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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 13 DECEMBER 2007

The President welcomed attendees to this the last meeting of the year. Kevin said that all the Naremburn Matters advertisers for 2007 had been invited to attend the meeting and join in the Festive Cheer. Penny Wade who has advertised in all 10 issues of NM had sent her apologies; a Massage Therapist & Herbalist, she was fully booked for the evening; perhaps her December advertisement stating "*Need some help to relax this Christmas?*" had some influence. Kevin warmly welcomed Geanne Merrick, principal of Merrick Estate Agents, a consistent advertiser, whose half page advertisement on page 3 first appeared in the March 2006 issue. Kevin invited all to stay for the Sausage Sizzle after the meeting; a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **10 Bongalong Street DA** – Martin Oldfield, 8 Bongalong, spoke of the DA that the owner of 10 Bongalong has lodged for the demolition of this bungalow and the development of an "ultra" modern residence. No consultation with neighbours prior to DA lodgement; a 1916 Californian blue brick bungalow; owners have claimed that there is substantial cracking inside. Petitions at the local shops obtained approx 150 signatures in support of the retention of the bungalow; Bongalong Street residents are seeking that the façade remain if building is to be demolished, as this is an issue of 'streetscape'. There is both a social impact and public interest in the retention of this residence.
- (b) **Bicentennial Reserve Baseball Lights** – Howard Townsend of 29 Garland Road spoke of the issues and the impact that the erection of 6 light towers would have on the residents surrounding Bicentennial Reserve if the lights were to be used 3 nights per week. The residents of Garland Road are still awaiting a response from WCC as to the area of distribution of the DA notification. It also appears that no traffic studies have been attended. The residents of Garland Road have approached the NPA to assist them in concerns regarding the light towers.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 8 November 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Jo Oldfield

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – Martha Follent, Hilary Wright, Howard Townsend

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Future of Community Centre** – nothing further from WCC on draft plans to go on public display; noted that Nick Tobin, the WCC officer involved, will be General Manager 17 December on John Owen's retirement; intention is to expand Library; after-school care will be move to Bales Park late 2008. NPA will keep a watching brief.
- (b) **Website for the NPA:** – Nigel Smith and Rebecca Lazenby are working with the Executive on developing the format and content of the website; there have been several suggestions put forward such as a publishing forum for local schools. This would illustrate the NPA's link with the community.
- (c) **St Cuthbert's Anglican Church:** -the DA for the Ministry Centre was approved at the Council Meeting of 10 December; the only amendment to the officer's recommendations was that the entrance to the Dodds Street car park be moved further east to preserve the large eucalypt.
- (d) **Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Free Concert in Naremburn Park** –this event to be held on Sunday 16 March 2008 at 6:00 pm had received advance notice on the front page of the December issue of Naremburn Matters and will have extensive coverage in the March 2008 issue.
- (e) **John Allen:** - Kevin stated that the NPA wanted to make a fitting memorial to John Allen; that he and David Lendrum are planning to build a lectern for the Community Centre; there had been many heartfelt comments made by residents and business owners and that, in many ways, John had been a quiet achiever.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 08/11/2007 – WCC - James Brocklebank – intersection Slade & Central issue - referred to Traffic Committee
- (b) 20/11/2007 – WCC - Matthew Benson – second distribution map for St Cuthbert's DA notification
- (c) 20/11/2007 – WCC – Mayor's Office – invitation to Pres & Sec to Christmas Party & farewell to General Manager, John Owen
- (d) 22/11/2007 – Howard Townsend and other residents of Garland Road – DA for Baseball Diamond lights, Bicentennial Reserve
- (e) 04/12/2007 – The Hon Joe Hockey, MP for North Sydney – Christmas Drinks invitation to President and Secretary
- (f) 04/12/2007 – Artarmon Gazette, Edition 40, November 2007

Out

- (a) 15/11/2007 – WCC – nomination of John Allen for Willoughby Citizen of the Year
- (b) 03/12/2007 – Advertisers, Naremburn Matters 2007 – invitation to 13 December meeting and Festive Cheer
- (c) 13/12/2007 – WCC – Greg Patten - 10 Bongalong Street DA – request for extension for response, Heritage Architect consulted?
- (d) 13/12/2007 – WCC – Matthew Benson - St Cuthbert's Anglican Church DA – officer's recommendation, conditions of consent
- (e) 13/12/2007 – WCC – Matthew Benson - Bicentennial Reserve Baseball Diamond Lighting DA – status
- (f) 13/12/2007 – WCC – Julie Whitfield – requesting minutes of the Bicentennial Reserve, etc, Advisory Group meeting 30 October.

