

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 2nd May 2018

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

Present: Adrian Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Peter Egan, Sue Livingston, Peter Wilton

Attending: Keith Anderson, Robert Brandt, Christine Kelley, Cr Christine Tuon
Representatives from Sydney Metro (see Appendix 1)

Apologies: Lindsay Alexander, Jordana Goodman, Robert Newman

Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Open Forum

Presentation from representatives of Sydney Metro. See Appendix 1.

At the opening of the Executive Meeting, the President commented on the thoroughness and success of the Sydney Metro presentation.

ACTION: The Gazette Sub-Committee will consider including a summary of the information presented in the June issue of the Gazette.

C Kelley noted that despite repeated attempts, the community from the “Soldiers Streets” have not had success in securing a meeting with Sydney Metro regarding the impact on their area. Following assurances at the meeting from Catherine Martin and Helena Johansson of their willingness to address local issues, another attempt to organise a meeting will be made.

Open Forum (cont)

P Egan raised the issue of footpath restoration after road work is complete by Sydney Metro. It is likely that restoration is not covered in the agreement between the Sydney Metro contractors and Council.

ACTION: P Egan will draft a letter to Council raising the APAs concern with footpath restoration and seeking clarification of the process.

Minutes Minutes of 4th April 2018 taken as read and accepted. *Proposed A Alexander, Seconded P Egan.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

ACTION: P Wilton will raise with Council 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.

President's Update

P Wilton reported on the approval of the Eastern Artarmon Residents' Parking Scheme by Council. Two of the three requests for modification made by the Artarmon Progress Association were adopted. Cr Tuon has the impression that the third suggestion of allowing three, rather than two, household permits was still open for discussion at Council. The President raised the issue of comments made by Cr Coppock in his recent “Around Naremburn” newsletter that safety issues had not been addressed in the Parking Scheme. K Anderson confirmed his concern about dangers in cars passing on the crests of narrow streets such as Tindale and Muttama Roads when parking is permitted on both sides. The committee agreed a satisfactory course of action would be to implement the parking scheme, then assess safety under the new scheme and request modifications if necessary.

President's Update (cont)

The President reported on progress with the request for modification of the development application from the owners of the Channel 9 site. The owners' response indicated they did not accept that 461 responses opposing the modifications was significant. The results will be collated by the Department of Planning and Environment and its recommendations will be submitted to the Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC) for consideration. In due course PAC will call a public meeting to hear comments direct from interested parties.

Correspondence As circulated

C Kelley expanded on the recent emails to Council regarding the lack of safety of the Hampden Road Pedestrian refuge, and Council's response to her concerns (a sign directed to pedestrians suggesting a change in their behaviour.) Christine's alarm was raised by a near miss she experienced at the refuge due to the combination of two lanes running south and driver misunderstanding of the rules around refuges. S Livingston and R Newman have also previously witnessed near misses. P Wilton mentioned a comment from APS P&C President about a school child being "knocked" there.

ACTION: P Wilton will approach Greg MacDonald at Willoughby Council to raise the issue personally.

K Anderson confirmed that he had secured a meeting with RMS officer Raymond Tran to discuss the intersection of Pacific Highway/Hampden Road and the Hampden Road situation including the pedestrian refuge. The meeting is likely to occur late May or June. K Anderson will report back to the APA with the outcome of that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was tabled and accepted. Since the report was produced one of the two outstanding debtors has settled. The CBA Term Deposit matures on 3/5/2018 and its rollover was approved by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Gazette Matters

A Alexander reported on the June edition's handover process to Robert Brandt, the new Artarmon Gazette editor. The new Gazette sub-committee will consist of A Alexander, R Brandt and P Wilton. The Gazette committee continues to receive very positive feedback from recipients. The deadline for content for this edition is 11th May. P Wilton noted that contributions of content to the Gazette continue to come from a few individuals, and a "healthier" situation would be to expand the sources of contributions. The recent Immediate email appeal resulted in 3 new delivery volunteers, however A Alexander noted they all live in Eastern Artarmon. Although this does not preclude West Artarmon delivery, it is considered that at least 3 more volunteers would be ideal.

History Project and Heritage Report

Nothing to report.

Federation Report

P Wilton noted the issue of cars parking across driveways in the Willoughby LGA had gained traction in various media.

Membership Report

L Alexander reported via email that as at 20/4/2018 there are 238 active members. P Wilton noted he had information on additional members gleaned from a previous PIM.

ACTION: P Wilton will forward details of new members on to L Alexander.

Website Report

R Newman has reported via email on recent work done to address problems with website. A Alexander noted the bulk of work ahead is to cull outdated information, subdirectories and links. His hope is that this will be possible once his workload is lessened on the Gazette.

Traffic and Parking Report

East Artarmon Resident Parking Scheme is discussed in the President's report. No other issues to add.

Public Information Meetings

Proposed programme for 2018 PIMS:

20th June: Planning for Local Centres

ACTION: P Wilton will ask Council Planning Officer to present an update on the outcome of Artarmon community consultation regarding Local Centres. This will be done before the 11th May deadline for the upcoming Artarmon Gazette.

17th October: Possibly the Beaches Link

Council Matters

A Alexander raised a query regarding Council notification to the APA of Development Applications. There is a perception that not all DA's relevant to Artarmon are forwarded to the Association as was the case previously. The Committee queried whether the process of notification has changed recently.

ACTION: P Wilton will request clarification of the DA notification process from Council. Is the APA receiving notification of all DA's for Artarmon published in the newspaper?

Other Business

P Wilton noted that the APA response to Council's draft Artarmon Parklands proposal was forwarded in the last week.

A Alexander noted the invitation from Willoughby Council to attend a sustainability workshop on Tuesday 15th May. If possible on the day, he will attend.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th June 2018, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:45 pm.



