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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 MARCH 2009

Meeting commenced at 8:10 pm
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Closure of Ella Street Bridge** (Donna Kessler - Waters Rd) – Residents of Waters Rd and adjacent streets have serious concerns about traffic resulting from this closure. Notification of affected residents has been minimal. Work was scheduled to start in March but has now been delayed until adequate consultation occurs. General discussion followed with a suggestion from the floor that the Lambs Road Bridge should be closed for the period of the Ella Street Bridge reconstruction. The meeting decided that this matter be followed up by discussion of a resolution in general business.
- (b) **Naremburn Park Usage** (Donna Kessler - Waters Rd) – The balance between active and passive activities seems to be oriented towards active organised sport to the detriment of general family use. Councillor Barry Thompson advised that the WCC Use of Open Space Forum decides these issues.
- (c) **St Leonards Station/Chandos Street** (John Gleeson - Garland Rd) – There is no provision for “kiss and ride” drop off. 2 previous spaces have had a signage change which now means they are constantly parked out.
- (d) **St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church** (Roger Promnitz - Merrenburn Ave) – Building work well under way, first floor slab poured, roof steel being installed. Re-slating of the north side of the original roof is proceeding.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of 12 February. Brian Norton asked for changes to “8. FEDERATION ... REPORT”. To his knowledge Northbridge Football Club did not call for a review of facilities and any changes that may occur would not result in bush land being lost. Kevin FitzPatrick as an FPA delegate clarified that he had read the FWPA minutes and that the mention of the Northbridge Football Club was by a Northbridge PA representative and at that meeting Clr Thompson said the upgrading of the Northbridge area was only in its consultative stage and Council was receiving submissions from all parties using the Northbridge open areas under discussion.

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 12 February 2009, as circulated, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: David Waters

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS – None at this meeting

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS – None at this meeting

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Baseball Diamond Lights and Associated Landscaping** – The Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group will meet quarterly to monitor outcomes relative to this and other issues in the Reserve.
- (b) **Small Street/Artarmon Rd Lights – Northbound on Willoughby Rd** – a traffic survey is currently being conducted.
- (c) **Naremburn School** – Anneliese Appleton briefly reported on Working Party meeting held on 13 February 2009. A detailed report is in Naremburn Matters. NPA is working on a response to the DET Minister’s letter re dwelling numbers and population increase in Naremburn. Frances O’Brien asked if it may be possible to start up a community school. Matter generally discussed.

- (d) **Oral History Program** – Project is ongoing with residents to be interviewed; individual profiles will be added to the website, with accompanying photograph where possible.
- (e) **Rohan Street/Willoughby Rd Intersection** – ‘Keep clear’ markings have been placed on the northbound lanes,
- (f) **Naremburn Shops** – The issue of energy conservation is to be raised with the shop keepers.
- (g) **Dodds Street East** – A letter to WCC has been drafted; NPA secretary to follow up.
- (h) **Life Membership Guidelines** – in the process of development
- (i) **The Roles of Office Bearers and Committee Members** – a description of the work of a committee member was prepared ahead of the NPA 2009 Elections as means of attracting candidates for election.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 16/02/2009 – email – WCC – Stuart Pike – response to NPA letter landscaping at 1st Choice Liquor
- (b) 24/02/2009 – letter - WCC – Rebecca Hill - 2009 Willoughby City Guide
- (c) 29/02/2009 – letter - Artarmon PA - 2009 Office Bearers
- (d) 24/02/2009 – letter - WCC - Registration of Interest (ROI) Hire of Council Facilities
- (e) 04/03 2009 – letter – WCC - Notification of RNSH public meeting 7 pm Thursday 19 March 2009
- (f) 06/03/2009 – letter - WCC - Denise Catt - Willoughby Spring Fair, Umbrella Events Guidelines

Out

Carry over from February Meeting

- (a) 03/03/2009 – S Head WCC – Graffiti in Prentice Park and on Freeway Wall
 - (b) 03/03/2009 – S Head WCC – Traffic issues corner of Ruth & Northcote Streets Naremburn
- March Meeting
- (c) 09/03/2009 - NM - State Library of NSW – copy of March 2009 issue
 - (d) 09/03/2009 - NM - Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery - John May - copies of March issue
 - (e) 09/03/2009 - NM - Richard Bray, Dubbo - copies of March issue
 - (f) 09/03/2009 - NM - WCC - Councillors, Directors, and Managers - copies of March issue
 - (g) 10/03/2009 - NM – Hilary Wright, Aldo Di Santo, Mandy Chadwick – copy of March issue

