

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 4th July 2018

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

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

Apologies: Lindsay Alexander, Peter Wilton

Meeting Opened: 7:50 pm

Minutes It was noted that the meeting of 6th June was cancelled and that the previous meeting had occurred in May. Minutes of 2nd May 2018 taken as read and accepted. *Proposed A Alexander, Seconded P Bassarov.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

A Alexander noted that the Eastern Artarmon Residential Parking Scheme appears to be working as intended. S Livingston confirmed there had been several positive responses from residents about the dramatic easing of traffic flow and of ease of entry and exit from driveways.

P Egan noted that parking pressure appears to have increased in Western Artarmon recently and the committee speculated on the effects of reduced onsite parking for the workers of Sydney Metro. The committee discussed whether an enquiry should be directed to Council about the current state of parking provision for Metro workers, or whether this query could be couched in a more general request for an update on the parking plans for Western Artarmon. The committee agreed that it should monitor the situation.

ACTION: P Egan will draft a letter to Council querying the situation of Sydney Metro's provision of on-site parking by workers. The draft will be circulated to the Executive.

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President's Update (via Email)

P Wilton presented a draft response to WCC following the PIM on the Artarmon local centre plan and streetscape project. It appears that it is still early stages in the planning process. With so many competing interests and perspectives it can be difficult to achieve a consensus however it appears that there are some reoccurring ideas which the APA should advocate and support.

For the streetscape:

- The provision of toilet facilities somewhere in the village area on the western side of the line.
- Improving the Hampden Rd street crossing adjacent to the railway lift (possibly through relocating the existing traffic lights south to outside Nick Logan pharmacy and removing it entirely?)
- Maximise the number of on-street parking spaces along Hampden Rd and maintenance of 2 vehicle lanes across the length of the village as much as practical.

For the Local Centre:

- The heritage shop front character and awnings must be retained
- Any height development must be set back from the street front
- A development incentive be provided to encourage the consolidation of single shop front lots (for example a large site, consisting say of 3 or more shops, can be redeveloped to a greater height than smaller sized lots)
- Hampden Lane is developed to provide improved parking and vehicle access
- Redeveloped shops must provide pedestrian access from Hampden Lane (because this will take some traffic/parking pressure away from Hampden Rd)

ACTION: P Egan will forward some suggestions for inclusion in the letter to Council to P Wilton

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Correspondence As circulated

In an email C Kelley confirmed that Sydney Metro has met with Cathie Tanaka (liaison with Metro and Cr Coppock on behalf of Sailor Street residents). Helena answered several of the concerns raised by the Sailor Street residents and has undertaken to obtain further information for them.

A Alexander has responded to an email from Raenuka Menon regarding her concerns re the Reserve Road pedestrian crossing. APA's response was covered in correspondence to WCC asking for a review of all the crossings in Artarmon.

S Livingston noted communication from Sydney Metro regarding upcoming community consultation for the Crows Nest Metro station. Considering the station might hold interest for Artarmon residents, the committee agreed that members should be informed.

ACTION: S Livingston will forward the information in an Immediate email.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was tabled and accepted.
There is one outstanding debtor and some confusion about a direct credit.
The Treasurer will be following this up.

A Alexander reported on commencing preparation of the Annual Report to be presented at the AGM on the night of the PIM 17th October 2018.

Gazette Matters

A Alexander noted that the last issue of the Gazette made a loss, which is not the usual case. He restated the need to identify and contact new advertisers in addition to those current advertisers managed by Anna Greco. A target area could be tradesmen working in Artarmon.

On Robert Brandt's return from holidays he will start work on the next issue.

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Gazette Matters (Cont)

No replacement has been found for Mollie Shelley's regular garden contribution and A Alexander called for the Committee to seek new contributors who might like to write on any subject.

There is no news on a replacement deliverer for the area covered by Tony Kemm.

ACTION: A Alexander will contact Rob Magner on his return from holidays for any further information.

History Project and Heritage Report

Adrian Alexander reported that progress has been made in the research of the background of William Gore prior to arriving in Australia. A request has been forwarded to Southampton University for information on Arthur Gore, possibly William's father.

The research on Thomas Broughton continues.

Federation Report Deferred

Membership Report Deferred

Website Report

Nothing to report

Traffic and Parking Report

(See comments in Business Arising re situation with Sydney Metro workers' parking)

P Egan noted the APA is still awaiting an update on the progress of the Western Artarmon Resident Parking Strategy. A Alexander commented that delays were inevitable due to the recent passing of David Sung but that Council officers had confirmed at a previous PIM that progress was continuing. P Egan also noted that after the implementation of the plan for Western Artarmon, that it would be desirable for Council to commence work on a parking plan for the Artarmon Industrial Area.

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Traffic and Parking Report (cont)

P Egan raised the issue of Sydney Metro plans for the area around the cottage at 2 Orchard Road. A Alexander confirmed that different approaches were possible depending on whether it was classified as a “heritage item” or if it were “heritage listed”.

ACTION: S Livingston will investigate the identity of the body that purchased the cottage.

Public Information Meetings

Various topics for the final PIM of the year on 17 October were canvassed.

1. Progress on the Western Artarmon Resident Parking Scheme
2. Beaches Link Tunnel project progress
3. Streetscape information and update
4. Progress on the Artarmon Parklands proposal including the fate of the former club house.

S Livingston commented that consideration should be given to the choice leading to maximum numbers attending the meeting as the AGM follows as it would be desirable to recruit new committee members.

Council Matters

The Executive entered detailed discussion of the submission to Council of two development applications for separate boarding houses at 42-44 Elizabeth Street (allowing 26 to 52 residents) and at 19 Hampden Road (allowing 19 to 38 residents).

The following aspects were addressed:

- The size and density of the projects is not in keeping with the low-density housing in the immediate area. Additionally, the Elizabeth Street proposal is not consistent with the maintenance of the streetscape of the Artarmon Conservation Area which it borders.

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- There is insufficient off-street parking provided to meet the needs of the residents of the boarding houses. This is unacceptable given both sides of the line are already under high pressure from competing resident and commuter parking. Although the argument may be that the temporary residents will not require on-street parking, the APA is unconvinced.
- The proposed increase in the Floor Space Area from 0.9:1 to 1.14:1 for 19 Hampden Road and from 0.9:1 to 1.4:1 for Elizabeth Street is too high for the area. In the case of the proposed 19 Hampden Road development required set back and proposed building alignment do not meet standards.
- With the draft Plan of Management for the 19 Hampden Road proposal stating minimum stay of 3 months, and that for the Elizabeth Street proposal being 28 days, both proposals will act more like a one-star hotel room with likely high turnover. This is highly undesirable, particularly in Elizabeth Street as it is in the Conservation Area.
- As Artarmon has already contributed its fair share of social housing for the benefit of the broader community, the APA would not like to see any more applications of this type approved.

ACTION: A Alexander has prepared a draft response to Council on both development applications. These will be circulated and signed off by the President

A Alexander also stressed that submissions by individuals should be made as the number of objections was important to the outcome.

Other Business

A Alexander noted his absence from 4th September to 11th October.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st August, 7:45pm.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm.