

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 4th March, 2020.

Venue: Artarmon Community Hall

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

Attending: Robert Newman, Mary Anne Irvin, Brian O’Gallagher

Apologies: Judy Simpson

Meeting Opened: 7:45 pm

Open Forum:

Minutes *Proposed* Georgie Roussac, *Seconded* Michael Dawes

Minutes of 5th February, 2020 were not accepted as an addition regarding the discussion in Open Forum is required. An action for Peter Wilton under Business Arising from Previous Minutes was a misinterpretation of discussion and will be removed.

Action: *Sue Livingston will circulate the Draft minutes of 5 February with amendments for the approval of the Executive*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points
APA Communication Channels & Consultation Approach

Adrian Alexander related feedback from several members that they were receiving too many e-news emails from APA. Georgie Roussac had received positive feedback regarding the recent level of e-communication. Mary Anne Irvin commented that several important communications have recently come out from Council and she was pleased to receive notice of them. The President confirmed that there was a number of events with the potential of interest to members coming from Council within a small window of time and restated her intention is to establish e-News circulation to members on a monthly basis unless a time-sensitive matter of interest arises. Michael Dawes suggested using Mail Chimp as a platform for circulation that allows recipients to easily unsubscribe.

Action: *Michael Dawes will confer with Georgie Roussac on the use of Mail Chimp.*

The committee agreed on the content of the APA Communication Channels & Consultation Approach policy.

Action: *Sue Livingston to submit the first page of the policy regarding external communications to RN to put in the website for members' access.*

Carried Over: *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.*

Peter Egan has circulated a draft submission on the Western Harbour Tunnel for comments noting there is another 3 weeks to make a submission. In his draft APA submission he concentrated on the issue of connectivity. Peter Wilton sought Peter Egan's opinion about the major concern for Artarmon. PE responded that the traffic flow through Artarmon would be adversely affected. Discussion ensued regarding access to the motorway, changes to Reserve Road and the western slip road to the Lane Cove Tunnel. The President requested refinement of the submission to concentrate on the issues relating directly to Artarmon.

Action: *Peter Egan will circulate an Artarmon-focussed draft submission to the Exec including points of objection and alternatives.*

Correspondence - As circulated

President's Items

APA Submission on Community Facility Former Artarmon Bowling Club

Georgie Roussac and Sue Livingston are working on the APA submission on redevelopment of the former Artarmon Bowling Club House. Kath Herrmann related a comment from the Repair Café Sydney North that it would be keen to use an enclosed room in the community facility.

APA Submission on Draft Integrated Transport Strategy

Georgie Roussac confirmed that she had asked Peter Egan and Jordana Goodman to lead the workup of the APA submission for the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy.

Brian O'Gallagher mentioned there is a Council Strategy Document from consultation embedded in the Minutes of Council Meeting 9 December. Brian O'Gallagher will forward the reference to the WCC Strategy Document with recommendations of the consultant on to the Committee.

APA Submission on Maintenance of the Artarmon Heritage Conservation Zone submission

Brian O'Gallagher informed the Committee that Glenda Gartrell is producing a submission to Council after attending the meeting of WLPP where the demolition of 30 Muttama Road was approved. Discussion around knockdown-rebuild vs refurbishment costs being a factor in the decision-making process ensued. Adrian Alexander reiterated that the Conservation Area is not a heritage issue but refers to streetscape.

Focus returned to the APA contacting Council about the issue of preservation of the Conservation Area intention. Georgie Roussac and Michael Dawes suggested the APA should take that action and there were no objections from the Executive. Brian O'Gallagher offered to put Glenda Gartrell in contact with the Executive for input into the issue.

Artarmon Village AGM

Georgie Roussac and Jordana Goodman attended the AGM of Artarmon Village Inc and reported it was very well attended. Several business owners spoke about the strong community spirit amongst Artarmon businesses and the Artarmon Village members indicated a keen interest in developing a stronger working relationship with the Artarmon Progress Association.

