

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
Meeting date	Wednesday, 3 April 2024
Location	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064
Chair	Glenda Hewitt
Secretary	Daniel Rasins
Present	<p>Committee members: Adrian Alexander (AA), Glenda Hewitt (GH), Judy Simpson (JS), Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Winsome Byrne (WB), Chris Baker (CB), Judi Homewood (JH), Rosemary Towner (RT), Plamen Bassarov (PB).</p> <p>Guest: Clr. Anna Greco</p>
Apologies	Daniel Rasins (DRA), David Roberts (DR), Peter Wang (PW).
Disclosure of interest	None
Meeting opened	7:45 PM
Meeting closed	9:26 PM

MINUTES

1. Welcome, apologies and disclosure of interests

GH took the Chair and, noting that a quorum was present, opened the meeting at 7:45 PM, with an acknowledgement of country. GH thanked JH for taking the Minutes.

2. WCC Councillors Update and Open Forum

2.1 Monthly update

- Councillors Greco was in attendance.
- Clr. Greco spoke to the report circulated shortly before the meeting.
- There is a planning proposal for the 43 Donnelly Road Naremburn site. Although this is outside the APA area, the issues involved have resonance given the proposed development, which consists mainly of luxury town houses, sits between

two conservation areas and has adjacent heritage-listed buildings. There was discussion about how the redevelopment of the site could best meet the needs of the wider community and sustainability goals. Clr. Greco asked those present to consider making a submission to the Willoughby City Council (WCC).

- The increase in cost of redevelopment of the Willoughby Leisure Centre was also discussed.
- In response to a question about new cost of \$247 for an application for tree removal/ pruning, Clr. Greco reported that this will fund compliance checks, something previously not able to be resourced.

2.2 Guest open forum

- No other guests in attendance.

3. Confirmation of last Committee Meeting Minutes

- The 6 March 2024 meeting minutes were accepted, subject to typographic corrections in items 4 and 9.
- Proposed: Glenda Hewitt
- Seconded: Judi Homewood
- Motion: Carried

4. Update on Action Items

4.1 Bank Account Changes

- AA advised a new ABN 55397278515 was now in use for all correspondence

4.2 New bank signatories

- AA advised that CB's details were needed to complete the update.

4.3 Historic Light Pole location

- WB advised no update, as this was addressed in the March meeting. Closed

4.4 State Govt Planning Laws Update

- No update.

4.5 Save RNSH

- JS thanked Clr. Roussac for her submission to WCC. She also reported that The Post, a local newspaper, had contacted her and had subsequently published some comments on the campaign.

4.6 Village Green Bench

- RT has met with Hugh Phemister. The bench is to be located outside the Logan Pharmacy, not on the Village Green. The wording on the plaque is yet to be decided.
- Action item: Michael Dawes (former Vice President) and RT to exchange

details regarding background on what has been agreed.

4.7 Agenda to be sent to Councillors

- Closed.

4.8 Minutes to be added to website

- Given PW is an apology for this meeting, this item is carried to the next meeting.

4.9 Editor email address to be added

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5. President's Update

- GH circulated a report before the meeting. The discussion focussed on the WCC proposal for an Artarmon Festival, likely 9th November 2024. It was noted that the proposed date makes it difficult for the APA to promote in The Gazette.

6. Secretary's Update

- There was no Secretary's Update to report this month.

7. Treasurer's Update

- The Treasurer [AA] reported all was in order and that there has been little activity in the account, except the usual advertising revenue.
- AA explained the line-item 'House Trace Revenue' was income from the sales of maps and house tracing. This led to a broader discussion about the History Project & Heritage Report. In his capacity as Lead, AA advised the Committee that the History Project & Heritage Report is a large collection of documents related to land titles in Artarmon and adjacent areas, including first registered owners. AA noted there have been more than 60 articles in The Gazette derived from this resource. There was discussion regarding its on-going potential, how to preserve it, and make the best use of the valuable resource (both potentially commercially and from a social history perspective) that has been assembled. This will be an ongoing project. [Note: Put as an agenda item for May].

8. Project Status Update

8.1 PIM Planning

- Consensus was the last PIM was a success, albeit many attendees were not from the 2064 area. A proposal for the next PIM was to invite senior planners from WCC to address the meeting. AA to provide name to GH (Note: put the PIM as an action item for May).
- The Artarmon Post Office was discussed as a critical issue for the Artarmon community and thus the APA.

8.2 Gazette

- WB provided an Editor's Report in which acknowledged the input to the last and upcoming issues of Committee members including Chris Baker, Michael Dawes, David Robert and Judy Simpson.
- Deadline for next issue is May 1. She asked authors who re-submit a story she has edited to please turn on track changes.

8.3 Love Your Locals

- Information provided in the president's update.

8.4 Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road Intersection

- MI had spoken to a representative of Tim James MLA who advised Mr James would be happy to speak to the APA. This option was recorded for future consideration.
- CB, Lead on the Traffic and Parking Report, noted the long history of communications between State Government and Councils on this issue. The yet-unknown plans for the Metro Dive site will influence any long-term outcomes. The meeting discussed potential low-cost solutions including changing the curb-side lane from Mowbray West to Pacific Highway from left turn only to both left turn and straight, and allow right-turn from the median strip lane south to the Pacific Highway. CB to follow developments at WCC and report to APA.

8.5 Changes to State Government Planning

- Covered in item 8.1.

9. Committee Updates

9.1 Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations

- JS provided background to the current priorities of the FWPA.
- In order to provide input from the APA to FWPA, members were invited to revisit the FWPA priorities (as outlined in the 2022 Strategy map) and provide input (via the format of "post it notes" against the identified areas). GH will collate the responses and provide a report.
- There is a FWPA meeting on 6 April. Thanks to MI for organising the morning tea for the meeting on behalf of the APA.

9.2 Traffic

- CB spoke about WCC plans for traffic calming measures on Artarmon Road.
- MI advised WCC is developing a new cycling strategy and input may be warranted. Two projects proposed shared user pathway from Artarmon Station to Tunks Park, and a cycleway from Chatswood to St Leonards (funding has been allocated for the design of this project) but timeline is unclear.
- Other matters discussed:
 1. a 40 km limit now in place in Village areas.
 2. Willoughby Road will be re-surfaced in the 2025-2026 financial year.

9.3 DAs

- PB provided a report. Three DAs in place. For note, there is a proposal to build a multi-story childcare centre at 338 Mowbray Road (previously a Doctors' surgery). There was discussion about the heritage value of the current structure and the impact of any multi-story structure on a small site in a conservation zone. PB will gather information and report.

9.4 Membership

- GH advised that:
 1. Kath Herman will be assisting with membership database.
 2. The number of followers on the Facebook page has increased.

10. Any other business

10.1 Support for the school re: changes to opportunity classes

- GH has been in contact with both the Principal and representatives of the P & C of Artarmon Public School. Their response to the changes to Opportunity Classes is not yet finalised. It was decided that, in principle, the APA would support their responses. It may be possible to include an item in the next Gazette.

Meeting closed: 9:26 PM

Next meeting & date	Wednesday, 1 May 2024
Time	7:40 PM for 7:45 PM start
Location	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064