

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
Meeting date	Wednesday, 6 April 2022
Location	Virtual meeting over Zoom
Chair	Michael Dawes
Present	<p>Committee members: Adrian Alexander (AA), Ashish Sethi (AS), David Roberts (DR), Jordana Goodman (JG), Judy Simpson (JS), Kesh Anand (KA), Mai Mullins (MM), Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Michael Dawes (MD), Peter Wang (PW), Plamen Bassarov (PB), Winsome Byrne (WB)</p> <p>APA members & guests: Brian O’Gallagher, Christopher McManis, Georgina Roussac (GR), Richard Windeyer (RW)</p>
Apologies	Anna Greco (AG), Deepak Nair (DN), Nic Wright (NW)
Disclosure of interest	None
Meeting opened	7:45 PM
Meeting closed	9:57 PM

MINUTES

1. Meeting Introduction

1.1 Welcome

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

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes

The 2 March 2022 meeting minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Judy Simpson Seconded: Ashish Sethi Motion: Carried

1.3 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.

This month's proposal included Development Applications for demolition which has raised concerns which the APA discussed in Agenda item 6.2.

1.4 Appointment of Peter Wang as APA Website Manager

Motion to appoint Peter Wang as the new APA Website Manager was accepted.

Proposed: Michael Dawes Seconded: Ashish Sethi Motion: Carried

2. WCC Councillors Update

2.1 Monthly update

- Monthly email update from Councillor Anna Greco was circulated to APA executive members
- Any other questions or items for follow up can be emailed to AG or GR after the meeting

3. Business arising from previous minutes / outstanding actions

Summary of meeting with new Willoughby MP, Tim James

3.1 Improvements to Pacific Hwy/Mowbray Rd intersection

- Tim James was sympathetic to the idea and spoke about how the lights were not smart traffic lights

3.2 Request to reconsider inaccessible east-side access to Artarmon Station

- Tim James did not think a lift would be the right solution but is interested in the ramp idea

3.3 Proposed Herbert Street Precinct development concerns

- Tim James believes the land should be used for medical purposes
- There was discussion on other appropriate sites for schools in the area
- Tim James also spoke to Health Minister, Brad Hazzard who advised it was only a concept plan at this stage
- MD sat in on the St Leonards LEP

Other topics discussed with Tim James

- No capacity for infrastructure build of the Northern Beaches Link
- Tim is the new legislative assembly chair on transport infrastructure
- Active transport was discussed
- Tim offered to speak at the next APA Public Information Meeting (PIM)

Actions

- JS has offered to type up a summary of the meeting, any actions, and the outcomes
- WB and DR proposed an idea for a news article in the Gazette on Tim James

Concerns / submissions progress with WCC

3.4 Artarmon Loop bus correspondence to WCC

- WCC has written back – Council is delivering a Disability Transport Plan for 2021-2022. No bus shelters are being installed
- The APA still has some concerns and JG will send an email to the committee
- Action: JG to send email with concerns

3.5 Council's proposal to ban the right turn from Mowbray Rd into Hampden Rd during peak hours

- Email received from Council today that this was just a proposal from Council
- MD gave feedback that earlier consultation with the community would be beneficial
- Action: MD to draft to put in a Gazette article as to the outcome

3.6 Draft WCC Urban Bushland Plan of Management 2021

- Submission sent
- No further action – this matter can be closed for now.

3.7 Village Green update

- No further updates
- MD requested an update however Council were unable to provide the final plans
- AS advised the businesses and Artarmon PS were concerned with disruption when the construction works start and queried the possibility of including a focused story on the upgrade; the businesses and/or in a special edition of the Gazette
- AA advised a couple of stories have already been done on the upgrade and the AVI should do the business story
- WB advised doing a special edition is difficult
- MD suggested the APA donate seating and several APA members were open to the idea
- The Treasurer suggested the budget could be \$500-600 however MD suggested it might be more in the region of \$5000
- Action: MD to talk to Council about the APA donating a cost of the seat with the a plaque
- Action: MD to re-circulate the original email with the ideas