March Edition Gazette Report

The March 2020 Edition is due out from the printers and the deliverers will receive it in the next couple of days. A profit of \$831.85 was made. Adrian Alexander proposes to take up the printers' offer of upgrading to a full 16 pages in colour for extra \$94.75. This means all the photographs within pp 4-13 can be colour including the advertising. Michael Dawes questioned whether a premium could be put on having an advertisement in colour, but Adrian Alexander pointed out the difficulty of raising prices when maintaining current and finding new advertisers is important. The Executive agreed that the Gazette should upgrade to full colour.

Action: *Adrian Alexander will organise the upgrade of the next Gazette to be in full colour*

Lindsay Alexander has secured another three advertisers. Adrian Alexander had informal discussions with Nick Logan about the Artarmon Village having the centre page.

Action: *Peter Wilton will investigate the issue of a centre page devoted to Artarmon Village Inc and report back to Exec if this makes financial sense.*

Michael Dawes suggested using the APA archives to produce articles if there was a deficit of content for editions of the Gazette.

Peter Wilton mentioned that there were problems in the production of this issue of the Gazette where it was difficult to co-ordinate meetings with the new Editor. He stressed that efficient production of the Gazette requires the Co-ordinator, the Editor and the Publisher to work together as a team. There was uncertainty about arrangements going forward.

Action: *Georgie Roussac will contact Raveena Randhawa to meet and clarify Gazette team arrangements.*

Peter Wilton previewed the article in the Gazette relating to the Channel 9 site. Mirvac has purchased the existing DA and intends to demolish the TV tower. There will be no increase in the approved 460 residents on the combined site.

March Edition Gazette Report (cont)

Another article covers the amendment to the Artarmon Local Centre Strategy to reduce Artarmon Village building height to 5 storeys. Two Naremburn Ward Councillors supported amendment to prevent the possibility of “creep up” by developers. Peter Wilton flagged that as a potential issue. In his opinion, a 5-storey limit is not economically viable and it could trigger spot rezoning.

APA Website

Website update and inclusions (as per Report)

Andrew King recommended the layout of the website of Castlecrag Progress Association and advised that when setting up a website it was important to do be thorough and forward-thinking to avoid difficulties down the line. Adrian Alexander suggested contacting web designer Peter Wang in Raleigh Street Artarmon. Kath Herrmann can also recommend a contact who could help with production of a new website.

Action: Adrian Alexander will forward Peter Wang’s contact details to Andrew King.

Action: Robert Newman will change the resolution, delete the Star Search site and prune the obsolete content of the current website with a view to the remaining relevant content being taken up to the new site.

Public Information Meeting (18 March 2020)

Michael Dawes suggested providing the Mayor with an updated brief of topics the Artarmon Community may like to discuss. It was agreed increased hours for Kids Cottage and Artarmon Community Hall will not be highlighted for the sake of time constraints. The promotion of the issue of the redevelopment of the former Artarmon Bowling Club will also not be flagged as the community consultation is underway. Andrew King pointed out that questions were likely to be raised on the topic in any case.

Action: AA will forward the PIM advertisement from the Gazette for Sue Livingston to circulate to members on 5th and 16th March.

Public Information Meeting (18 March 2020) (Cont)

Action: Michael Dawes and Georgie Roussac will brief the Mayor about hot points that may come up at the meeting such as Artarmon Village LEP, Wilkes Avenue upgrade and the provision of a public toilet. Norma Shankie-Williams will be copied in.

Action: Peter Wilton will contact Norma about the issue of the public toilet

Wilkes Avenue Improvements

Michael Dawes expressed his disappointment in the response from Project Management after the meeting with Council officers was held to discuss the Wilkes Avenue improvements proposal. He referred to the existing artwork and the lack of improvement to the proposed lighting.

Membership Policy

Carried Over

Action: Sue Livingston will place this item as a matter of priority in the April agenda

Other Business

Adrian Alexander raised the issue of Council's request in 2016 asking for input into the renaming of Jersey Road Reserve Kids Cottage. Council has made no progress due to change of staff originally responsible. Adrian Alexander will keep on talking with council officers until a name is agreed as part of the consultation process.

Next Executive Committee meeting – 1st April, 2020 at 7:40pm.

Meeting closed at 9:36 pm.