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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 APRIL 2007

The President welcomed members and guests and commented on the significant events that had taken place on and since the last meetings on 8 March. We had elected a new committee; heard from four of the candidates standing for the State Seat of Willoughby on polling day 24 March; the Sydney Harbour Bridge celebrated its 75th anniversary; and the Lane Cove Tunnel was opened on 25 March.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- (a) Minutes of the general meeting of 8 February were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. (Proposed: John Allen; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick)
- (b) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8 March were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. (Proposed: John Allen; Seconded: Ronan Ahern)
- (c) Minutes of the general meeting of 8 March were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. (Proposed: John Allen; Seconded: David Lendrum)

2. Nomination of New Members – Aldo Di Santo

3. Confirmation of New Members - nil

4. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

(a) Confirmation of Life Membership for David and Rosemary MacGowan.

Noted that members of the 2006 executive committee stated that David and Rosemary MacGowan are eligible for Life Membership under the provisions of the Constitution Sections 6 and 8(b).

RESOLVED that Life Membership for David and Rosemary MacGowan is confirmed and that this is in recognition of their contributions to the Naremburn Progress Association.

(b) DA 2006/160 Child Care – Donnelly Road, Naremburn

Noted that Willoughby City Council has rejected this DA for a child care centre in the cul de sac east of the Expressway. The Developer may lodge an appeal in the Land & Environment Court and if this does occur, Clr Thompson will notify the NPA.

(c) Film Night 10 February 2007

Noted that Ronan Ahern is to provide background, running sheet, general comments, etc, regarding this highly successful event that was staged in collaboration with WCC.

5. Correspondence

(a) In - Development Applications

- 14 Bongalong Street
- 1 Dalleys Road
- 27 Dalleys Road
- 26 Donnelly Road
- 30 Donnelly Road (alterations and additions including strata subdivision to create 4 units)
- 49 Garland Road
- 14a Grafton Avenue
- 30 Mitchell Street
- 11 Northcote Street
- 38 Northcote Street
- 26 Park Road
- 1 Plunkett Street
- 6 Rohan Street
- 1 Ross Lane
- 10 Talus Street
- 51 Waters Road
- 24 Wheatleigh Street (new residence)
- 26 Wheatleigh Street

(b) In - General

WCC - Spring Festival Umbrella Event Program - Applications invited - closing date 13 April
WCC - Community Grants Scheme - Applications invited - closing date Friday 25 May
Castlecrag Conservation Society - congratulations on showing 'An Inconvenient Truth'

(c) Out

WCC - change of NPA President and Secretary
Joe Hockey - Federal Member for North Sydney - change of NPA President and Secretary
Gladys Berejiklian - State Member for Willoughby - change of NPA President and Secretary
Office of Fair Trading - change of Public Officer
Office of Fair Trading - annual return for the financial year ended 31 December 2006

6. Federation of Progress Associations in the City of Willoughby

John Allen reported to the meeting. Of ongoing concern to the Federation are (a) the transference of the Mental Health Service from Chatswood to the RNSH and, (b) Graffiti. Willoughby Council is soon to hold a public meeting on the Graffiti problem. A Trivia Night has been proposed, to be held in the soon to be demolished town hall and that it take the form of a competition between teams from each of the progress associations, with a bring a plate supper as well as a recital on the Wurlitzer organ.

Clr Thompson stated that the official farewell function to the Town Hall is 30 September and that an FPA function on 23 September would be an opportunity for residents to hear the Wurlitzer organ before it was put into storage for 3 to 4 years. John Allen commented that it had been suggested that the Master of Ceremonies for the Trivia Night be Don Swonnell, well renowned for Lawson Cave Bush Poetry readings.

RESOLVED that the NPA supports the Federation Trivia Night and agrees to have a team to participate in the competition. (Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Don Swonnell)

7. Accounts

The Treasurer had tendered her apologies for non-attendance at the meeting and had forwarded the financial report for tabling at the meeting.

Amount carried forward \$4,269.86

Income:

Subscriptions \$ 80.00

Donations \$ 40.00

NM Advertising \$ 560.00

Total Income \$ 680.00

Expenditure:

Filing Fees \$ 43.00

Balance brought forward \$4,906.86

Expenditure approvals requested:

Dec 06 awards - wine \$ 30.00 (R.Ahern)

March NM production \$ 958.10

Storage box - refreshments \$ 6.95 (K.FitzPatrick)

PO Box 393 \$ 120.00

Filing Fees \$ 43.00 (paid: approval retrospective)

Federation Fees \$ 20.00

Treasurer expenses \$ 4.75 (C.New – zip up wallet and receipt book)

Photocopying \$ 11.55 (K.FitzPatrick – agenda and minutes)

Film Night - Haven \$ 418.00

Film Night – balloons \$ 24.00 (R.Ahern)

Unspent WCC grant \$2,143.00 (to be returned to WCC)

TOTAL REQUESTED \$3,779.35

RESOLVED that approval be given for the above expenditure. (Proposed: John Allen; Seconded: Barry Thompson)

8. Sub-Committees Reports and appointment of Sub-Committee members for 2007

(a) Naremburn Matters

Trisha FitzPatrick stated that regretfully, the editor, Katherine Raskob-Esman had resigned a few days after the March general meeting, citing work and family commitments.

