

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 2 September 2020.

**Venue:** Remote meeting conducted on Zoom

**Present:** Adrian Alexander, Lindsay Alexander, Plamen Bassarov, Michael Dawes, Kath Herrmann, Andrew King, Sue Livingston, Robert Newman, Judy Simpson, Georgina Roussac.

**Attending:** None

**Apologies:** Peter Egan, Jordana Goodman.

**Meeting Opened:** 7:45 pm

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### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting 5 August 2020 were accepted.  
*Proposed Michael Dawes, Seconded Plamen Bassarov*

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

#### **Update on parking and traffic concerns raised by members – Barton Road update**

The deadline for community feedback on the changes in parking restrictions in Barton Road closed on 21 August 2020.

***Action:*** *Georgie Roussac will contact Marion Berry regarding any revisions as a result of the community consultation.*

#### **Response to WCC CEO to the follow-up on some matters raised.**

Most matters have been addressed.

The issue of the public facility at the former Artarmon Bowling Club needs clarification. Council officer Michael Cashin's email of 25<sup>th</sup> August stated that the concept designs underwent a design excellence process in July and that the Architect is preparing final concept designs based on the feedback from

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

the design excellence panel process. Michael Cashin estimated that the next community consultation phase will commence in September with the concept designs being exhibited on Have Your Say for community comment. In a follow-up conversation with Georgie Roussac he confirmed that two options for concept design would be offered. This information varies from advice from Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney in her column in the Gazette where there is no community consultation stage between the design excellence review and the DA submission given to be in September.

***Action:*** *Georgie Roussac will contact Michael Cashin to clarify the process, and to confirm that there are two options for community consideration prior to the lodgement of the DA.*

Submission to our local MP, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, and copy to WCC, re improvements to Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road Intersection

As circulated. No response has been received.

Revised Welcome Email to Members

Carried over.

***Action:*** *Georgie Roussac will contact Jordana Goodman to offer partnering in co-ordination of membership.*

Annual Financial Statement

Completed and signed off.

Meeting with WCC re Chatswood to St Leonards Bicycle Route Improvement Plan

Georgie Roussac met with Gordon Farrelly to discuss details and concerns contained in the APA submission on the plan. At this meeting, the president reiterated the concern of the committee and members that the Have Your Say process is too simplistic to give meaningful feedback to Council.

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

WCC response to APA concerns re communication of DAs

Council's response to Judy Simpson's query on the process of notification of DAs was circulated to the committee previously. Discussion ensued around

the thoroughness of Council scrutiny of the application before its wider circulation to residents. It was agreed that the APA would support the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations in its pursuit of the issue.

**Action:** *Georgie Roussac will update the committee when the Federation draft email on the issue is produced.*

#### Options for an executive committee get-together

Georgie Roussac canvassed some ideas about a celebration of the work of the committee to this point.

**Action:** *Georgie Roussac will circulate an email to the committee requesting preferences on several options.*

#### Committee Feedback on the new APA website

Andrew King has received positive feedback from the committee on the new website and thanked those who had made suggestions. He sought clarification on protocol for local information going up on the website and it was agreed that prior approval should come through the president.

#### APA Insurance Status

Paid (liability and voluntary workers insurance)

#### Update of the Communication and Consultation policy regarding confidentiality of committee email communication

The committee approved the changes with the addition of a note that committee members must not forward on a fellow committee member's private email (circulated to the committee as a courtesy) to external parties *without permission from the author.*

#### **President's Items**

##### Artarmon Public Domain Masterplan – meeting with Council on 21/08/20

Georgie Roussac and Michael Dawes met with council officers Hugh Myers and Wil Robertson to discuss the masterplan. Georgie Roussac confirmed that the traffic flow in Buller Road will not change in the current plan.

##### Herbert Street precinct

The president provided two links with information in the Herbert Street Precinct.

NSW Government's proposal to redevelop the Herbert Street Precinct at RNSH:

<https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/herbert-street-precinct-royal-north-shore-hospital-rnsh-campus>

Previous RNSH Master Plan:

[https://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Hospitals/RNSH/RNSHredevelop/Documents/RNSH\\_Mastrplan\\_Factsheet\\_FINAL\\_II.PDF](https://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Hospitals/RNSH/RNSHredevelop/Documents/RNSH_Mastrplan_Factsheet_FINAL_II.PDF)

The committee noted that, despite Property NSW referring to a community consultation phase, no information from that source has come to the APA's attention.

Plamen Bassarov noted the unsuitability of high-rise development of possibly 60 storeys in the precinct citing insufficient infrastructure amongst other points. It is also noted that the proposal does not follow the 2012 masterplan. Although a more developed proposal is not yet available, the committee agreed that several issues of concern should be raised with Artarmon's state and federal members.

**Action:** *Plamen Bassarov will draft a letter to the local state and federal members stating the APA's concerns.*

**Action:** *Michael Dawes will write to Property NSW to ask why the APA and community has not been notified of the plans and for the APA to be included in future communications.*

### **Review of WCC meeting minutes**

Lindsay Alexander reviewed the agenda and minutes of the August Willoughby City Council general meeting and reported feeling confident that all matters relevant to Artarmon were already being addressed by the APA. He will continue to scan the monthly agenda and minutes and monitor items that relate to areas adjacent to Artarmon. The committee agreed that the ward councillors should be contacted with queries arising from the process.

### **Public Information Meeting**

Michael Dawes will host the PIM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom. The topic of the meeting is the Local Area Strategy and building height limit presented by Ian Arnott. Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and Councillor Christine Tuon have accepted an invitation to the meeting. Michael will confirm details with Ian.

**Action:** *Sue Livingston and Michael Dawes will confer on details of hosting Zoom.*

### **Artarmon Gazette**

The September issue of the Gazette has enjoyed a positive reception from the community. Regardless of a drop in advertising, most likely because of the COVID-19 pandemic on local business, the publication made a profit. The devotion of the central page to the Artarmon Village Inc is working well and may lead to more advertising. The high quality of the appearance of the publication in full colour was considered by the committee to be worth the slight increase in cost of production.

Georgie Roussac asked committee members to aid in identifying people who might fill the vacant role of editor.

Andrew King noted the file size of the full colour version was too large to mount on the new website.

**Action:** *Adrian Alexander will contact Robin Phelan to request that future editions have a low-resolution file version for the site.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

As circulated.

Adrian Alexander reported all costs including the insurance are covered and the accounts are on track. Michael Dawes requested that future reports contain some more detail in the expenses.

### **Other Business**

Michael Dawes reported that 9 new people have registered for the APA e-news and raised the question of whether they should become members. He further noted that some members mentioned that they had not been receiving the e-news. This led to discussion about a possible disjunct between the e-News email distribution list and the email list of the current membership register.

**Action:** *Michael Dawes will contact Jordana Goodman to obtain a copy of the membership database.*

**Action:** *Judy Simpson will forward the email list of Gazette deliverers to Michael to assist in the cross-checking process.*

**Next Executive Committee meeting** – 7 October 2020 at 7:40pm.

**Meeting closed at 9:01 pm.**