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward	\$2,199.79
<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	\$ 40.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 40.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Domain Name registration (FitzPatrick)	\$ 33.00
Total Expenditure	\$ 33.00
Brought Forward	\$2,206.79
<u>Expenditure Approval Requested</u>	
Federation Wby Prog Assocs 2007-08	\$ 20.00
Naremburn Matters Dec layout, printing	\$1,837.00
December meeting expenses:	
Wine & Beer (FitzPatrick)	\$ 145.57
Plastic wine glasses (Swonnell)	\$ 15.15
Sausages, Bread, etc (Clark)	\$ 79.75
Total Requested	\$2,097.47

The Treasurer had provided the monthly report, and in her absence, Trisha FitzPatrick (Public Officer) presented it. Trisha also stated that invoices had been sent to the advertisers for the December issue of Naremburn Matters; total \$2,350; payment is expected by end December.

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT & WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT Federation

Kevin FitzPatrick: Nick Tobin announced as the new GM from Monday 17 December; John Owen retiring Friday 14 December; online DAs, WCC aware of privacy issues; looking at other Council's policies; WCC's IT tends to introduce programs that have been trialed elsewhere; not an innovator in the IT field. Spirited debate on Civic Place; Cllr Terry Fogarty assured delegates that the "figures do add up"; the auditor says WCC is in healthy financial position; Section 94 income in doubt; State Government may claim it; income from this source would have assisted WCC's finances.

Councillors

Cllr Barry Thompson had tendered his apology due to a previous engagement. It was noted that Cllr Thompson has attended general meetings throughout the year, has kept the NPA informed of WCC issues; this is much appreciated. Cllr Stuart Coppock gave a brief report on Civic Place, funding enhanced by the sale of Council's Work Depot for \$50,000,000 of which \$20,000,000 is a loan to WCC for Civic Place; Depot site is to become a Bulk Depot while the Council's Depot will be relocated to East Willoughby; believes sale proceeds could be better spent on WCC infrastructure, footpaths, roads, aged water pipes; no money allocated to roads; defended his leaving early at a recent Council meeting; gathered his papers and walked out, not stormed out. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Naremburn Matters** – George Farrell reported; 12 pages for March 2008 issue; more photos, articles required; a few reported problems NM distribution; new column proposed "Q & A", e.g., 'why can't we use storm water?'
- (b) **DAs** – David Lendrum tabled 10 DAs, including that for 10 Bongalong
- (c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – Don Swonnell said no response from WCC to our letter concerning landscaping at the Naremburn Village Shops
- (d) **Membership** – numbers are steadily increasing
- (e) **Library** – see 5(a) above
- (f) **Events** – Kevin said Christmas at Naremburn Village Shops very successful; The Hon Joe Hockey MP, Member for North Sydney, was Santa. Shopkeepers had nibbles for the adults. See Naremburn Matters for future events.

10. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK.

There were 29 Members present, 12 apologies from Members were recorded, and there were 9 visitors.

11. NEXT MEETING: - Thursday, 14 February 2008 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

12. CLOSURE: - The President thanked the Office-Bearers and the Committee for their contributions during 2007. He invited members and guests to stay for the Sausage Sizzle. The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

13. FESTIVE CHEER: - The hall was decorated by Don Swonnell who also hosted the drinks. The Sausage Sizzle arranged by the able team of Loma Clark, Cyril Clark and Aldo Di Santo was set up on the terrace off the hall. Members and guests enjoyed food, drink and good company while celebrating the Festive Season.