

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2009

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue)** - St Cuthbert's Church – Contract Practical Completion was scheduled for 9 September 2009, now extended to October 2009.
- (b) **Anneliese Appleton (Waters Road)** - Community Centre open day was a success with pleasant activities for children including farm animals and face painting. NPA President Kevin FitzPatrick thanked the volunteers who resourced the NPA stand. The Naremburn before and after pictures were well received.
- (c) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - NPA Archived Minutes – Issues discussed at the NPA meeting of 12 September 1969 included compressed garbage, pot holes in local roads and historic buildings; issues in 1989 included the filling of Flat Rock Gully, rezoning of residential areas of Naremburn; Olympia Road parking.
- (d) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - 1ST Choice Liquor Willoughby Road – noted that the basement car park is now permanently closed and seems to be used for storage of alcohol rather than customer parking, its intended use. NPA to send letter to WCC questioning this situation.
- (e) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - NPA Signs – Banners for use at meetings and events have been provided free of charge by Signwave Artarmon; the owner is an NPA member; banners were first used at the Community Centre Open Day. The artwork was provided by Robin Phelan, also free of charge. The NPA members express their thanks to these providers for their generosity.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 13 August 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Anneliese Appleton; Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

John McCrae

Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Roger Promnitz

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alison Norman, Michael Norman, Reet Simmul, Jeremy Adams

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – Anneliese Appleton advised that residents in the affected area had received a letter box drop advising of a 21 September 2009 closure and re-opening in April 2010. The information included 6 pages with diagrams of road changes.
- (b) **Northcote Street commuter parking** - Covered by the previous meeting, awaiting Steven Head advice.
- (c) **Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP)** – This issue has gone quiet since the public meeting of Thursday 2 July. Kevin FitzPatrick advised that the Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore is considering placing its administration operation within the former St Leonards Catholic :Primary School building.
- (d) **Oral History program** – Kevin FitzPatrick reported that Cyril Clark had provided information on the grocery store that was located on the corner of Willoughby Road and Slade Street. NPA has been asked to support an application by the Willoughby Local Studies Librarian, Kerry Counsell, for a NSW Government grant work to consolidate its local history collection.
Interviews with older residents are on tape and will be converted to optical disc.
- (e) **Naremburn Shops** – An on site Councillor meeting to assess the proposed fitness centre at 296-298 Willoughby Road is to be held, date TBA. Vehicle parking and traffic flows are a concern.

- (f) **Life Membership Guidelines** – The Constitution paragraph 6 states; ‘Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on a member who has served the Association in any special manner. Such a member may be nominated by any member on Notice of Motion giving one (1) month’s notice of the nomination. For example, any member wishing to nominate another member for Life Membership to be awarded at the December meeting, needs to contact the Secretary before 7 October to allow for sufficient preparation time.
- (g) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – A broad description of the work of a committee member as well as office-bearers is available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 11/08/2009 Letter Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations – Long Gully Bridge barriers options
- (b) 12/08/2009 Letter North Sydney Council 2 Vale Street DA 305/05 - Advice of refusal
- (c) 12/08/2009 Agenda WCC Cultural & Environmental Committee meeting of 17/08/2009

Out

- (a) 28/08/2009 Letter WCC - Naremburn Hill - at the Warringah Expressway Exit To Willoughby Road
- (b) 28/08/2009 Letter WCC - Willoughby Road between Garland Road and Slade Street – nature strip
- (c) 28/08/2009 Letter WCC - 1st Choice liquor store – Naremburn shops

7. ACCOUNTS

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| Cash at Bank: | \$4,130.27 |
| NM invoices for September | \$2,520.00 |
| <u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u> | |
| Robin Phelan & Associates, Sept NM | \$1,957.28 |
| KJF – supper Sept meeting | \$5.80 |
| KJF – Open Day expenses | \$5.00 |
| That these expenditures be approved: | |
| Proposed: David Lendrum; Seconded: Anneliese Appleton | |

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Kevin FitzPatrick stated that, by vote, the FWPA meetings were rescheduled from Saturday mornings to Wednesday evenings; the first Wednesday meeting, 9 September, was poorly attended with no Councillors present. Kevin pointed out that Naremburn does not seem to be included in the 2009-10 General Risk Insurance umbrella coverage taken out by a number of the Progress Associations; this would cover us for extra meetings held in the Community Centre; the incoming FWPA Public Officer will follow this up with the Treasurer and also clarify what this insurance policy covers.

