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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2007

1. Open Forum

- (a) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church:** - plans are being drawn up in preparation for the lodgment of the DA.
- (b) **Bicentennial Reserve:** - questions were raised about the white dividing line down the centre of the main path east of the Expressway. It was stated that this was an attempt to improve safety. Concerns were also raised about the testosterone driven cyclists and the aggressive manner in which they are riding through the park as mothers with young children and elderly residents walking along the paths could be injured.

2. Guest Speakers – Marcia Waller and Nick Tobin, Willoughby City Council

Marcia Waller, Community Services Director and Nick Tobin, Director of Corporate Services had been invited to speak on Council's plans for the Naremburn Community Centre due to Council's proposal to close the Out of School Hours (OOSH) care facility at Naremburn and move it to Bales Park.

According to Ms Waller the Centre no longer meets Government requirements for the size of such a facility and the number and age of children using it. A needs-based analysis has been completed by the Council and it was found that the children in the After School Care facility at Naremburn mainly attend Willoughby Primary School. Parents of children being cared for at the Centre have received a letter from Council and there appear to have been no real objections to the move. The issue of an alternative site for a WCC OOSH facility was raised as there is an increasing number of babies and toddlers in Naremburn.

With regard to the future of the existing Branch Library, a preliminary plan of the Centre was displayed.

This plan showed an expansion of the Library to the main hall of the building that stands where the original library was established by the local volunteers of NADA. As well as a larger library space, this draft proposal would make the library stock secure and more meeting spaces would be provided for local organizations.

This expansion would only be possible with the move of the After School Care to Bales Park.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of 10 May 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

4. Nomination of New Members – Barry Shaw and Mary-Anne Shaw

(Moved: John Allen; Seconded: Margaret Willington)

5. Confirmation of New Members – n/a

6. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

(a) **Film Night 10 February 2007** – The Events sub-committee has stated that Ronan Ahern has provided a verbal report to that committee and that the matter is now considered to be closed.

(b) **Community Centre Open Day (WCC Spring Festival)** – The Centre was refurbished 20 years ago. It has been suggested that an Honour Board be erected as well as display boards highlighting the NPA and looking back on the past 60 years of the Community Centre at the Open Day that will be held on 22 September 2007

(c) **Website for the NPA** – Rebecca Lazenby and Nigel Smith spoke of the options and after the meeting demonstrated a mockup of an NPA website. A webmaster will be required. Costs to be considered. They were thanked for their contribution. Committee to decide on the content of website and there will be further explanation by Nigel and Rebecca at the July Executive Committee Meeting.

7. Correspondence

In

a. **Development Applications**

13 DAs tabled.

b. **General**

Letter from Joe Hockey, Member for North Sydney, regarding Community Grants

Out

a. Letter to WCC General Manager for the Events Sub-Committee, proposed outdoor event February 2008.

8. Accounts

Carried Forward	\$5,019.86
Income:	
Membership Subscriptions	51.00
NM Advertising	150.00
Donations	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	201.00
Expenditure:	
Approved April	1,125.35
Brought Forward	4,099.51
Liabilities:	
Meeting Expenses	30.00
Film Night Expenses	442.00
Return of grant to WCC	<u>2,143.00</u>
Brought Forward less Liabilities:	1,484.51
Expenditure Approval Requested:	
Meeting Expenses – photocopying May	14.70
Public Officer Expenses – dividers	9.72
Post Office Box – reinstatement	27.00
May meeting expenses – milk	2.00
Naremburn Matters – June issue production	<u>1,738.00</u> payment is pending receipt of all June advertising fees
Total Requested:	1,791.42

It was **RESOLVED** that (1) the Treasurer's report is accepted, and, (2) payment of the above items be approved.

9. Federation Report and Councillors' Reports

Federation Meeting is to be held Saturday 16 June. Report will be tabled at the August general meeting of the NPA.

Councillor Barry Thompson reported on the Northbridge Plaza redevelopment. WCC has rejected current plan put forward by the developer. Action Group has been formed by the Northbridge Progress Association. It was suggested that the Naremburn Progress Association provide some representatives to join this Action Group. Moved: John Allen; Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick.

12 bike racks have been ordered for the Naremburn Shops area.

Mayor Councillor Pat Reilly is unwell.

DA for the Donnelly Road Child Care facility is not yet resolved. WCC has refused approval. Developer is taking further action.

10. Sub-Committees Reports

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – June issue was ready for distribution on the June long weekend but some streets are not yet completed due to both holidays and extremely bad weather.
- (b) **DAs** – written policy requested from sub-committee on DAs. Boundaries are now more extensive. A map is required. This request will be put forward at next Executive Meeting.
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Kevin said that James Smallhorn (WCC) advised that TJH/Connector will undertake extra planting along the Expressway from Rhodes to Merrenburn near the sound barriers. Don Swonnell said that Mandy Wilson and he had inspected the planter beds at the Shops and action will be forthcoming. Complaints were made regarding the footpath outside the mixed business in that the owner stores plastic milk and bread crated on the footpath. Cllr Thompson recommended that a call be placed to the Council.
- (d) **Membership** – 29 members have renewed their memberships. Those members that are unfinancial as at 8 June 2007 will be sent individual reminder letters.
- (e) **Library** – see Guest Speakers above
- (f) **Events** – A meeting was held with WCC's Eilís O'Beirne, Sara Maddock and the Mayor, Councillor Pat Reilly regarding a proposed outdoor event in February 2008. Mayor was very supportive. Letter has been sent to General Manager of WCC seeking a further meeting. Bush poetry reading at Lawson Cave to celebrate Henry's birthday will be held on Sunday 16 June. Official opening of Prentice Park is set down for Saturday, 28 July.

11. Circulation of the Attendance Book

Noted that there were 17 members in attendance, 5 visitors and there were 7 apologies from members

12. Next Meeting: - Thursday, 9 August, at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

13. Supper: - Delicia at the Naremburn Shops provided a pastry for the after meeting tea and coffee.