7. ACCOUNTS

Carried Forward \$2905.23

Income

Membership subs	\$ 100.00
Advertising Income NM Dec 08	\$ 150.00
Donations	\$ 40.00
	<u>\$ 290.00</u>

Carried Forward \$3,195.23

Expenditure \$ 0.00

NM Advertising payments due \$2,370.00

Expenditure Approvals requested

Robin Phelan & Associates NM Mar 09	\$1,957.28
PO Box 393 - renewal	\$ 130.00
Kevin F – stamps	\$ 5.50
Kevin F – Folder, plastic, sleeves	\$ 21.42
Kevin F – Envelopes	\$ 10.90
Kevin F – Photocopies	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total Approvals requested	\$2,130.10

That these expenditures be approved

Proposed: Frances O'Brien; Seconded: Anneliese Appleton

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

9. FEDERATION – The last Federation meeting was held on 7 February and was reported at our 12 February meeting.

Ward Councillors – Councillor Kate Lamb reported: Dargan Street resident meeting regarding commuter parking problems was held a.m. 12/03/2009. WCC will write to Dargan and Northcote St residents re a resident parking scheme.

Councillor Barry Thompson advised that the use of Naremburn Park had been discussed at the Sports Ground Forum. There is much pressure due to the growth of sporting activities. Willoughby Legion Club has advised it had disused

Naremburn Park group are appreciated. Civic Place is progressing well, site inspections are being held. A meeting with RNSH re redevelopment to be held 19/03/2009 is considered to be rather late in the overall process. There is some WCC disappointment with the planning process for the hospital redevelopment with some WCC recommendations not being followed.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) DAs – 8 tabled

DA 2007/483/A	1 Remah CI	S96 Modification for extension of verandah
DA 2008/127/A	219 Pacific Hwy Artarmon	S96 Modification for bill board
DA 2008/464/A	21 Garland Rd	S96 Modifications for doors & deck
DA 2009/51	3 Remah CI	New 2 storey dwelling
DA 2009/55	30A Dawson St	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling
DA 2009/72	2 Central St	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling
DA 2009/74	22 Grandview St	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling
DA 2009/80	4 Olympia Rd	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling

- (b) **Events** – Earth Hour Festival to be held 5 pm to 9.30 pm Saturday 28 March. Entertainment will include an Artarmon youth group.
- (c) **Library and Community Centre** – Redevelopment of Community Centre – planning and upgrade cannot take place until the existing after school care operating in the Centre can be moved to Bales Park. Response received from Nick Tobin regarding NPA's requests for the upgraded Centre; the NPA preparing a response.
- (d) **Membership** – As mentioned in the President's report we have welcomed 37 new members in the past year for a total of 109 financial members; 93% of financial members for 2007 have renewed.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – Naremburn Matters has just completed its fourth year of publication. Our March issue had ten different contributors. In the past year NM has been supported by thirteen new advertisers with special thanks to Penny Wade who has advertised from the first issue and Geanne Merrick of Merrick Real Estate for taking a half page advertisement in every issue since March 2006. NM's March issue was published by deadline to provide ample notice for the Earth Hour Festival in Naremburn Park on Saturday 28 March.
- (f) **Open Spaces and Landscaping** – Nothing new to report
- (g) **Young Parents** – School Working Party meeting held on Friday, 13 February, report in Naremburn Matters and on the website.
- (h) **Website** – 'Latest News' items are regularly updated.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Closure of the Ella Street Bridge

Following on from the matter raised in Open Forum a motion was put to the meeting, proposed Frances O'Brien, seconded Julienne Blunck:

"Naremburn Progress Association to write to Willoughby City Council and the State Rail Authority requesting the temporary closure of the Lambs Road rail bridge for the duration of the replacement works for the Ella Street Bridge."

Lengthy discussion followed regarding predicted traffic problems with local streets leading to the Lambs Road Bridge. with various views put both supporting and opposing the proposal for temporary closure. A show of hands was requested by Cr Barry Thompson for him to gauge the feeling of those attending the meeting. The result was 19 for temporary closure of the Lambs Road Bridge, 2 against.

Considering that this is a major community issue it was resolved that the NPA would not follow through with the motion but with the agreement of the proposer and the seconder it would be withdrawn and Cr Thompson would take up the issue with WCC Management.

12 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 25 Members, 10 Apologies from Members, 9 Visitors

13. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – none for this meeting

14. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - Thursday, 16 April 2009 at 7:30 pm

15. CLOSURE: - The meeting concluded at 9:45 pm