

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 5th February, 2020.

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

Present: Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Michael Dawes, Peter Egan, Kath Hermann, Andrew King, Sue Livingston, Georgina Roussac, Peter Wilton.

Attending: Robert Newman, Brian O’Gallagher, Yukun Song

Apologies: Judy Simpson, Jordana Goodman

Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Open Forum:

Brian O’Gallagher sought clarification regarding attendance of members at Executive Meetings. The committee confirmed that members were welcome to the Executive Meetings.

Brian enquired whether the APA intended to make a submission to Council regarding the development application for the demolition of 30 Muttama Road with respect to the East Artarmon Conservation Area. Some members of the executive informed the meeting that previously it has not been the policy of the APA to make submission on individual cases unless the DA had a wider implication for the community. Discussion ensued around whether the demolition of the property within the Conservation Area was such an example. Some members of the Committee voiced support for an APA submission in this case however it was decided that a letter to Council reinforcing the importance of the East Artarmon Conservation Area and urging its maintenance would be more appropriate. In the letter examples such as the demolition of 30 Muttama Road could be highlighted as flags for vigilance.

Minutes

Minutes of 4th December, 2019 were accepted with the amendment that Andrew King will assist Robert Newman with website matters.

Proposed Sue Livingston, Seconded Michael Dawes

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

Submission to Land and Environment Court on 42-44 Elizabeth St boarding house on behalf of APA

Peter Wilton noted an earlier submission on the matter had been lodged. At this meeting he expressed concern that a result in favour of the developers would set an unfavourable precedent. This was widely agreed. Discussion ensued regarding the publication by Council of planning strategies followed rapidly by the actions of developers. One of the members present enquired how the APA might intercede in this process when it is appropriate.

There followed a wider discussion of the role of the Executive Committee in informing its members of the Executive's position on major Artarmon issues such as this. Some Committee members referred to the Gazette as filling this function, as it has in the past. It was agreed that more fulsome communication to members is the intention going forward in particular when a draft strategy or policy is being considered. This is outlined in the draft Communications and Consultations Policy discussed later in the meeting.

Authorisation for bank account and key holders

This will occur at the conclusion of this meeting. CBA requires a copy of the minutes, the forms and the President and Secretary to bring their identification to complete the process.

Artarmon Village Inc forming closer links with the APA

The AVI is having their AGM next week and after that they will contact the APA.

Correspondence - As circulated

President's Items

Mayor's Breakfast Meeting

Georgie Roussac reported on the meeting of PA Presidents with the Mayor and CEO on 4 February 2020. Presidents of all Willoughby PAs were present at the meeting.

Action: *Georgie Roussac will circulate notes from the meeting to the Executive.*

In reference to Council's initiative in supporting drought and bushfire affected communities, Peter Wilton suggested the APA could assist by including useful

links on the APA website and information and advertising in the Gazette that could promote the Artarmon community's involvement.

The next Mayor's Breakfast Meeting is in May 2020

Draft Communications and Consultation Policy

Initial discussion on communicating local issues to members extended to the example of dissemination of information about development applications (DAs) and the role of the APA and its level of involvement. (Refer to the item in the "APA member emails/requests" section.) The question was raised of a "trigger point" for APA involvement. Members of the previous committee confirmed that Artarmon DAs were assessed for wider circulation on a case-by-case basis and that APA might facilitate the process that residents can take in their objections. The committee generally agreed that the Executive has a role in addressing DAs on properties with a heritage value, but that role requires further consideration.

Action: Michael Dawes, Peter Wilton and Georgie Roussac will further develop the wording in the draft policy

The discussion expanded to the level of email communication to members, with the committee expressing a range of opinions. Options canvassed included reserving communications for the "big picture" issues, a monthly e-Newsletter, or notification of time sensitive issues as they arise. It was generally agreed that the committee did not wish to "bombard" members' inboxes however a better balance of information going to members was very important.

Action: Georgie Roussac will further consider a strategy.

Referring to the section "APA Committee Meetings" it was agreed an amendment should be made to the action of posting the draft agenda on the website. It was agreed the final agenda should be posted on the Sunday before the meeting.

APA Website

Action: Robert Newman and Andrew King will meet next week to discuss the Website and inclusions and will report back at the next meeting.

Public Information Meeting (18 March 2020)

Michael Dawes and Andrew King volunteered to co-ordinate the event. Norma Shankie-Williams, Strategic Planning Team Leader of Council has offered to address APA members on the Integrated Transport Strategy. While acknowledging this was an option, the general consensus of the committee was that ideally a wider range of issues relevant to Artarmon should be addressed as well such as progress of the Local Centres Strategy, the public toilet and an update on the new building at the Bowling Club. This may require staff from other areas of Council to be present.

Action: Sue Livingston and Michael Dawes will form a list of current issues of interest to the members attending the PIM and ask Norma if there are other Council staff as well as herself who could be present to answer questions.

Action: Sue Livingston and Georgie Roussac will discuss sending notice of the Integrated Transport Strategy to the members

Action: Sue Livingston will send notice to members of the PIM on 4th and 16th March.

Wilkes Avenue Concept Design

There remains a non-wheelchair compliance issue. Council suggested writing to the Disability Commissioner to request action from the State Government to bring the walkway to compliance. There is the possibility of using State land running up against old library.

Action: Peter Egan will write a draft letter to the Disability Commission drawing their attention to the issue and circulate the draft to the committee prior to sending it.

Action: Michael Dawes will follow up with Council on the Wilkes Avenue Concept Plan

Membership Policy

Carried over to next meeting

Other Business

- Peter Egan has produced a table of connectivity for the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel. Connectivity will be reduced at the Brooke Street Ramp, resulting in greater traffic load through Willoughby Road. Peter Egan suggested the APA should lodge a submission and invited Committee member to review his connectivity table. The Committee agreed the submission should focus on the impacts/implications for Artarmon (e.g. increased through traffic and pollution from stationary traffic in surrounding roads such as Gore Hill Freeway).

- **Action:** *Committee members will forward their comments to Peter who will formulate a draft submission on the impact on Artarmon.*

- Adrian Alexander has renewed the existing term deposit for 8 months.
- Adrian Alexander handed a copy of an update Static Information Records to the President, for her sole use. This document sets out all the key information required for the ongoing administration of the Association and includes existing policies on a range of issues.

Next Executive Committee meeting – 4th March, 2020 at 7:40pm.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.