

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 6th May 2020.

Venue: Remote meeting conducted on Zoom

Present: Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Michael Dawes, Jordana Goodman, Kath Herrmann, Andrew King, Sue Livingston, Robert Newman, Georgina Roussac,

Attending: MaryAnn Irvin, Rob Magner, Bob Taffel, Cr Nic Wright

Apologies: Plamen Bassarov, Peter Egan, Judy Simpson
Peter Wilton

Meeting Opened: 7:47 pm

Minutes *Proposed Michael Dawes, Seconded Georgie Roussac*

Minutes of 1st April 2020 were accepted.

Correspondence - As circulated

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points

Membership Policy: Discussed below

Draft letter to the Ageing and Disability Commission drawing its attention to the issue of non-wheelchair compliance in Wilkes Avenue.

Action: *Jordana Goodman and Peter Egan will produce a draft letter to circulate to the Committee.*

Earmarking Centre page in the Gazette for Artarmon Village Inc.

Action: *Adrian Alexander and Peter Wilton will contact Nick Logan during preparation of the next issue to discuss.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points (cont)

Editor's Position: There has been no response from the Editor regarding her role in the production of the Artarmon Gazette.

Redesign of Website: Robert Newman contacted a former APA committee member who works in IT regarding help with website redesign. Robert received the response that this area is not in his area of expertise. Andrew is exploring other options.

Public Toilet for Artarmon Shopping Precinct: The Committee has not received advice from Council on arrangements or timeline for provision of the toilet apart from confirmation that it is not part of the Wilkes Avenue upgrade. Michael Dawes reported on mixed messages coming from Council after making contact several times. Cr Wright advised that provision of the toilet is coupled with the budget of the Hampden Road streetscape improvement project and the plan is to progress them together. Cr Wright acknowledged that Council was aware of the community's strong opinion on the amenity's need and priority. The Committee noted that Cr Nic Wright will check the progress of the project and investigate the possibility of bringing forward provision of the toilet by de-coupling the item from the rest of the Hampden Road streetscape upgrade. He will provide the Committee with feedback in writing.

DA for Brothel 84 Hampden Road: Based upon advice from Plamen Bassarov the APA made a submission to Council objecting to the proposal. Concerned Members were provided a copy of the submission.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes/Outstanding Action Points (cont)

APA Position on 8-10 Storey vs 5 Storey limit Hampden Road/Local Centres Strategy. Peter Wilton has been in contact with Norma Shankie-Williams regarding a meeting regarding the Artarmon Local Centre, particularly with respect to community engagement. She advised that the information is contained in the report that was presented to Council 9 December Item 15.7 Willoughby Local Centres Strategy to 2036 and Attachment 1. (copy provided) She suggested that we first review the report and if there are any questions in relation to the report that we then contact her. Georgie Roussac has prepared a paper outlining positions for both height limits and circulated it to Committee members.

Action: *Committee Members will review the papers and discuss in the June meeting.*

Michael Dawes queried reference to Scenario 5 in the building heights option and sought information on that scenario.

Wilkes Avenue Upgrade Michael Dawes is still waiting on Council's response to his email raising APA's concerns about the project and the responses to those concerns from Council officers. Cr Nic Wright requested a copy of the email.

Action: *Michael Dawes will forward the email on to Cr Wright. Cr Wright will seek a response from Council officers over the next week.*

Membership Policy The Committee considered the points in Jordana Goodman's discussion paper on Membership. The Committee agreed that information from new members should include full name, email address and starting date of membership. Adrian Alexander noted that having address details was useful to identify the distribution of members in the suburb.

The APA's constitution permits people to join in writing so includes post, email, or other electronic means (see 3 (1)). Approval and rejection are addressed in the Constitution (see 3(2)). Former Membership co-ordinator Lindsay Alexander advised in his previous role that he had introduced information about new members at the next Executive meeting. The Committee agreed this procedure should continue.

Membership Policy (Cont)

Lindsay previously acknowledged membership through a “Welcome” email with information about the APA.

Action: *Lindsay Alexander and Jordana Goodman will create a pro-forma “Welcome Email” to use for new members.*

The Committee considered the need for Members to renew their membership annually to keep records up to date. Previously it was assumed membership was permanent unless the member notified the Membership Co-ordinator of a change in circumstances. If an inactive member made contact, this also flagged currency. Michael Dawes suggested that bounces from Mail Chimp emails might also flag change in member circumstances. He floated the idea of re-introduction of a membership fee to support currency of records. Adrian Alexander noted in his experience of charging for membership that the administrative effort outweighed any benefit and that the Gazette is the major source of income for the APA. The WSPA charges an annual fee of \$5.00 on January 1 that gives a validation point.

Sue Livingston raised a possible privacy issue arising from the APA Constitution. The Register of Members (7 (3)) states that "the register of members is open for inspection...by any Member of the Association by prior agreement with the Committee." Cr Nic Wright confirmed that this was a necessary inclusion in Association constitutions. There was a suggestion to contact the Office of Fair Trading to investigate whether the required wording has been reviewed in the light of stronger privacy protections, however Cr Wright was confident that the current arrangement must stand for Associations. Further discussion revealed that the wording in the WSPA Constitution varies from that of the APA. The WSPA will forward a copy of the WSPA constitution to the APA.

There remained a question around annual renewal and fees and the Committee agreed to follow up the issue at the next meeting.

Georgie Roussac raised the prospect of increasing the APA membership base. Suggestions included fliers at local shops, advertising in the Artarmon Public School Newsletter and targeting flier drops to areas under-represented in the register of Members. This topic will be further discussed in the June meeting.

President's Items

APA Priorities for 2020

Discussion deferred until the June meeting.

Action: *Committee Members will review the discussion paper 2020 APA Priorities previously circulated and forward comments to Georgie Roussac prior to the June meeting.*

Items for inclusion in the monthly APA News

Action: *Committee Members will forward their view about regular content.*

Other Business

Development of the Former Artarmon Bowling Club Michael Dawes queried Cr Nic Wright about the progress of the project. Michael noted the draft concept design was due to be presented to Council 6th April, and the April window for community consultation had passed. He expressed his understanding that timelines may be delayed due to the COVID-19 situation. The Committee noted that Cr Nic Wright will follow up progress with Debra Just.

Channel 9 Development: Michael Dawes referred to DA2020/87 by Mirvac that proposes a route along Sydney Street for trucks during demolition works. The possibility that Mirvac could use an alternate route east of the Richmond Road exit on to Artarmon Road if the concrete pedestrian refuge were relocated was raised. An attendee enquired how conversant the membership of the APA was with the negative aspects of the WHT Northern Beaches Link proposal. Michael Dawes directed the attendee to the recent APA submission on the website. It was noted that Cr Nic Wright will investigate the DA and make a submission.

Georgie commented on some points from the Mayor's Breakfast meeting with Presidents of the Progress Associations. The change in procedure for advertising tenders and development approvals in the North Shore Times was discussed and the Federation will return to Council with some recommendations. The Mayor indicated that the WHT and Beaches Link EIS is imminent and that Council will make a response.

Other Business (Cont)

Treasurer Adrian Alexander reported that only one advertising debt is outstanding from the previous Gazette and that the APA is in good shape financially. Publication of the Gazette has been deferred until September. Adrian Alexander reported on research he had completed for a resident of Edwards Street who was curious about the origin of the street's name.

Action: *Adrian Alexander will forward the historical information about Edwards Street on to Bob Taffel for inclusion in the WSPA Newsletter.*

Open Forum

No speakers

Next Executive Committee meeting – 3rd June 2020 at 7:40pm.

Meeting closed at 8:55 pm.