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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 8 MAY 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:35pm

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Re-instatement of Primary School** (Karen Pearson – Northcote Street): a petition was circulated in Naremburn to seek support to reinstate a Primary School in Naremburn. The Petition was presented to the WCC on 14 April 2008. On 28 May 2008 there will be a public meeting with the Mayor Pat Reilly, Ms Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby, and other key stakeholders to discuss the viability of a school in Naremburn. Ms Berejiklian has taken the petition to State Parliament. There is a need for a school in Naremburn due to overcrowding at Artarmon and Cammeray. A second bus is now required to transport Naremburn children to Cammeray School. The NPA will keep members informed of the progress of this issue. Doug Armstrong – Martin Street, stated that "Naremburn is not Naremburn without a school."
- (b) **Young Parents Sub-Committee** (Kevin FitzPatrick – President): it had been resolved that a sub-committee be established. The foundation committee members are Karen Pearson, Belinda Lewis and Brian Norton.
- (c) **Do Sporting Clubs pay for the use of sports fields?** (Brian Norton – Glenmore Street): the Northbridge Football Club paid \$1,500 for the use of the sporting areas in 2007. Northbridge Football Club has several policies, i.e./ "keep the ball low, keep the noise low" (Noise Policy), "leave the Park as you find it" (Environmental Policy), "walk, cycle, or take a friend" (Transport Policy). The goalmouth areas are not used during training, this is to ensure that the wear on the field is even; "save the goals for the games". Currently players of the Northbridge Football Club are required to travel to Hornsby on Sundays to play their matches if they are playing North Sydney, as they are not allowed to use the sporting fields where their training takes place. The allocation of sporting fields is at times questionable. Brian Norton stated that there are 146 teams in the Northbridge Football Club and this equates to 1,700 members of which 1,500 members reside in the WCC area.
- (d) **Channel 9 DA** (Chris Chaseling – Grandview Street): it was brought to the attention of the meeting that Channel 9 is preparing to subdivide and sell off site. NPA is aware of this and is monitoring the situation.
- (e) **Photograph of Naremburn Shops** – Cyril Clark has provided more information of the names and types of shops that have been in Naremburn. Councillor Stuart Coppock is very interested in obtaining an oral history of Naremburn from the older residents.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Noted that the Minutes of the General Meeting of 10 April 2008, Item 1(b) needs to be corrected to state, "*Doug Armstrong – Martin Street*," not Market Street.

That the amended minutes be confirmed. Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Doug Armstrong.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Belinda Lewis, Karen Pearson

Nominated: David Lendrum; Seconded: Doug Armstrong.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS –

Joy Baker, Ruth Hope-Jones, Steve Jones, Melanie Junghans, Maureen Kalcher, Andrew Le Marchant, Helen Noble-Foley, Brian Norton, Christina Pender, Vicki Stearn, Christopher Sullivan, Gillian Wells.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

(a) **NPA Website** -The name 'NaremburnProgressAssociation.org.au' has been registered. The first page will focus on what Naremburn is, and it will have links to streets of interest, Ward Councillors; photos and biographies of current Executive of the NPA; Naremburn Matters. The Executive will meet with Nigel Smith and Rebecca Lazenby to discuss website. Nigel, through his employer, is able to obtain a "Community Day" in order to help the NPA. The website will also be discussed at the next Federation Meeting to be held on Saturday 11 May 2008.

(b) **10 Bongalong Street – DA** – New paperwork has been requested. This request has not been fulfilled. WCC has stated that if there are enough people contacting the Council about this development, there will be an onsite Council Meeting.

(c) **Baseball Diamond Lights - DA** – Kevin FitzPatrick read out to the meeting a timeline that was sent to Council.
2005

Jul 20 Ken Wilson of Willoughby South PA emails John Allen that he has met Mark Holman of the North Sydney Leagues Baseball Club, and Chelmsford Avenue, on the bus and that the NSLBC wants to meet with PAs regarding lighting of the Baseball Diamond.

Jul 21 John Allen refers this to David MacGowan, the then Secretary of the NPA

Jul 25 Emails between John Allen and David MacGowan include information that the Club had written to Council, had been advised to consult with the community before lodging a DA

Aug 04 David MacGowan emailed John Allen to ask him to provide background for the next meeting; Darren Llewellyn NSLBC to speak at the September General Meeting

Sep 09 NPA September meeting had an extensive agenda including Linda Cardew's presentation on the Civic Place project; Darren Llewellyn spoke of lighting needs without providing details of height, etc; 17 members present, only one resident (in her eighties) from Garland Road attended; visitors were 4 NSLBC members and 3 Naremburn residents

Oct 13 Darren Llewellyn emails Clrs Lamb, Thompson, Coppock, Julie Whitfield WCC, Ronan Ahern, then President NPA, Ken Wilson, President WSPA, regarding on site meeting

Oct 16 NSLBC info sheet to Garland, Central, Market, Probate, Adolphus re on site meeting

Oct 23 On site Sunday meeting with NSLBC at Baseball Diamond, game in progress

Nov 08 Sylvania Lighting Australasia plan for the proposed lighting is available but not divulged to the NPA or residents

2006

The North Sydney Leagues Baseball Club did not engage in any community consultation in Naremburn during 2006, despite the existence of the lighting plan.

2007

Aug 15 The NSLBC light towers DA received by WCC

Sep 12 WCC's notification of DA-2007/581 sent to NPA and nearby residents

Sep 13 NPA General Meeting; DA tabled

Sep 19 Julie Whitfield's letter of invitation to NPA President to attend a meeting of the Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group, at the Netball Meeting Room on Tuesday 30 October, to discuss the Plan of Management.

Oct 03 Baseball Lighting DA response date; several residents of Garland Road write to Council

Oct 30 Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group meeting held; many years since the previous meeting of this group; baseball lighting plans not tabled.

