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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 MAY 2007

As agreed at the general meeting of 12 April 2007, the May general meeting commenced with a 15 minute Open Forum during which Members could raise any issues of concern or provide information on local issues. It was a lively session and it was evident that the Open Forum is a good means of monitoring local issues.

1. Open Forum

- (a) **Cinema Proposal for Crows Nest:** – North Sydney Council recent Community Meeting about DA for a multi cinema development near Woolworths. Community responses invited on NS website. Referred to Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of 24 May for comment.
- (b) **Dodds Street (east):** - Poor condition of kerbs and gutters, street lighting. Letter had been sent to WCC in late 2006. Nil response. Referred to ECM of 24 May for Secretary follow-up letter to WCC.
- (c) **Dargan & Northcote Streets** - Footpaths in poor condition. Referred to ECM of 24 May
- (d) **Rohan Street** - Nature strip on the north side neglected, overhanging trees. Referred to ECM 24 May.
- (e) **Naremburn Shops:** - Area is run down, and the planter beds need attention. Referred to ECM 24 May for follow up with WCC as well as overview of planting in the shops area. The Notice Board, reinstalled by TJH/Connector, is locked and WCC has been requested to provide keys. Noted that this board was originally paid for by NADA (Naremburn Amenities Development Association) and is not WCC property. There is dissatisfaction with the location of the notice board, as it could have been installed in a more suitable spot. It has been returned to its pre tunnel location. Referred to ECM 24 May
- (f) **Lawson Lane:** - Being used as a 'rat run' during peak periods as well as during the day. Between Martin Street and Willoughby Road, there is no footpath. Accidents at junction of Willoughby Road. WCC Traffic Management Committee has reviewed. Referred to ECM 24 May for follow up with WCC for a solution for improving pedestrian safety.
- (g) **Chemical Smell around Naremburn:** - Noticed since Lane Cove Tunnel completion. To ECM 24 May.
- (h) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church:** - Plans are underway for construction of Parish Ministry Centre at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000 for which the church has pledged. The DA has yet to be lodged with WCC. Traffic studies have already been undertaken. It was suggested to the church representative that the planners discuss the proposal with the NPA before the DA is lodged. To ECM 24 May.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the general meeting of 12 April 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. Nomination of New Members – Michael Hockey

4. Confirmation of New Members – Aldo Di Santo – (Moved: John Allen; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick)

5. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

- (a) **Film Night 10 February 2007** – still awaiting report from Ronan Ahern. Noted that WCC Events Dept was involved in this very successful showing of 'An Inconvenient Truth' held in Naremburn Park. WCC Events Dept costs exceeded \$20,000, but as yet, no background planning report provided.
- (b) **WCC Spring Festival – Community Centre Open Day** – This will be held on Saturday 22 September 2007, 10:00am to 2:00pm. Community Centre was refurbished and opened 16 September 1987. The User Group for the Centre will meet with the Centre's Manager, Frances Armatras on Thursday 24 May 2007 at 12:15pm to plan the Open Day. Beryl Batterham and Kevin FitzPatrick will represent the NPA.
- (c) **Website for the NPA** – Rebecca Lazenby and Nigel Smith have volunteered to set up the website and teach the Executive how to update it. Costs for the various aspects of the project will be sent to the Executive.
- (d) **NaremburnMatters@yahoo.com** – This e-mail address was acquired for the first issue of Naremburn Matters, April 2005, and is in the name of the Treasurer who will release it to the NPA. As this e-mail address has been featured in all 8 issues of Naremburn Matters, it was **agreed** that when this address becomes available, the Public Officer is to acquire the e-mail address for the NPA, if possible, at no charge, or, \$19.99 pa, if required by Yahoo. (Moved: John Allen; Seconded: George Farrell).
- (e) **Sound Barriers** – Councillor Barry Thompson has raised this issue with WCC Engineer. TJH to rectify situation.

