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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 8 NOVEMBER 2007

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Bicentennial Reserve Baseball Lights** – residents of Garland Road are concerned about the DA proposing the erection of six light towers for the baseball diamond; 12 objections to the DA have been lodged to date. WCC's Infrastructure Services, Open Space Manager, Julie Whitfield, called a meeting of the 'Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group' on 30 October; this Advisory Group includes local Councillors, Progress Association representatives and sporting organisations' representatives; noted that it was at least 10 years since the Advisory Group had met; noted that no affected residents were invited. Howard Townsend and Barry Shaw, residents of Garland Road, in the area that would be most affected by the proposed 8-storey lights, stated that residents want to participate in future site reviews.
- (b) **Small Street, right turn from Willoughby Road south** – Naremburn residents access to Leisure Centre and the Reserve via this intersection; there is a left turn arrow, but no right turn arrow; navigating this turn is hazardous.
- (c) **Footpath at Naremburn Village Shops**. Energy Australia new cabling work has been completed. When are the pavers going to be re-laid?
- (d) **Prepay bus Route 272**: Naremburn Food Store will be selling Prepaid and TravelTen tickets

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 11 October 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT

David Lendrum was appointed Vice President until the AGM of 13 March 2008 to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of John Allen on 28 September 2007.

4. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Martha Follent, Hilary Wright, Howard Townsend.

5. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Paul Lancaster, Cyril Clark, Kirsty Kovacs.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Future of Community Centre** – Willoughby Pre School is located in the centre. Question was raised, should Naremburn children be granted a greater proportion of the 90 spaces; 270 on the waiting list; good service for the local community; relies heavily on parental involvement; suggestion that the issue of places for Naremburn children be raised as an issue for the social plan of WCC. Follow up letter to be sent to WCC to find out more about user group management.
- (b) **Website for the NPA**: – domain name has been registered – www.naremburnprogress.org.au - design and construction underway; requests for significant DAs, maps; Naremburn Matters issues will be included.
- (c) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church**: - DA with WCC for Officer's recommendations to Council.
- (d) **Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Free Concert in Naremburn Park** – date has been moved to Sunday 16 March 2008; Events sub-committee liaising with Tim Long, WCC's Performing Arts Manager. Advance notice will be in Naremburn Matters December issue, with full details in the March 2008 issue.
- (e) **John Allen**: - the NPA will nominate John Allen for Willoughby City's Citizen of the Year Award.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 17/10/2007 - WCC - Nick Tobin - Naremburn Community Centre – Assuring desired outcomes for all users of Centre.
- (b) 01/11/2007 - Robyn Read - Forwarding lane W82 (east of and parallel to Station Street) plan from WCC.
- (c) 06/11/2007 - WCC - James Smallhorn – Trees on Willoughby Road.
- (d) 06/11/2007 - WCC - Flyer regarding Civic Place.
- (e) 06/11/2007 - WCC - Sustainability Charter.
- (f) 06/11/2007 - George Farrell - Letter regarding changing the membership year to January to December.

Out

- (a) 15/10/2007 - WCC - John Owen - Centre plans, WCC Cultural & Environmental Committee meeting, lack of consultation.
- (b) 27/10/2007 - WCC - James Smallhorn - Ownership/responsibility for land adjacent to Freeway – Prentice Park.
- (c) 27/10/2007 - WCC - James Smallhorn – Vandalism to newly planted trees on west side of Willoughby Road near Garland.
- (d) 27/10/2007 - Maxine Cogan - Condolence card - on the husband John Allen's death.
- (e) 31/10/2007 - WCC - Matthew Benson - Requesting copy of distribution map for St Cuthbert's DA notification, second drop.

- (f) 31/10/2007 - WCC - John Owen - Corner Slade and Central Streets traffic issues.
- (g) 01/11/2007 - WCC - Nick Tobin - Response to his e-mail and request for proportion of Naremburn pre-schoolers at Centre.
- (h) 01/11/2007 - WCC - Tim Long - Thank you for meeting regarding the WSO in Naremburn park on 16 March 2008.
- (i) 05/11/2007 - WCC - John Owen - Rohan Street nature strip.
- (j) 05/11/2007 - WCC - John Owen - Tree at the corner of Willoughby Rd and Dodds Street West.

8. ACCOUNTS

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| Carried Forward | \$3,869.49 |
| <u>Income</u> | |
| Subscriptions | \$ 0.00 |
| Donations | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 0.00 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | |
| Naremburn Matters September | \$1,639.00 |
| Open Day expenses | \$ 30.70 |
| Total Expenditure | \$1,669.70 |
| <u>Expenditure Approval Requested</u> | |
| Registration of Domain Name | \$ 33.00 |
| Balance | \$2,166.79 |

In the absence of the Treasurer, Trisha FitzPatrick read the Financial Report; she stated that the Westpac account at the St Leonards branch had been opened. Membership subscription receipts had now been supplied by the Treasurer.

9. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT & WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Federation

Kevin reported: Items discussed at the last Federation Meeting included closure of Mental Health Centre in Hercules St Chatswood; Status Northbridge Plaza proposals; Willoughby district buses have been cut by 123 services; WCC Spring Festival excellent; Council very happy with the high attendance.

Councillors

Clr Barry Thompson reported; the family community group proposal for Naremburn as it does not have a school structure for taking care of the needs for children; only 4 meeting remaining Council meetings until the end of the year; WCC's decision to refuse the DA for the child care centre in Donnelly Road – developer's appeal to the Land & Environment Court was lost.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – December issue will be ready for distribution in the last week of November.
- (b) **DAs** – 9 tabled
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** - Planter boxes – WCC's Streetscape co-coordinator is Cameron Bennell; work needed on planter boxes; request to WCC old pavers be cleaned before Santa at Naremburn Village Shops on Friday, 7 December.
- (d) **Membership** – there is a steady increase in Memberships.
- (e) **Library** – Nothing further on the Community Centre draft plans in which the library has been allocated the room in which NPA meetings are held.
- (e) **Events** – Christmas Party at Naremburn Village Shops – 7 December, WSO in Naremburn Park 16 March 2008

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK.

There were 15 Members present, 8 apologies from Members were recorded, and there were 2 visitors.

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

With regard to Correspondence In, Item (f) requesting a change to the Membership Year so that it runs from January to December, instead of the current Constitutional requirement of AGM (March) to AGM, the Secretary stated that this issue would be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on 22 November. She pointed out that, in order to change the Membership Year prescribed in the NPA Constitution, it would be necessary to hold a Special Meeting, as detailed in the Constitution.

13. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday, 13 December 2007 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

14. CLOSURE: - The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

15. SUPPER: - Delicia provided pastries to accompany tea and coffee.