Long Gully Bridge – Northbridge Suspension Bridge – There are still no minutes of the 23 July meeting where all stakeholders (WCC, NSC and Community groups) rejected outright the three options put forward by the RTA who was to display the preferred option at its Chatswood and North Sydney Registry Offices, the respective Council Chambers and its website. The RTA appears to have ‘bunkered down’. A further meeting of stakeholders only recommended bureaucratic and local action; approaches by Council Officers to the RTA and the matter raised in Parliament by Gladys Berejiklian; and also letters from concerned residents to the Minister for Roads. James Fitzpatrick, an architect and member of Castlecrag PA has put forward another option for construction. A prize of \$2000 has already been offered for an alternative that is both effective in deterring suicide attempts as well as taking into account the Bridge’s significant heritage and architectural values.

State Planning has reduced the number of zoning categories from 20 to 6. A recent recommendation was made at a meeting of the Northbridge PA that the Northbridge Plaza car park be zoned business not residential to head off residential towers overdevelopment on the site.

A general invitation was issued by Northbridge P.A to attend an address by Hugh McKay on ‘Real Community’ to be held in St Mark’s Anglican Hall, Northbridge 30 September at 8:00 pm.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

None present; apologies from Deputy Mayor Barry Thompson, Councillor Stuart Coppock.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) DAs - 9 tabled

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| DA 2008/137/C | 2 Adolphus Street | S96 modifications |
| DA 2008/614/A | 13 Slade Street | S96 modifications |
| DA 2009/1/A | 8 Waltham Street Artarmon | Alterations & additions |
| DA 2009/487 | 10 Probate Street | Alterations & additions |
| DA 2009/488 | 54 Northcote Street | Alterations & additions |
| DA 2009/489 | 24-30 Lawson Lane | Enclosure of existing carports |
| DA 2009/493 | 43 Park Road | Alterations & additions |
| DA 2009/494 | 11 Slade street | Alterations & additions |
| DA 2009/520 | 36 Whiting Street Artarmon | Alterations & additions |

- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** - Following the Mayor's column in Willoughby City News in which is mentioned that "work is underway on the four new or upgraded branch libraries" a further letter is to be sent to Nick Tobin GM, querying the status of the Naremburn Library and the Centre and asking him to speak on this issues at an NPA meeting. Resolution put Trisha FitzPatrick, seconded David Lendrum.
- (c) **Events** – Willoughby Spring Fair. The Naremburn Community Centre open day on 5 September was a success; approximately 700 people attended; thank you to Anneliese Appleton, Karen Pearson, David Lendrum, Howard Townsend, Don Swonnell, Kevin FitzPatrick, who assisted on the NPA stall..
General Willoughby Spring Fair information is available from the official programs.
A sculpture display and prize will be held at the Incinerator from 26 September to 5 October.
The Willoughby Leisure Centre in Small Street will hold an open day on Saturday 26 September.
- (d) **Membership** – It was noted that the newest member of the NPA moved into Naremburn on 21 August and then sent his membership application form on 3 September. A few current members have not yet paid their 2009 subscriptions.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – The advertising sales presentation folder was discussed and shown together with recent additions to it being the two website pages that Anneliese Appleton had printed for the Centre Open Day display; layout of ads related to articles; September issue has been distributed.
- (f) **Open Space** – Refer correspondence re Naremburn Hill and nature strips.
- (g) **Website** –The option of a newsletter from the website is being investigated..
- (h) **Young Parents** – Anneliese Appleton commented that there are no current issues; Karen Pearson had provided a copy of the Cammeray School newsletter. A presentation to students by the astronomer Fred Watson was very well received.

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 9 members, 15 apologies, 0 visitors

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - None for this meeting

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, 8 October 2009 at 7:30 pm, Naremburn Community Centre, Central Street.

14. CLOSURE - The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

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