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APPENDIX 1

PRESENTATION TO THE ARTARMON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION **SYDNEY METRO PROJECT UPDATE 2 MAY, 2018**

Presenters:

Katherine Martin – Sydney Metro Northwest
Helena Johansson – Place Manager for Northern Corridor works
Glen Preema – Project Manager for cabling
Adrian Bowskill and Heather Jackson – City and Southwest Team
Seamus Christley and Aaron Keech – Station Link station to station bus services

Sydney Metro project overview (Katherine Martin)

Sydney Metro North West: Rouse Hill to Chatswood route (including Epping, Macquarie University, Macquarie Park, North Ryde and Chatswood) due to open 2019

Sydney metro City and Southwest: Chatswood to Bankstown route (including Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street, Central and beyond) due to open 2024.

Willoughby to North Chatswood underground cabling (Glen Preema)

The works involved constructing joint bays for the cabling on various Artarmon streets, pulling of cables through the conduits and connecting the cables at each joint bay. The conduit and cabling work is now substantially complete and permanent road restoration works will commence. The cable network should be turned on by the end of December 2018. Glen acknowledged Hampden Road surface was very rough. A legal agreement will be drawn up with Council over May 18 to transfer ownership to Council. Council will then resurface the road.

Peter Wilton, President of the Artarmon Progress Association thanked Glen and his team for the efficiency of the process. "A job well done."



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Northern Corridor Works (Helena Johansson)

The Northern Corridor runs from Waitara to Waverton. This includes the Chatswood to Artarmon Corridor works. This corridor contains the Chatswood dive site surrounded by the dive structure area, the rail corridor work area and the Frank Channon Walk. Work in this area involves footings and steel structure installations in Hopetoun Ave, the rail embankment and the Frank Channon Walk, geotechnical investigations and surveys, a site set-up at Drake Street Artarmon and signalling upgrades and cable pulling. This will occur through May, June and July of this year. Also, within the same timeframe drainage improvement, piling, excavation and construction of a new stormwater infrastructure will occur. Trees have been removed between Hawkins and Drake streets to support installation of the stormwater detention tank (still in the design phase). As the rail corridor is not owned by Sydney Metro, replacement of vegetation cannot be guaranteed. Screening, privacy and dust issues will be addressed with the relevant owners (e.g. Council). A member of the audience made the point that it was understandable that weeds must be removed, however the facing on the embankments should not be concrete, but a more natural treatment to replicate a rock face. Fencing upgrades complete early 2019 and further drainage improvement works through the corridor will complete around late 2019. The setup of new support sites at Cleland Road, the old Artarmon Library and Valetta Lane will complete by the end of May. To accommodate the Metro, the existing train tracks will be temporarily slewed mid-2019 to the first half of 2020. Line-wide works will complete by 2021.

Metro Tunnelling Contract – Chatswood Dive Site (Adrian Bowskill)

Preparatory demolition for this project is complete and site establishment well underway. The scope of tunnelling works for the Chatswood Artarmon area includes constructing the tunnel portals, tunnelling between Chatswood and Blues Point (from dive site early 2019 to early 2020), widening the rail corridor between Albert Avenue Chatswood and Drake Street Artarmon (Sep 18 to late 2020) and constructing the Artarmon substation (Aug 18 to mid-2019). The tunnel will sit a maximum of 23m beneath Mowbray Road with a graded rise to Albert Avenue and there will be a viewing window in Nelson Street, Chatswood. The Metro Line will be located directly beneath the heavy rail line. Dive site excavation has begun and is due to complete by the end of this year. During the next couple of months Artarmon will see construction of Brand Street access to the rail corridor, installation of power supply across Hampden and Mowbray Roads and installation of survey monitoring points on roads, footpaths and buildings (all night works).

Metro Tunnelling Contract – Chatswood Dive Site (cont)

A comment from the floor pointed out the poor visual impact of the hordings (screening material) around the construction sites. Heather Jackson responded that by mid-May this will be replaced by NSW govt artwork hordings.

Another comment from the floor flagged the poor choice of location of the Ausgrid kiosk near the heritage listed cottage at 2 Orchard Road.

Station Link (Seamus Christley and Aaron Keech)

The Chatswood to Epping rail line will close from 30th September 2018 for around 7 months. A high-frequency turn up and go bus service will travel along seven additional routes. The buses will be Opal enabled, fully accessible, air-conditioned with AV screens with next stop information and hearing loops. This represents a much higher level of service than current rail service replacement buses. Standard train fare applies with the 30% off-peak discount. Rail interchange at St Leonards rather than Chatswood will be encouraged as there will be a higher frequency of services from that hub to Macquarie. A small reduction in parking spaces in the area will be necessary to accommodate stand-by time of buses. Provision of three bus spaces requires the removal of 9 car spaces between 6am-10am Mon-Fri in Clarendon Street, Artarmon, and 15 car spaces will be removed from Herbert Street opposite St Leonards Station. Station Link bus stops will be staffed from 6am to midnight as a security measure and Station Link is currently liaising with Macquarie University to incorporate adaptation of services to integrate with exam timetables.

For more information on the Station Link bus routes replacing the Chatswood to Epping rail service visit <http://www.mysydney.nsw.gov.au/stationlink>

Further information and detail on the Sydney Metro project

A copy of the presentation containing more information is obtainable through the Artarmon Progress Association. For queries regarding the Artarmon Chatswood rail corridor call Helena Johansson, Place Manager 1800 171 386 or email Helena at sydneymetro@transport.nsw.gov.au. Detailed news and information is available from Sydney Metro through <https://www.sydneymetro.info> , www.facebook.com/SydneyMetro or Sydney Metro City and Southwest, PO Box K659, HAYMARKET, NSW, 1240.



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