

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
Meeting date	Wednesday, 7 February 2024
Location	Artarmon Library Hall, 139 Artarmon Rd, Artarmon NSW 2064
Chair	Glenda Hewitt
Secretary	Daniel Rasins
Present	<p>Committee members: Adrian Alexander (AA), Daniel Rasins (DRA), David Roberts (DR), Glenda Hewitt (GH), Judy Simpson (JS), Mary Ann Irvin (MI), Winsome Byrne (WB), Plamen Bassarov (PB)</p> <p>Guests: Clr. Anna Greco, Clr Georgie Roussac (GR)</p>
Apologies	Chris Baker (CB), Peter Wang (PW), Rosemary Towner (RT), Judi Homewood (JH)
Disclosure of interest	None
Meeting opened	7:45 PM
Meeting closed	8:55 PM

MINUTES

1. Meeting Introduction

1.1 Welcome

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

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes

The 6 December 2023 meeting minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Glenda Hewitt

Seconded: Daniel Rasins

Motion: Carried

2. WCC Councillors Update

2.1 Monthly update

- Councillors Greco and Roussac were in attendance.
- Clr Roussac asked how the Councillors can help the APA.
- GH proposed 2 options:
 - Send a report/s prior to meeting and circulate to all for comment at next meeting
 - Have a general discussion
- Clr Greco provided State Govt Planning Reforms hard copies for all. A webinar will be on Wednesday 14th February to present the reforms.
- Clr Greco mentioned council rate rise has been agreed
- DR asked about Post Office and if there was a further update. Clr Greco no further update at this stage.
- Cr Greco shared an update on the recent council meeting:
 - The Special Rate Variation of 15% has been voted on. The next step is for it to go to the [Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal \(IPART\)](#) for further community consultation.
 - Bulky waste services remain unchanged.

2.2 Guest open forum

- No other guests in attendance.

3. New items for discussion

3.1 Special Resolution – APA Banking Signatories changes

- Currently, the APA has four authorised bank account signatories. This confirms the new proposed signatories' change as part of the change in APA elected officers.

Position	Current Signatory	New Signatory
Treasurer	Adrian Grant Alexander	<i>No change</i>
Secretary	Mai Tran Mullins	Daniel Rasins
President	Rakesh Anand	Glenda Hewitt
Vice-President	Michael John Dawes	<i>Chris Baker</i>

- GH noted to AA that we need to change to Westpac and need to change the ABN details
- **Action: AA to make the above changes prior to March meeting. GH has offered to assist AA with these changes.**
- Motion: that the new signatories be as per above:

Proposed: Glenda Hewitt

Seconded: Daniel Rasins

Motion: Carried

3.2 Proposed changes to NSW housing policy and their impacts on Artarmon

- JS put forward the discussion on these proposed changes to NSW housing policy and their impacts on Artarmon.
- The Committee discussed how can the APA take a position on it, and it was agreed we would take the following approach:

1. APA support medium rise near transport hubs
2. The APA does not want these changes to trigger a “free-for-all” for Developers
3. Longer consultation period is necessary
4. Conservation area should be preserved
5. Support WCC with what has proposed on the website
6. APA will actively consult with the community on the proposed reforms to garner feedback/comments

4. Business arising from previous minutes / outstanding actions

APA’s ongoing priority initiatives

4.1 Love Your Locals – APA voucher scheme

- Numbers are down to 54
- Shopkeepers have some reduced interest as well
- MI to assist with collection of cards
- Due to finish by mid-2024 at this stage.

4.2 Village Green upgrade, donated bench and street library

- WB noted that the historic light pole that was on the Village Green has been removed and its whereabouts is currently unknown (file photo below for reference):



- Action: WB to check with Councillors if they can assist with locating the light pole.

Matters with the MP for Willoughby

4.3 Improvements to Pacific Hwy/Mowbray Rd intersection

- CB to follow up at next Traffic Committee Meeting 5th March

Concerns / submissions with WCC

- None in progress

5. President’s Items

5.1 APA Vice President Role

- GH provided an update on Michael Dawes’ departure as APA VP.
- GH made clear she will go with majority rules on any future votes for inclusion of content or similar.

- GH noted that CB has offered to be VP.
- Motion: that Chris Baker be the new APA VP:

Proposed: Glenda Hewitt
 Seconded: Judy Simpson
 Motion: Carried

- GH advised all of her other commitments besides APA
- GH commended all the contribution that MD has made to the APA over many years
- GH mentioned that John Peacock has offered to provide Progress Association advice. The Committee noted this was a valuable offer and that APA would be interested in hearing his learnings (most likely in October 2024).

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Gazette update

- DR provided an update on Gazette advertising
- DR has been chasing some new advertisers which should appear in the next

6.2 Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer provided the reports in advance. There were no questions.
- AA mentioned he would add more relevant Treasurer documents to Sharepoint over the next 6 months.

6.3 Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations (FWPA) update

- Council approved special rate of 10% and NSW Government rate peg of 5% = 15% rate rise that will start in March this year.

6.4 Social media update

- APA now has 135 Facebook followers.

7. Any other business

7.1 Preparations for the PIM

- GH to assist MI with getting refreshments and projector ready for PIM
- JS raised how other PAs can discuss and work together
- JS raised that Glenda was awarded the **2024 Willoughby Cultural and Community Building Award** at Willoughby City Council Australia Day ceremony and the Committee offered their congratulations to GH.

Meeting closed: 8:55 PM

Next meeting & date	Wednesday, 6 March 2024
Time	7:40 PM for 7:45 PM start
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