RESOLVED that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Katherine Raskob-Esman. (Proposed: Michael Haynes; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick)

Noted that work on the June issue needed to commence in the third week of April.

RESOLVED that an interim committee be formed to produce the June issue and appointment of an editor would take place mid year; the interim NM committee to be Trisha FitzPatrick, Kevin FitzPatrick, both of whom had been on the 2006 and 2007 sub-committee, Don Swonnell and George Farrell.

(b) DAs (Development Applications)

RESOLVED: That in addition to multiple dwelling applications and streetscape changes, contentious Development Applications be included in the role of the DA sub-committee. (Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: David Lendrum)

Noted that Stephen Stapleton wished to take a year off from this sub-committee and that the third member would be George Farrell with David Lendrum and Trisha FitzPatrick continuing. Stephen was thanked for his contribution to the DA sub-committee meetings.

(c) Landscaping,

RESOLVED: That the WCC Streetcare programme be considered for maintenance of the areas around the shops and expressway. (Proposed: Don Swonnell; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick)

(d) Membership

Margaret Willington said that she is now taking membership fees for 2007.

(e) Library

Trisha FitzPatrick stated that Council has installed all the library directional signs in central and west Naremburn, as requested by the NPA. The branch librarian has commented that there is further increased usage. Cllr Thompson said that Chatswood Library is to be relocated to the Mandarin Centre during the Civic Place development and that the move, to take place from early June to early July, will result in increased hours of opening for the branch libraries during that period.

RESOLVED that letters be sent to Council to request (1) installation of an external after hours book return chute, (2) reinstatement of the delivery of hard copy of Council agenda and minutes to be available for residents to view at Naremburn branch library, and (3) increased hours of operation for Naremburn branch library from July 2007. (Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Robyn Read)

9. Motions of which due notice has been given

(a) Symphony in Naremburn Park & Film Night in Naremburn Park

RESOLVED: That an Events sub-committee be formed:

- (1) to do a feasibility study for a 2008 Film Night (Proposed: David Lendrum, Seconded: John Allen)
- (2) to investigate the feasibility of an event billed as 'Symphony in Naremburn Park' featuring the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra to be a joint venture between WCC and the NPA (Proposed: Barry Thompson; Seconded: Don Swonnell), and, that
- (3) the sub-committee be Robyn Read, Don Swonnell, Ronan Ahern and Trisha FitzPatrick

(b) Open Forum

RESOLVED that ahead of the official business of each NPA general meeting, 15 minutes be set aside for an Open Forum for members to raise issues of concern to them and appropriate action taken and that this take effect from the May 2007 general meeting.
Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick

10. Circulation of the Attendance Book

Noted that 19 members and 1 guest attended and that there were 5 apologies

11. General Business

(a) Public Officer of the NPA

Noted that at its meeting on 15 March, the Executive Committee elected Trisha FitzPatrick as Public Officer. The role includes keeping the common seal, all records of the Association, making these records available to members on request and being the NPA contact for the Office of Fair Trading.

(b) WCC Spring Festival - Community Centre Open Day - September 2007 – date TBA

Noted that this year's Community Centre Open Day will also celebrate 20 years of operation. The likely date will be 14 September and Frances Armatras, the Manager of the Centre, is to confirm the date.

(c) Website for the NPA

Noted that several members with IT expertise had discussed the possibility of an NPA website and that information would be made available at the May general meeting

(d) Sound Walls adjacent to Olympia Road

John Allen stated that the freeway soundwalls adjacent to Olympia Road were compromised both for sound and safety in that there is a gap beneath them sufficient for a small child to climb under. Cllr Thompson stated that he would bring this issue to the attention of Jeff Organ at Council.

(e) After the Meeting Socialising

Following George Farrell's suggestion, the President had approached Delicia at Naremburn Shops to provide cakes/pastries and that an apple and almond Danish pastry had been donated to have with tea or coffee at the end of the meeting. He mentioned the custom of a Naremburn Pizzeria 'after meeting meal' and that a 'table' had been reserved for members and that all are invited to join in.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, 10 May 2007 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.