

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 4th October , 2017

**Venue:** Artarmon Community Hall

**Present:** Adrian Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Robert Newman, Sue Livingston, Peter Wilton.

**Apologies:** Lindsay Alexander, Dale McKay, Peter Egan, Maz Berry

**Meeting Opened:** 7:50 pm

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**Minutes** Confirmation of minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017; *proposed P Wilton, seconded P Bassarov.*  
Minutes taken as read and accepted.

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

***P Wilton** will formulate a response from the APA regarding the Jersey Road Reserve Landscape Improvements Plan and the Thompson Park Playground Renewal and submit it to Council.*

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

***ACTION: P Wilton** will write to Council on the issue of the fencing style to be used on the Artarmon Road Bridge (domestic style rather than “suicide prevention”) and will include a request to improve the pedestrian/cycleway access to Cordia Way at Artarmon Road Bridge during the bridge remedial works.*

***ACTION: A Alexander** will identify and contact the long-term Gazette deliverers to check on their workload satisfaction.*

### Open Forum

Not required.

### President's Update

Peter Wilton reported on meeting Barbara Becker, RMS Place Manager for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. Ms Becker contacted the APA to introduce herself and to liaise with the APA on the project, as well as the upcoming public information meeting where Steve Brian will be speaking. Adrian Alexander noted Willoughby City Council's meeting minutes directing Council to work with the local progress associations on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. The executive confirmed that the thrust of its campaign would be twofold; advocating for extra on and off ramps to prevent increase of cross traffic in Artarmon, and mitigation of loss of parkland.



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### **President's Update (cont)**

The president reported on the result of the 4 two-hour sessions of the WCC Citizens' Panel that explored the possible uses of the former Artarmon Bowling Club clubhouse as a community recreation facility. The recommendations of the panel have gone to Council to be assessed by officers and then presented to Council in one of the two Council meetings in November where representatives of the APA will attend. S Livingston noted that Julie Whitfield, Open Space Co-ordinator of WCC, confirmed at the last meeting it was unlikely officers would amend the recommendations significantly before presentation to Council.

The new Council is in place and Christine Tuon, an APA member and former Committee member, was elected to represent Council's Naremburn Ward, together with Stuart Coppock and Nic Wright.

Peter Wilton and Adrian Alexander have reviewed the constitution of the Artarmon Progress Association to bring it to compliance with regulations of the Department of Fair Trading. P Wilton tabled a final draft for comment by the executive. It was noted that the Draft Constitution must be circulated to the Members seven days prior to the special meeting where it is presented as an adjunct to the AGM.

***ACTION: The Executive will review the Draft Constitution and respond to P Wilton by the end of this week before it is finalised and circulated to the Members.***

### **Correspondence** As circulated

Adrian Alexander noted correspondence from Cr Stuart Coppock seeking clarification on the APA's position on the pending DA on the Hampden Road Prayer Hall. Cr Coppock noted that a Ward Inspection had been called. A Alexander responded with the APA's view was that the issue was one of illegal parking due to insufficient parking spaces at peak prayer times in the vicinity of the Prayer Hall, and not development of the site per se.

Sue Livingston reported contact from a member of APA seeking information on how to stand for election to the APA committee. After S Livingston responded with the guidelines, the member pointed out the dates for the AGM and November executive meetings were incorrect on the website.

***ACTION: R Newman will amend the website to reflect the correct dates of the meetings.***

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. Adrian Alexander reported that the profit shown last month was in the majority due to Council election advertising, and that profit in the future would drop unless a new strategy to increase advertising was implemented.

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

A Alexander reported his focus is continuing research on Artarmon Street names.



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#### **Gazette Matters**

The Artarmon East Parking Scheme proposed by WCC will most likely be the lead story for the upcoming Gazette. P Wilton is seeking a meeting with Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney to garner her view on the new Council vision.

#### **Federation Report**

Peter Wilton will attend the meeting this coming Saturday in his role as Vice-President.

#### **Membership Report**

Lindsay Alexander reported via email that there has been no change in the last month in memberships.

#### **Website Report**

One cull is complete, and a second is required. R Newman confirmed he would amend the meeting dates to reflect the change in the AGM date. P Wilton noted he would submit the Draft Constitution once the Executive had reviewed it for publication on the website.

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

Nothing to report.

#### **Public Information Meetings**

The last public information meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Steve Brian from the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link is confirmed to speak.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will send an Immediate to members tonight and on Monday inviting them to the meeting. Willoughby South and Naremburn Progress Associations will also be invited.

**ACTION: P Wilton** will promote the AGM at the PIM, and invite Cr Christine Tuon to attend the AGM.

#### **Council Matters**

Nothing to report.

#### **Other Business**

Peter Wilton flagged the possibility of the APA hosting a family film night on Thomson Oval once daylight saving had finished.

Adrian Alexander raised the arrangements for the APA Christmas Party on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed a number of platters would be purchased.

**ACTION: S Livingston** will send APA Christmas Party invitations to the Councillors on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and to the members via an Immediate email on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Next Meeting**

Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, 7:45pm.

Next Executive Meeting (apart from the Christmas Party) will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, 7:45pm.

**Meeting closed at 8:50 pm.**