Dec 13 NPA President's email to Julie Whitfield requesting minutes of the Oct 30 meeting

Dec 13 NPA DA Sub-Committee queries whether DA notification included area north of Small St

Dec 13 NPA email to Matthew Benson seeking DA status and notification distribution

Dec 13 NPA general meeting; Garland Road residents express concerns

Dec 14 Email to Matthew Benson requesting notification of DA going to Council meeting

Dec 14 Email from Matthew Benson; will mail distribution map; will notify NPA of meeting date.

Dec 21 Julie Whitfield emails minutes of the 30 October meeting; minimal reporting of NSLBC.

2008

Mar 11 NPA email to Matthew Benson requesting status of his report to Council on the DA.

Mar 13 Matthew Benson email indicating 25 March as likely Council meeting

Mar 25 Council's decision on the DA is deferred.

Apr 09 Naremburn Ward and Sailors Bay Ward Councillors meet at Baseball Diamond

Apr 14 Council meeting; speakers include Howard Townsend, Garland Road resident

Noted that there is to be a meeting on 15 May 2008 in the Netball Meeting Room underneath the Leisure Centre; Kevin FitzPatrick and David Lendrum will represent the NPA. It was stated that it would be advantageous to have representation from Bushcare at the Meeting; suggested that Mr Haydn Washington from WCC be contacted to attend.

(d) **Naming of Un-named Lanes** – Lane W85 will be named Allen Lane, after the late John Allen. This lane is located between Francis and Station Streets.

(e) **Rohan Street and Willoughby Road Intersection** – Council has no record of the 'keep clear' marking of this intersection; Michael Hockey and Maree Delic from the Hairdressing Salon do remember this.

(f) **Small Street - right turn from Willoughby Road** – this proposal was part of the 1995 Plan of Management for Bicentennial Reserve. Another letter is to be written to WCC requesting a right hand turn lane or arrow here.

(g) **Young Parents Sub-committee** – this has been discussed in Open Forum. Vicki Stearn has volunteered to help with Marketing and Chris Chaseling will help formulate some aims and objectives for the group.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

(a) 16/04/2008 – letter from Gladys Berejiklian - Flat Rock Bridge at Willoughby Rd.

(b) 01/05/2008 – letter from James Brocklebank (WCC) - Pram ramps at the intersection of Slade and Central Sts Naremburn

(c) 02/05/2008 – email from Bob McKillop - naming of laneways Willoughby LGA.

Out

Nil.

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward \$ 2,884.62

Income

Subscriptions \$ 101.00

Donations \$ 0.00

Bank Interest \$ 0.00

Total Income \$ 101.00

Expenditure

Expenses – KJF – Mar 08 approvals \$ 44.45

Brought Forward \$ 3,214.17

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

FEDERATION

The next meeting of the Federation was to be the Saturday following this meeting, 10 May

WARD COUNCILLORS

No Councillors were present at this meeting.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) **Naremburn Matters** – Kevin stated that the June issue would focus on local issues including the 'school' meeting, baseball lights, etc, plenty of material; Vicki Stearn would assist with advertising; regular advertisers have been emailed, two new advertisers have approached us.

(b) **DAs** – 8 DAs tabled,

DA 2008/211 - 21 Olympia Rd Rear alteration & deck addition

DA 2008/226 - 10 Oxley St Alts & Adds

DA 2008/240 - 23 Cleg St Art Alts & Adds

DA 2008/254 - 37 Mitchell St Alts & Adds

DA 2008/255 - 37 Plunkett St Alts & Adds

DA 2008/265 - 77 Park Rd Inground pool

DA 2008/282 - 47 Mitchell St Alts & Adds

(c) **Landscape and Open Spaces** – James Smallhorn has left WCC; Jean O'Neill is currently handling his work

(d) **Membership** – Margaret Stewart had offered her apology due serious illness of her son.

(e) **Library and Community Centre** – David Lendrum reported on his discussion with Marcia Waller, Community Serviced Director, WCC, on 15 April 2008.

Marcia Waller stated:

1) The DA for Bales Park accommodation for the Out of School Hours (OOSH) centre is about to be lodged

2) Naremburn Community Centre (NCC) redevelopment planning consultation with stakeholders and DA lodgement is to occur in the 2007/08 financial year, construction in the following financial year.

3) Bales Park construction is to commence in January 2009

4) The redevelopment of the NCC is included in the current WCC Property Program

5) More consultation with representatives of the NCC user group will occur before the design is finalized and the DA documents prepared

6) David commented that the comparatively small size of the largest proposed public meeting room would not adequately accommodate a typical NPA general meeting

7) Marcia said that the proposed Northbridge Library redevelopment includes a multi-use library space with secure stock storage to enable the main space to be used for meetings; this system could be a model for the redevelopment of the NCC to provide a larger meeting room.

8) Marcia agreed that consultation would involve all users of the NCC, including the NPA.

(f) **Events** – the "Biggest Morning tea" will be held in the Community Centre on Monday 26 May 2008; suggested that a Street Fair be held in July at the Naremburn Shops; agreed that the lead in time was too short; Open Day at the Community Centre in September, volunteers for this day will be sought. Plans are underway for the Willoughby Symphony Choir to sing Christmas Carols, etc, in St Leonard's Catholic Church in December.

10. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 23 Members present, 16 Apologies from Members, 1 Visitor

11. **MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** - Thursday, 12 June 2008 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

13. **CLOSURE:** - The meeting concluded at 9:10 pm

14. **SUPPER:** - the President stated that the Executive had agreed to put to the meeting that, during the winter months, supper would consist of wine and cheese in addition to the usual tea and coffee. All those present were in favour.