrian/cycleway access to Cordia Way at Artarmon Road Bridge during the bridge remedial works.

Hampden Road Clean-up Campaign is in the early planning stages with Artarmon Village, Inc. The aim of this campaign is to:

- Encourage Council to upgrade the pavement and street furniture and the Village Green Gardens (which need a major makeover).
- Encourage shop owners to keep their section of the street clean and tidy and keep inappropriate items off the street eg milk and bakery crates, empty boxes, sales items, etc.
- Ask property owners to take down redundant signs from their buildings and improve presentation, as appropriate. There are many signs that require updating.
- Ask Council to speed up utility restorations eg footpath and roads where gas, electricity and telecommunications companies have undertaken works in the past.

Action: Peter Wilton to co-ordinate with President of Artarmon Village, Inc.

Local Community Groups to be contacted to see how the APA can assist in furthering mutual causes.

Action: Peter Wilton to follow up.

Correspondence As circulated

There were issues arising that is not covered elsewhere in these minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. A Alexander tabled draft Annual Accounts for 2016/2017. These are subject to a Compliance Review before circulation at the AGM.

Annual Report for distribution at AGM is to be prepared by A Alexander for approval of President.

For the year ended 30 June 2017, there was a deficit of \$2,976 (surplus \$4,642 for 2015/2016). The main cause of the deficit was the reduction in net Artarmon Gazette advertising revenue.

Plans are in hand to improvement in advertising sales for the September issue. Gazette Sub-committee will follow up with Advertising Co-ordinator.

Action: A Alexander to prepare Annual Report for distribution at AGM.

History Project and Heritage Report

Voice of Artarmon Display used again at the Public Information Meeting held on 21st June 2017.



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Public Information Meeting

The President reported on the successful outcome of the PIM held on 21st June 2017. Members of Castlecrag Progress Assn attended, as did the Mayor of Willoughby Gail Giles-Gidney.

Greg Woodmans, Director of Planning, Greater Sydney Commission, provided an interesting overview of the role of the Commission and the new Planning System. Although it is early days in the preparation of the North District Plan, Artarmon will be impacted in many ways in the years ahead.

Public consultation is an important part of the Commission's brief in respect to its draft District Plans. Council's will be required to redo their Environmental and Development Plans to ensure that they eventually comply with the final versions of the District Plans.

Action: Dale McKay: Next PIM in August will be a Meet the Candidates Night in respect to the Council Elections to be held on 9th September 2017. There will be another PIM on 11th October 2017 – Guest Speaker to be decided and locked in asap.

ACTION: D McKay will have posters printed in due course to advertise the PIMs and to organise a Guest Speaker for the 11th October 2017 PIM.

Gazette Matters

New Editor has not yet been recruited. A Alexander to do the September 2017 Edition but will not be in Australia for the December 2017 Edition so an Editor will need to be found for that issue.

As mentioned under Treasurer's Report extra effort is to be put in to increase Gazette Advertising Revenue.

Gazette Sub-committee to meet asap.

ACTION: P Wilton will follow up.

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 that voting should be on the basis of one vote per member association (currently 3 per association).

ACTION: P Wilton to follow up and report back.

Membership Report

L Alexander reported that membership at 30/6/2017 was 221.



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Website Report

R Newman was unable to attend.

ACTION: A Alexander and R Newman to undertake a review of the website material and initially cull redundant or incorrect information and then refresh the remaining material asap.

Traffic and Parking Report

P Egan reported that work on the shared path in Hampden Lane between Barton Road and McMillan Road is nearing completion.

He has identified a major safety problem at the McMillan Road end of the shared path. There is a need for a stop sign to be installed at this intersection as the Artarmon Public School building is built to the road's edge and the brick wall of the school creates a blind spot for motorists and could personal injury if the driver is not required to stop before entering McMillan Road.

ACTION: P Egan to draft letter to Council for signature of President.

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

Sydney Metro:

P Egan reported on meeting held with Sydney Metro staff on 29 June 2017 at Chatswood Library. P Egan and Christine Kelley represented the APA.

The main concern of residents in the Sailors Streets is the frequency of notices from the various groups involved in the works. These appear to be North West Transit, Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains.

The work covers Sydney Trains T1 line upgrading to fit up to 20 trains an hour along the North Shore Line, the Sydney Metro Dive Site on the corner of Mowbray Road and Pacific Highway, realignment of tracks between Chatswood and Artarmon to meet Sydney Metro needs, shifting of electrical and telecommunications cabling along the line between Artarmon and Chatswood.

Each of the organisations involved is do their own thing and there does not appear to be any co-ordinating body for communicating with residents affected. This results in numerous and sometimes irrelevant notices being delivered to residents. Information provided sometimes is lacking in detail. Also notice control is not as good as it ought to be, particularly at night.

There will be changes in Community Liaison Officers in North West Transit, Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains. The issues raised by residents need to be followed up with the relevant organisations.

Action: P Egan to advise new contacts with North West Transit, Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains as soon as they are known.



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Council Matters

Nothing controversial in recent Development Applications as per Correspondence Summaries circulated.

Application has been made for 104 Hampden Road shop to be converted to licenced café in the front and the existing hairdresser at the rear.

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 will be held Wednesday 2nd August, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.