



# Artarmon

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
<b>Meeting date</b>	Wednesday, 29 March 2023
<b>Location</b>	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064
<b>Chair</b>	Kesh Anand
<b>Secretary</b>	Mai Mullins
<b>Present</b>	<p><b>Committee members:</b> Adrian Alexander (AA), David Roberts (DR), Michael Dawes (MD), Glenda Hewitt (GH), Judy Simpson (JS), Kesh Anand (KA), Mai Mullins (MM), Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Winsome Byrne (WB)</p> <p><b>Guests</b> Cr. Anna Greco, Cr. Georgie Roussac</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Plamen Bassarov (PB), Peter Wang (PW)
<b>Disclosure of interest</b>	None
<b>Meeting opened</b>	7:48 PM
<b>Meeting closed</b>	9:39 PM

## MINUTES

### 1. Meeting Introduction

#### 1.1 Welcome

KA took the Chair and, noting that a quorum was present, opened the meeting at 7:48 PM.

#### 1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes

The 29 March 2023 meeting minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Adrian Alexander

Seconded: Winsome Byrne

Motion: Carried

### 2. WCC Councillors Update

#### 2.1 Monthly update

- Cr. Roussac reported Council's proposed budget will go out for public exhibition in May, which is an opportunity to provide feedback before the budget is endorsed at the June meeting.

- There is a proposal for a 3–4-person full-time crew dedicated to picking up litter and weeding.
- The committee discussed how supervision and contract management, and performance would be managed
- Questions for Cr. Roussac and Greco:
  - MD queried why Artarmon shopkeepers were expected to sweep their own fronts when Chatswood shops did not have to carry out this task
  - JS asked what response if any, was received from the NSW election candidates on the metro drive site. GR responded that the letters have gone out but no responses have been received as yet.

## 2.2 Guest open forum

None

## 3. New items for discussion

### 3.1 Debate: APA Membership

- Given the time constraints, the committee agreed to defer this discussion until next month
- There was a brief discussion on using the APA's existing EDM/CRM tool (MailChimp) to have people self-manage and update their own details

### 3.2 Plantings used in Artarmon local centre streetscape upgrade

- MI gave an update that the plantings to be used in the upgrade. Many have been marked as native, are not native to Australia and/or have also been classified as weeds.
- Cr. Greco is assisting with liaising with Council, obtaining independent expert review of the plant list, with the aim to provide alternative suggested native plants

## 4. Business arising from previous minutes / outstanding actions

### APA's ongoing priority initiatives

#### 4.1 Love Your Locals – APA voucher scheme

- Newsletter have been printed and distributed
- Looking for a place to keep the cards at Artarmon
- First draw is tomorrow
- Roster to be set up, for collection of the cards

#### 4.2 Village Green upgrade and bench donation vote

- No update from MD
- Action: MD to let Council know the APA would like to proceed with the bench donation

### Matters with the MP for Willoughby

#### 4.3 Improvements to Pacific Hwy/Mowbray Rd intersection

- No update

#### 4.4 Request to reconsider inaccessible east-side access to Artarmon Station

- No further update
- MM shared some information
- Action: MD offered to follow up

#### Concerns / submissions with WCC

- None in progress

### 5. President's Items

#### 5.1 Councillors

- The President reminded committee members to send questions to Councillors before meetings

### 6. Committee Reports

#### 6.1 Gazette update

- WB advised that the front page / lead story will be on the Artarmon Upgrade
- WB suggested there be an update on the dive site if there is one
- Photo Competition planning has started already
- DR is doing a story on Reconciliation Action Plan
- GH doing a story on microbrewing
- KA gave an update on the kiss and ride as a potential good news story
- Action: Send any story ideas to WB

#### 6.2 Treasurer's Report

- The monthly report will be ready for circulation within the next day
- The Treasurer also provided an update on the delay with the APA's transfer to the new bank.
- Action: Compare LYL grant budget to the actuals
- Action: MD to send the budget which was obtained in the LYL grant request

#### 6.3 Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) update

- **Meet-the-Candidates:**
  - Meeting room was full, approx. 80 attendees
  - A recording was done, but the sound quality was sub-par
  - The lead coordinator the event has written recommendations for future events
  - APA was acknowledged as being the originator of the idea
- **Advisory Committee:** JS advised from to 7 committees, the APA has achieved/secured 3 representatives on 3 Advisory committees:
  - Access and Inclusion
  - Active and Integrated Transport
  - Cultural and Creative Arts

#### 6.4 Social media trial

- Extra 20-odd people have followed the pages, the total is now 56 people

#### 7. Any other business

None

Meeting closed: 9:39 PM

OPEN ACTIONS LOG FOR LONGER ITEMS			
#	Item	Owner	Date added
2022.1	Review APA Advertising Rates	AA	01/12/2022
2023.2	Document APA roles, responsibilities, processes	MM & KA	01/02/2023

PENDING / PARKED INITIATIVES				
#	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
2022.2	Proposed Herbert Street Precinct development concerns	MD	Parked pending any updates from the State government	03/08/2022

<b>Next meeting &amp; date</b>	Wednesday, 29 March 2023
<b>Time</b>	7:40 PM for 7:45 PM start
<b>Location</b>	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064