

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

- Date:** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Venue:** Artarmon Community Hall
- Present:** Peter Egan, Sue Livingston, Peter Wilton, Jordana Goodman.
- Attending:** Carolyn Best and other members of the Elizabeth Street Action Group, Christine Kelley
- Apologies:** Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Robert Brandt
- Meeting Opened:** 7:45 pm
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### **Open Forum: 42-44 Elizabeth Street Artarmon Boarding House Development Application**

P Wilton responded to the delegation of residents from Brand Street/Elizabeth Street apartments (The Elizabeth Street Action Group) who oppose the proposed Boarding House Development Application at 42-44 Elizabeth Street. President Wilton reported on a meeting with Mayor Giles-Gidney who confirmed that the issue of increasing DAs for boarding houses was highly topical for several Northern Sydney Councils. The Mayor agreed that a better approach to low cost affordable housing that goes beyond boarding houses is necessary.

The APA Committee confirmed its support for the rejection of the proposal and P Wilton affirmed the points of the Elizabeth Street Action Group, in particular that the boarding house proposal does not pass the two SEP stipulations for conformation with local character and with parking provisions. A report on the DA will soon be presented to Council by the Council Officers. At this point the situation will be assessed by the APA and the Elizabeth Street action group, and then the information will then be presented to the community. Representations may then be made to Council directly addressing unacceptable aspects of the proposal before it goes before the Planning Panel.

## **Minutes**

Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 were accepted subject to amendments.

*Proposed P Wilton, Seconded P Egan.*

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

P Egan not yet drafted letter to WCC re Dive Site Parking arrangements for employees. It appears there is insufficient parking available on site for employees and as a result the employees will seek to park in suburban streets reducing resident parking availability.

***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.

## **President's Update**

(See comments re Boarding House issue in Open Forum above)

P Wilton has written to Willoughby City Council expressing the concerns of the APA and the residents of Milner Road regarding the impact of construction parking in Milner Road and surrounding streets. Secondly there is concern with the long-term increase in parking needs upon the completion of the project. The President also proposed the use of Butchers Lane to ameliorate the difficulties. The APA is waiting on a response to this correspondence and has encouraged the Milner Road residents to reinforce the case for a wider review of parking options given the street is wider than most in Artarmon and could accommodate additional parking spaces if the paved area was increased (and angle parking introduced).

## **Correspondence** As circulated

S Livingston noted an offer from Brett Stone, federal Labour candidate for the seat of North Sydney, to meet with representatives from the APA to hear points of local concern. P Wilton confirmed he is meeting with Mr Stone in the next week.

S Livingston tabled correspondence from Cathie Tanaka and Christine Kelley regarding the negative impacts of construction by Sydney Metro on the residents in Brand, Hawkins, Drake and Raleigh Streets.

### **Correspondence (Cont)**

C Kelley then addressed the meeting outlining the residents' frustration with securing information from Sydney Metro regarding demolition/construction hours, frequency and timelines, and Sydney Metro's lack of appreciation of the major impacts that the work is having on the residents' health and lifestyles. C Kelley noted that noise levels and hours of operation, particularly out-of-hours, dust production and vibration have been unacceptably high and that their repeated requests for information sessions with representatives of Sydney Metro are not met with action. P Wilton confirmed his difficulty in identifying and contacting the appropriate person from SM to glean information. A suggestion for a new contact has been updated by Cathie Tanaka in recent correspondence

***ACTION: P Wilton will contact Elizabeth Low of Sydney Metro to add the APA's support for the concerns of the residents and to secure information for the residents on projected frequency and timeframes of work.***

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was tabled and accepted.

P Wilton noted a possible short-term cash flow issue due to decreased advertising revenue this quarter from the Gazette. The finances of the APA are healthy as the term deposit holds \$15,000 and could be used prior to maturity if necessary. As a cost-saving measure, reduction of storage costs may be possible by selling the public address system.

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

### **Gazette Matters**

The September edition of the Artarmon Gazette has been published on the APA website and hard copies will be delivered over the next week.

### **Federation Report**

P Wilton attended the most recent Federation AGM and was elected Vice President.

### Membership Report

L Alexander reported via email that the active membership now stands at 251.

### Website Report

Deferred

### Traffic and Parking Report

P Egan discussed the continuing concern of driver/pedestrian confusion at pedestrian refuges Artarmon, and the issue raised by a resident of the zebra crossing on Reserve Road from Thomson Park. Referring to the latter, P Egan has inspected the crossing and determined that there could be an issue with combining the crossing with a speed hump, making it difficult for drivers to see the stripes.

***ACTION: P Egan*** will photograph the crossing to illustrate the problem, forward this to ***P Wilton*** who will write to Council on the issue

P Wilton and P Egan confirmed in their discussions with Council that the proposal for the Western Artarmon Parking Scheme has been completed but is yet to be presented to the community.

***ACTION: P Wilton*** will enquire of progress in the matter in his letter to Council as above.

C Kelley noted a chance meeting with Daniel Sui (Traffic WCC) where she suggested he consider the new parking designs in Concord with a view to angle parking in Hampden Road.

It was reported that Keith Anderson received a response to proposals regarding the traffic flow lanes on the Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road intersection.



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## **Public Information Meeting, AGM and Christmas Celebration**

### Public Information Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

P Wilton confirmed that Doug Parris, the Program Director for both the Beaches Tunnel Link and the Western Harbour Tunnel projects will speak at the meeting. As well as the overall big picture of the projects, the APA would like to canvas the effects of increased traffic flow through Artarmon.

***ACTION: S Livingston*** will forward early notice of the meeting to Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and our ward councillors.

### Annual General Meeting and Christmas Celebration 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

The AGM will be combined with the APA Christmas Celebration. An appeal for nominations for new members for the APA Committee will be made at the AGM. S Livingston confirmed her intention not to stand again for the Committee.

### **Council Matters**

Cathie Tanaka (via email) reported on her presentation to Council querying its decision not to reinstate the "Soldiers and Sailors" Streets to the Conservation Area. C Kelley noted that extended discussion and clarification of a technical error in the report that rejected the proposal prevented C Tanaka's full presentation.

P Wilton noted a request from Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney that community members refrain from contacting council officers directly. Rather, they should go through the General Enquiries hub.

The recent development application for 3 Broadcast Way proposing a data centre was discussed in the general terms of maintaining the appropriate density and industrial usage of the Artarmon Industrial Area.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7:45pm.

**Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.**