6. Correspondence

a. In - Development Applications

4 DAs tabled, none are contentious

b. In – General

WCC – Mr Nick Tobin, Corporate Services Director, 2007-2012 Management Plan
Member for Willoughby – Ms Gladys Berejiklian – letter to Mr Roozendaal - Flat Rock Bridge maintenance and repair
WCC – Ms Frances Sims, Library Services Manager, Naremburn Library – Request for After Hours Return Chute will be included in the plans under preparation to increase the size and functionality of the Naremburn Library.
WCC – Ms Frances Sims, Library Services Manager, Naremburn Library – As requested by the NPA, Council Agendas and Minutes will be provided in hard copy to the branch.

c. Out - Nil to report

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	\$ 4,906.86
<u>Income:</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 113.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Advertising	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 113.00
<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Balance brought forward	\$ 5,019.86

NOTED that due to delays in procedures required by Resources Credit Union with regard to change of signatories to the NPA account, the Expenditure approved of at the April meeting, \$3,779.35, has not been drawn against the account. These payments and claims will be paid when account issues resolved.

8. Federation Report

- (a) Ward Boundaries for Willoughby City are currently being reviewed
- (b) RTA land associated with the LCTP works will probably be handed over to the Council.
- (c) Federation Report will be tabled at the June general meeting.

It was **agreed** that this segment of the agenda should also include reports from Naremburn Ward Councillors.

9. Sub-Committees Reports

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – Current costs to produce NM total \$1,700 per issue are met by advertising revenue. Initially, NPA received a grant of \$500 to assist with production, a further \$300 and a resident contributed \$200. Some of the issues have been fully self-funded. However, there is currently a deficit of \$70 in the NM account. The sub-committee is seeking annual sponsors, in the longer term, and the June issue will be released once production costs are covered by advertising revenue.
- (b) **DAs** – Since 12 April only 4 DAs from WCC. Sub-committee meets on the Tuesday before the general meeting. Meeting on the morning of the day of the general meeting has been suggested to ensure that all currently available DA paperwork can be examined for that month's general meeting. Meeting date decision when David Lendrum returns from overseas.
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Kevin FitzPatrick reported; Naremburn Shops public notice board reinstalled by TJH/Connector but left locked. NPA does not have access, James Smallhorn WCC has been contacted, delays due to relevant officers being on leave. When the key is available, the notice board should be kept locked and designated persons be contacted by phone or e-mail for access to insert acceptable notices. Naremburn Hill planting is complete. A local real estate agent has used the 'Naremburn' sign as a backdrop for their photo on promotional material. Willoughby Road North between Garland and Slade – RTA has pruned trees; 60kph speed sign is now visible to motorists. As requested by the NPA, a second 60kph sign has been installed closer to Slade Street. Rob Kerr WCC is to arrange nature strip clean up and additional plants. Willoughby Road North on the freeway side – responsibility for this area is a point of dispute between TJH/Connector and WCC. Jeff Organ, WCC is negotiating this matter. Prentice Park – Council resolution of 9 May 2005 stated *"the reserve joining the north boundary of Olympia Road properties will be known as Prentice Park and a suitable name board is to be erected."* There is some work to be done on the wetland ponds. It is up to the NPA to liaise with Council and interested parties about an opening date. Freeway – south of Slade to Merrenburn needs more trees. Don Swonnell is following up on WCC's Streetcare Program for the Naremburn Shops area.
- (d) **Membership** – In Margaret Willington's absence, Trisha reported that Membership fees are now due and will need to be paid by 8 June to retain voting rights, etc. 27 members have paid their 2007 fees. Agendas for this meeting together with minutes of the April meeting were e-mailed on Friday 4 May to 41 Members for whom we have current e-mail addresses, and the hand delivery to mail boxes of agendas and minutes to 35 members took place on Sunday 6 May.
- (e) **Library** - Executive to write to Council to determine what is proposed regarding Naremburn Library with regard to the comment in Ms Sims letter *"Council is working on a proposal to increase the size and functionality of the Naremburn Library and will include your request for an after hours return facility in the plans under preparation. It is proposed to exhibit these plans later in the year"*. (Moved: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: John Allen)
- (f) **Events** - a meeting has been arranged with Mayor Pat Reilly to discuss a potential community event in Naremburn. A report on this meeting will be presented to the ECM of 24 May and then to the general meeting on 14 June.

10. Circulation of the Attendance Book

Noted that there were 17 Members in attendance and there were 9 apologies.

11. Next Meeting: - Thursday, 14 June 2007, at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.