

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
Meeting date	Wednesday, 3 February 2021
Location	Artarmon Community Hall, 139 Tindale Road, Artarmon
Chair	Georgina Roussac (GR)
Present	Adrian Alexander (AA), Andrew King (AK), David Roberts (DR), Georgina Roussac (GR), Jordana Goodman (JG), Judy Simpson (JS), Lindsay Alexander (LA), Mai Mullins (MM), Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Michael Dawes (MD), Peter Egan (PE), Plamen Bassarov (PB), Robert Newman (RN), Winsome Byrne (WB)
Apologies	None
Disclosure of interest	None
Meeting opened	7:45 PM
Meeting closed	9:20 PM

MINUTES

1. Welcome

The President took the Chair and noting that a quorum was present opened the meeting at 7:45 PM.

2. Secretary appointment

Appointment of Mai Mullins to the committee and Secretary position confirmed.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

The 2 December 2020 meeting minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Judy Simpson Seconded: David Roberts Motion: Carried

4. Correspondence

Email correspondence is documented by the Secretary and circulated before the monthly meetings. When an item of correspondence requires follow-up, it is forwarded to the appropriate committee member and noted in the circulated report. The return email actioning the enquiry is copied to the Secretary.

5. Business arising from previous minutes / outstanding actions

5.1 Barton Road parking and traffic concerns raised by members

- The deadline for community feedback on the changes in parking restrictions in Barton Road closed on 21 August 2020. WCC to advise residents. No response yet.

5.2 Improvements to Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road Intersection

- Letter to our local state member, copy to WCC, regarding improvements to Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road Intersection
- Response received from the Minister of Transport and Roads (circulated to the committee on 17 November 2020). Response stated: the intersection is constrained by heritage-protected properties on three of the four corners and therefore there is insufficient space for APA's proposed solution; and, TfNSW and Sydney Metro are looking at opportunities to improve the intersections performance. These agencies are also working with DPIE and WCC to explore future land use on the metro site.
- MD sent a further email querying the third heritage property mentioned.

5.3 FWPA action regarding communication of DAs

- President and Vice President of the Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations met with WCC in December 2020 to discuss the DA notification review process and how the Federation can be engaged in the review. WCC invited comment on its 'Community Participation Plan'.
- **Action: GR to circulate for wider committee review and comment.**

5.4 Herbert Street Precinct development concerns

- Letter to the local state member, copy federal member and WCC Mayor, stating the APA's concerns regarding the proposed development of the Herbert Street Precinct was sent on 14 October 2020 (follow up email sent 17 December 2020). No response received.
- **Action: GR to follow up.**

5.5 Inaccessible east-side access to Artarmon station

- Follow up letter (sent on 23 October 2020) to the local state member requesting the NSW Government reconsider inaccessible east-side access to Artarmon station.
- Response received from Minister Constance via Gladys Berejiklian (12 Jan 2021) reiterating no plans to provide accessible access. GR rang the office of our local state member (12 Jan 2021) to discuss the issue further given there was no change in the government's response (i.e. no lift upgrade and no accessible path). The office committed to calling GR in a week to suggest ways to progress the issue. No call received.
- **Action: GR to follow up.**

6. President's items

6.1 APA priorities for 2021

- Priorities document circulated with agenda.
- Suggestion from AA to include a vision for the old library precinct which encompasses the site, the car park across the road from library (Cameron Rd) whilst retaining the heritage, commercial considerations, visual amenities and community purposes.
- **Action: AA to circulate ideas to the Committee for input**

- Suggestion for including a wider vision for Artarmon as well

6.2 Public Information Meeting (PIM)

- Slated for 7:40 PM Wednesday 17 March 2021
- Bruce Cooper, Chairman of the Royal North Shore Hospital medical staff council, will present
- Advertisement to go out in Gazette and e-news of the event
- Dept of Planning, Industries and Environment presenter to be confirmed

7. New wombat crossing at 26 Hampden Rd Artarmon (& removal of existing pedestrian refuge at crest near tennis courts)

- Update from PE: Challenges exist with appropriate placement of the wombat crossing due to minimum distance requirements from intersection (25 metres) along with unique challenges of rolling landscape of Hampden Rd.
- An appropriate crossing required due to proximity to school. Opportunity arises to propose street works.
- Council have advised they have no budget for wombat crossing. Comment from MM on Centre for Road Safety (part of Transport for NSW) and how projects are nominated, assessed, and allocated funding annually through the Safer Roads Program.
- Suggestion from DR to involve school in design and lobbying.
- Action: APA to propose crossing solution to WCC.
- Action: ask community “what crossings and footpaths needs fixing in your area?” via Gazette and e-news.

8. Gazette update

- WB advised space is available for more “little stories” and “ads”.
- Drop dead date for stories (120 words) and ads is Friday 5 February 2021.

9. Thank you event for Gazette volunteers

- Thank you cards hand delivered to volunteers in December. The committee agreed to hold a thank you event for volunteers at the rotunda near the community garden.
- Action: JS to send out email to committee to confirm a date then email volunteers to notify them of the date. Suggestion to request RSVP.

10. Review of Willoughby City Council Committee Minutes

- LA advised nothing to report.

11. Treasurer’s Report

Financial summary provided verbally (no report circulated).

12. Other business

- Cyber Security raised for committee members as a couple of committee members have received phishing emails from scammers pretending to be fellow APA committee members. Recommendation for all committee members to check security of accounts, passwords and use Two-Factor Authentication where possible.

13. Open Forum

- Lead article for Gazette will be Beaches Link project and its impacts to Artarmon.
- Action: GR to organise meeting with community members who have expressed interest in discussing the Beaches Link project.
- Action: Publish APA's draft Beaches Link submission on the website, which can be removed/updated (RN)
- Former Artarmon Bowling Club submission due 16 March 2021.

Meeting closed

Next meeting & date	Committee meeting Wednesday, 3 March 2021
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