3.8 Street and garden maintenance list

- Item was skipped due to lack of time

APA ongoing initiatives/priorities

3.9 Vision for Artarmon (East Artarmon, including old library site etc)

- AA reports no further update at this time

3.10 APA community engagement & membership drive

- No further update
- JG will be sending an email
- Action: AS to establish a working group, develop some plans and bring proposals back to the committee for voting

3.11 Upgrade APA website

- Draft website currently out for review with the executive committee
- Action: MM to circulate comments

3.12 Annual thank you event for Gazette advertisers, distributors & volunteers

- The APA agreed to move this later in the year – mid-November 2022 when the weather will be warmer
- JS asked for it not to coincide with Gazette delivery or the Dec APA meeting
- Action: AS to lead coordination and invitation to Gazette, advertisers, distributors, and volunteers

3.13 Concerns about proposed pedestrian refuges at Elizabeth/Muttama and Artarmon/Elizabeth

- MD advised WCC Senior Transport Engineer, Daniel Sui conducted some traffic studies. WCC will be changing the proposed design of the refuges, but this has not been formally announced yet
- Will result in loss of one parking spot

4. President's Items

4.1 Email usage

- Moved to discuss next month
- Action: MM to move to May agenda

4.2 Form group to work with Artarmon Public School P&C

- AS advised this will be moved to the soon to be formed working group to drive community engagement & APA membership.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Gazette update

- DR is going to write a story on the daughter of the blue-eyed one at the Dance Academy
- WB is asking for story submissions in the next two weeks
- AA advised Laing & Simmons are reaching 30 years this year and might be worthwhile doing a story
- Action: Please send any story ideas to WB

5.2 Review of WCC Committee minutes

- GR provided a verbal update

5.3 Treasurer's Report

- Report circulated prior to the meeting
- The Treasurer gave a verbal update
- Heritage & History Project Coordinator (AA) also raised a request for reimbursement for previous search fees accumulated over the past few years which were withheld until the APA's financial position was stronger. All receipts/invoices are available for verification.
- AA advised the land title searches were for the history of Artarmon and documents purchased for the Artarmon History Projects, with the end outcome to be shared with the Genealogy Society and Council
- AS asked what the future costs are – AA advised the bulk of the work was done but some future expenses are expected for ongoing title searches
- **Action: Reimbursement was agreed to (with supporting invoices/receipts)**

5.4 Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations update

- JS provided a verbal update (update also circulated on email)
- Priorities were ranked and sent off
- Another meeting is set for Saturday 9 April 2022

6. Any other business

6.1 Social media policy

- Move to discuss next month due to time constraints
- **Action: MM to move to May agenda**

6.2 Agree to APA's position regarding demolition in Artarmon Heritage Conservation Area

- There have been instances of heritage properties within the Artarmon Heritage Conservation Area that have been allowed to be demolished as per the wording in the [WCC Development Control Plan \(DCP\)](#) which allows for demolition if it is a reasonable alternative to retention
- BO advised demolition has always been allowed if the owners can defend their position that the costs to repair are more than the cost of rebuilding (financial viability test)
- The committee discussed the APA's position and whether the APA ought to have a statement supporting conservation and opposing the demolition of heritage buildings within the conservation area
- MD would like to propose that the APA makes a comment on the Development Control Plan (DCP) in the next Gazette and seek feedback from the community
- **Action: Suggestion for BO to write an article in the next Gazette**

7. Open Forum

- PB raised an issue of parents being unable to pick up their kids at Artarmon PS particularly during wet weather, and a parking ranger is fining vehicles
 - GR has spoken to Artarmon P&C, and the Traffic Committee
 - Action: KA to raise issue with the Traffic Committee

Meeting closed: 9:57pm

Next meeting & date	Wednesday, 4 May 2022
Time	7:40 PM for 7:45 PM start
Location	TBC Virtual meeting via Zoom or in person at Artarmon Community Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064