

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 4th April, 2018

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

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

Attending: Rob Magner, Christine Kelley

Apologies: Lindsay Alexander, Peter Wilton

Meeting Opened: 7:50 pm

Minutes Minutes of 7th March 2018 taken as read and accepted. *Proposed P Egan, Seconded P Bassarov.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

ACTION: At the upcoming meeting at WCC re Parking Strategies, **P Wilton** will raise with 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: **P Wilton** will forward details of new members on to Lindsay Alexander’s email for him to address on his return from South Africa.

ACTION: **J Goodman** will email Peter Wilton a query regarding the relevance of the Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUIIP) to Artarmon.

Open Forum Not required.

President’s Update (*In absentia* via phone and email)

P Wilton noted Council’s draft consultation on Local Centres was very wide-ranging and offered several alternatives. Rather than respond to each of the alternatives, the President suggested that the APA should concentrate on making a positive statement on generally desirable features such as set-back, facades in keeping with the existing heritage presence, and maintaining the “village feel” streetscape. These considerations should be a condition of uplift imposed on development.

ACTION: **P Wilton** will raise the issue with personnel at Council, with the possibility of exploring the issue with members at the next PIM in June.

President's Update (*In absentia* via phone and email) Cont

P Wilton reported on the successful outcome from the APA's feedback gleaned from members' responses at the East Artarmon Parking Scheme PIM. Council officers have reviewed the initial proposal and will now include some of the streets as discussed. These streets being:

1. Smith Rd (from Artarmon Rd to Shepherd Rd) – western side only
2. Shepherd Rd (from Muttama Rd to Smith Rd) – northern side only
3. Stafford Rd (from Muttama Rd to Tindale Rd) – southern side only
4. Devonshire St (from Mowbray Rd to Stafford Rd) – western & eastern side

Council will include these streets in the initial implementation and continue to monitor the parking demand and utilisation trend. If needed, Council will further refine the restrictions following the first 2 months of monitoring.

Council will change the proposed 2-hour time restriction to 4-hour parking for all the streets except Elizabeth Street (between Cameron Ave and Burra Road), which it is directly adjacent to the Train station and shops.

As for the maximum number of residential parking permits allowed per household, Council will continue to investigate the logistics of introducing the 3rd parking permit in the context of the RMS Guidelines before a recommendation is made to the Local Traffic Committee and Council for approval. Council will consider issues such as property frontage/land & property size and other eligibility criteria. The proposed introduction of East Artarmon Residential Parking Scheme will be tabled at the next Council meeting on 9 April for discussion and a decision. Council has requested that the APA register an interest to address Council, to put forward APA views about the East Artarmon Parking Scheme.

Correspondence As circulated

S Livingston reported on correspondence received from Willoughby Neighbourhood watch, an online community partnering with Chatswood Police focussing on anything relating to crime, crime prevention and looking out for neighbours. The moderators requested APA promote their presence and the executive agreed it could be supported through an article in the upcoming Gazette.

ACTION: A Alexander will include an article in the June Gazette.

ACTION: S Livingston will respond with the offer of Gazette inclusion and confirm they are welcome to present to a meeting post-June.

S Livingston reported on correspondence to Council Officer Penny Martin from member David Clune regarding grounds maintenance and weed problems in eastern Artarmon. A positive response was received from Council with a commitment to attend to the areas outlined other than the land owned by RMS near the station. This raised discussion of the presence of a dead tree on the corner of Cameron and Elizabeth streets. Members of the executive will report this to Council.

A request from Wendy Dyer of Repair Café to distribute their flyer to members was considered. The executive noted that the organisation is currently situated in the Lane Cove LGA and that Willoughby City Council promoted their activities on their website. Although direct promotion through circulation of flyers was considered redundant, the APA is happy to include the Repair Café in the Gazette.

Correspondence (Cont)

A request from Willoughby City Library Service to promote the Memories of Willoughby Initiative was received. Information was passed to History Sub-Committee head A Alexander. A gazette article on the initiative is also a possibility.

ACTION: *S Livingston will forward the email to A Alexander for consideration.*

Correspondence regarding the upcoming information session hosted by Artarmon Village Inc was discussed. Council officers and a contracted Landscape architect will field ideas and take comments regarding streetscape upgrade, lighting, public facilities, cycling access and plantings. A Alexander, P Egan and C Kelley will attend.

S Livingston raised correspondence received from Cr Stuart Coppock seeking feedback on the concept of a “Northbridge-style” shopping centre located near the former Gore Hill Technology site. The executive felt that given the proposed location, that such a centre would benefit Lane Cove residents across the highway more than Artarmon residents. We considered it unlikely that personnel from businesses in the Artarmon Industrial Area would make much use of it. If such a centre were proposed for an area further within the AIA, the APA would be prepared to reconsider the concept.

ACTION: *S Livingston will forward this feedback to Cr Coppock*

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report tabled and accepted. There are two outstanding debtors.

Gazette Matters

A Alexander reported on the appointment of Robert Brandt as the new Artarmon Gazette editor. Robert has resided in Artarmon for a few years and will be working with Adrian to produce the June Gazette.

The committee noted with great sadness the passing of Tony Kemm who, with his wife Shelagh, had lived in Artarmon for many years and had been an active supporter of the APA. The President attended Tony's funeral on 21st March. Tony delivered the Gazette in the Artarmon Industrial Area to the week before his death.

ACTION: *A Alexander will note the above in the Artarmon Gazette.*

A Alexander reported two new volunteer deliverers. Some extra help beyond this is required to deliver ~750 copies of the June Gazette in the Artarmon Industrial Area. Ideally these would be hand-delivered to the business owners during working hours.

ACTION: *S Livingston will draft an Immediate requesting help from members for the AIA delivery task and will forward it to A Alexander.*

History Project and Heritage Report

Adrian Alexander reported his focus is continuing to research Artarmon Street names. The research also continues the history of William Gore.

Federation Report (deferred)

Membership Report (Deferred)

Website Report

R Newman reported on a recent “hiccup” with the website that is now resolved. The pace of review of the content of the website will increase once A Alexander’s workload is lessened by the new Gazette editor

Traffic and Parking Report

See details re East Artarmon Resident Parking Strategy in President’s Report.

During the March PIM on the East Artarmon Resident Parking Scheme, Council officers referred to a similar proposal for West Artarmon. The draft is expected within the next two months.

Public Information Meetings

Proposed programme for 2018 PIMS:

20th June: Planning for Local Centres

17th October: Possibly the Beaches Link

Council Matters None to report

Other Business

Draft Master Plan for Artarmon Parklands

Council has requested the APA’s input into their draft Master Plan for Artarmon Parklands. The plan covers the Oval and adjacent carparks, the children’s playground adjacent to Cordia Way and the open space of the former Artarmon Bowling Club. The future of the Club house is under separate investigation. The committee briefly perused the proposal and identified several issues, particularly relating to access to the Bowling Club area for those with mobility issues. The committee agreed to individually assess the proposal and forward their comments to P Wilton. He will formulate a draft response and circulate to the executive. The close for submission is Friday 27th April.

ACTION: Executive Committee Members will forward their comments on to P Wilton.

ACTION: J Goodman will inspect the proposal for issues of accessibility and pass her comments on to the executive.

P Bassarov tabled information referred by Max Menzies on the NSW Container Deposit Scheme. Max requested the APA’s consideration of a collection bin in Artarmon area. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the scheme within the context of its reported lukewarm success in other areas. In consideration of this, and in the larger context of an increasing State-wide backlog of recyclables, the APA decided to reject the proposal.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May, 2018, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.