

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 7th February, 2018

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

Present: Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Jordana Goodman, Peter Egan, Robert Newman, Sue Livingston, Peter Wilton.

Apologies: Cr Nic Wright

Attending: Max Menzies and Marion Feibush From Northbridge Progress Association

Meeting Opened: 7:50 pm

Minutes Amendment to Minutes of 4th October, 2017 to correct typo in "Thomson Park". Confirmation of amended minutes; *proposed A Alexander, seconded R Newman*. Minutes taken as read and accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

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.

A Alexander conferred with Rob Wagner regarding Gazette distribution and individual workload for some deliverers. It was agreed to discuss rationalisation of distribution at the next Gazette sub-committee meeting to ensure appropriate workloads and delivery patterns.

Open Forum Not required.

President's Update

P Wilton reported on a well-run campaign against the modification of the DA for the Channel 9 site redevelopment. Over 400 submissions were received, the president's article was published in the North Shore Times and his points widely quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald. At this stage no more can be done until the developers respond to the community's comments.

The most recent Gazette's article on the WCC Eastern Artarmon Parking Strategy received a very mixed response from readers. Within a wide range of opinions, most of the responses were in favour of an extension of the parking perimeter. P Wilton wrote to WCC General Manager Debra Just recommending implementation of the original plan. P Egan commented that WCC engineer Daniel Sui flagged development of a parking strategy for Western Artarmon in 2018.

Discussion ensued about the parking strategy being a topic for the next PIM.

President's Update (cont)

ACTION: ***P Egan** will contact Daniel Sui for an indication of when the westside parking proposal is likely to be released.*

Draft consultation on the Local Centres Project from Willoughby Council was discussed. It was widely agreed the window for consultation was poorly timed, covering the holiday period and closing on January 31. The Committee determined to make a late submission regarding Artarmon identifying directions in the draft it would like followed and possible improvements on the scenarios. The APA is keen to maintain the village feel of Artarmon, to support set-backs so high rise does not dominate the streetscape and to ensure that heritage appearance and standards are preserved at the front of the shops.

ACTION: ***All committee members** will assess the draft document and forward a maximum of 10 points to **P Wilton**. He will produce a draft response and circulate before submitting to Council.*

P Egan suggested including comments with respect to motorway access in the process of local centre planning over the entire LGA.

Max Menzies commented that several the shop owners in Wilkes Avenue were keen to see the introduction of decorative night lighting to encourage diners to spend more evenings in the plaza al fresco. The Committee supported the concept as an improvement on the evening streetscape of the village.

ACTION: ***S Livingston** will write to Ward Councillor Christine Tuon to put the concept of decorative night lighting, such as fairy lights in the trees, in Wilkes Avenue, and to support the concept at Council meetings.*

Executive Committee Positions for 2018 remain unchanged excepting the addition of Jordana Goodman to the committee:

Peter Wilton – President, Federation Representative, PIMs
Adrian Alexander – Treasurer, Public Officer
Sue Livingston – Secretary
Lindsay Alexander – Membership Officer
Peter Egan – Traffic and Transport
Plamen Bassarov – Council Matters
Jordana Goodman – Executive Committee member

The role of Vice President remains unfilled.

Correspondence As circulated

A query from Yoga Pavilion regarding listing on the website prompted discussion about policy moving forward with relation to businesses seeking mention on the site. It was decided by the committee that those businesses that advertise in the Artarmon Gazette and who are members of the APA will be offered a link on the website as an added value. The links will be updated 6 monthly/yearly to maintain currency. Current businesses that have been listed on the site for many years will be reassessed under this policy during the website review.



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Correspondence (cont)

ACTION: *S Livingston will respond to Yoga Pavilion outlining new policy and encouraging APA membership and Gazette advertising.*

ACTION: *S Livingston will resend email to P Wilton from Helena, Place Manager, Stakeholder and Community Liaison from Sydney Metro regarding proposed meeting with APA.*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. Adrian Alexander reported that Storage King is no longer willing to participate in a contra deal for advertising, and the APA now pays \$190/month for storage.

ACTION: *A Alexander will investigate alternative storage companies.*

History Project and Heritage Report

Adrian Alexander reported his focus is continuing to research Artarmon Street names. He reported uncovering an agreement between the Artarmon community and Council in 1968 regarding the rezoning of Western Artarmon for apartments. The wording of the agreement referred to increasing the strength of community through the change. Considering the passage of time and change in composition of Council, the committee agreed it was worth drawing this to the attention of the current Council.

Gazette Matters

The deadline for the upcoming Gazette is Friday 9th February. The lead story will be the Channel 9 site campaign. Other stories will include parking strategy, Noah's Ark Toy Library, and the President's Update. Together with Letters to the Editor and News In Brief the edition will be full. A Alexander reported that some new advertisers have come on board, and others have returned after a break. Projections are for a positive advertising revenue.

Federation Report

Peter Wilton reported on a well-run meeting with Trent Zimmerman as guest speaker. The major topic was the sale of the property over the bus exchange at Chatswood.

Membership Report

Lindsay Alexander reported that there has been very little change in the last three months in memberships. At present there are 231 active members. A Alexander passed on the sign-in sheets from the November Public Information Meetings that may have updated information on email addresses.

L Alexander flagged his absence for the next two meetings. He will be returning 5th April.



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Website Report

Robert Newman has identified areas of the website that need updating; it's a work in progress.

S Livingston remarked that Nick Logan of Artarmon Village Inc has promoted advertising in the Gazette in his visits to local businesses. The suggestion that the website could contain a link to the Artarmon Village Inc Facebook page was adopted.

ACTION: *R Newman will place a link for Artarmon Village Inc on the APA website.*

Traffic and Parking Report

Peter Egan highlighted the upcoming work scheduled by Sydney Metro including a major shutdown of the rail corridor and tree removal in Brand Street. Discussion ensued about the proposed installation of high voltage cable along the rail line and the relationship of this to the proposed cabling in Hampden Road.

Public Information Meetings

The committee entered a detailed discussion on priorities for the PIMs in March, June and October. Although the beaches tunnel link was previously proposed, it was decided that this could be set back in favour of WCC addressing Artarmon parking strategy, draft proposals for the development of Artarmon as a Local Centre, and hosting Trent Zimmerman.

The dates for the PIMs are:
21st March, 20th June and 17th October, 2018.

ACTION: *P Wilton will contact an officer at WCC to address the March meeting on Parking Strategy.*

Council Matters

Plamen Bassarov and Adrian Alexander reported on the resubmission of a DA for 51 Burra Road that displayed no concession to being within a conservation area. A Alexander has made a submission to Council regarding this, and referring the previous APA submission on the DA.

Other Business

Adrian Alexander updated details in the Executive Committee Contact list and will circulate to the Exec Committee members.

S Livingston reported that an increased frequency of sending Immediate emails to members has not met with objection so far, with a few emails expressing gratitude for being kept up to date with the proposed works of Sydney Metro

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th March, 2018, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.