

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
Meeting date	Wednesday, 2 August 2023
Location	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064
Chair	Kesh Anand
Secretary	Mai Mullins
Present	<p>Committee members: Adrian Alexander (AA), David Roberts (DR), Glenda Hewitt (GH), Judy Simpson (JS), Kesh Anand (KA), Mai Mullins (MM), Michael Dawes (MD), Plamen Bassarov (PB), Winsome Byrne (WB)</p> <p>Guests: Cr. Anna Greco, Cr. Georgie Roussac, Cr. Nic Wright</p>
Apologies	Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Peter Wang (PW)
Disclosure of interest	None
Meeting opened	7:45 PM
Meeting closed	9:18 PM

MINUTES

1. Meeting Introduction

1.1 Welcome

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

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes

The 5 July 2023 meeting minutes were accepted.

Proposed: David Roberts
Seconded: Plamen Bassarov
Motion: Carried

2. WCC Councillors Update

2.1 Monthly update

- Councillors Greco, Roussac and Wright were in attendance.

- KA asked about before and after-school care service at Kids Cottage and the likelihood of bringing that back. There is also a new Artarmon Public School Principal and new P&C President keen to engage with the community and the APA.
- KA and DR also raised the idea for a Listening Post on Saturday 9 September 9:30am – 2:30pm
- AA raised a concern about heritage conservation at 105 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon
- DR suggested a Gazette news story about the new WCC Local Environment Plan (LEP) as a follow-up to a previous story that the APA ran on development applications that contravened heritage conservation.

2.2 Guest open forum

None

3. New items for discussion

3.1 Proposal that the APA supports the Natural Turf Alliance with a donation to help fund legal proceedings against Kuringai Council

The committee discussed and voted unanimously to decline to donate to the Natural Turf Alliance.

3.2 Wilkes Ave – Emerge Festival Activation

WCC would like to offer free live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 21 September to 8 October.

The APA discussed it and agreed it would be a great idea.

Action: MM to revert to Council to convey APA's support and to relay any other feedback or ideas.

3.3 September PIM speaker

The committee discussed having the Artarmon Public School Principal speak (briefly), the P&C President and possibly the WCC Mayor as a backup.

Action: KA to firm up speakers.

3.4 RNSH Master Plan

MD advises a new master plan is being prepared, and this matter may be restarting. No action required yet.

4. Business arising from previous minutes / outstanding actions

APA's ongoing priority initiatives

4.1 Love Your Locals – APA voucher scheme

- MD asked for more volunteers to carry out the Saturday morning card collection
- Action: Please add your name to the roster on the APA SharePoint site.

4.2 Village Green upgrade and bench donation vote

- MM has sent the request through to the Councillors to ask for an update. Awaiting response

4.3 Photo Competition

- DR provided an update on the Photo Competition and raised the value of continuing the competition as some voters are gaming the system.
- Action: KA to promote Photo Competition voting in APA eNews

Matters with the MP for Willoughby

4.4 Improvements to Pacific Hwy/Mowbray Rd intersection

- No update

Concerns / submissions with WCC

- None in progress

5. President's Items

5.1 Community Event

- KA briefed the committee on the Listening Post idea
- The permit organised, and attendees have been confirmed (Federal MP, State MP, WCC Mayor and Councillors)
- MD suggested getting the school band or some musical acts to perform
- The committee discussed having an APA postcard to hand out
- Action: MM, DR & KA to get together to produce and print some APA handout cards
- Action: KA to check the APA's insurance and whether it covers holding events

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Gazette update

- The Editor advises that the upcoming Artarmon Gazette is sorted and does not need any further stories

6.2 Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer provided the written report – there were no questions
- AA shared that a follow-up call is required to rectify the APA's name with ASIC before the new banking arrangements can be initiated

6.3 Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) update

- Upcoming FWPA meeting on Saturday

6.4 Social media trial

- The APA now has 90 followers on Facebook, followers spike when something controversial is posted, but the Facebook site focuses on useful local information rather than aiming to be controversial. It is worth noting that Facebook posts continue to be apolitical, and the site promotes no particular party or politics. The focus continues to be on accountability, transparency and local impacts. WCC follows the APA and Artarmon Community regularly shares APA posts.
 - Post reach is 109
 - Post engagement is 44
 - The top performing post was the proposed changes to cleanup services
 - 23 impressions
 - 22 people
 - 12 people engaged

7. Any other business

- eNews to be sent out with the following topics
 - Photo Competition voting
 - Upcoming PIM
 - Have your say on council pickups
 - Action: KA to draft the eNews

Meeting closed: 9:18 PM

OPEN ACTIONS LOG FOR LONGER ITEMS

#	Item	Owner	Date added
2023.2	Document APA roles, responsibilities, processes	MM & KA	01/02/2023

PENDING / PARKED ITEMS

#	Item	Owner	Next Steps	Date added
2022.1	Vision for East Artarmon (old library site etc)	AA	Share draft plans for East Artarmon	01/08/2022

Next meeting & date	Wednesday, 6 September 2023
Time	7:40 PM for 7:45 PM start
Location	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064