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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 FEBRUARY 2010

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

1. PRESENTATION BY NICK TOBIN GENERAL MANAGER WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL

(a) **Naremburn Community Centre**

The President welcomed the General Manager to the meeting and thanked him for his time. The GM regretted that the redevelopment of the Community Centre had not occurred due to several factors including the delay in the move of OOSH (Out of School Hours) to Bales Park . In addition, other projects were addressed when ideal opportunities for other centres presented themselves. The lodgement of the Development Application (DA) for the relocation of the OOSH facility to Bales Park has been delayed, it is expected to be lodged in the next couple of months and construction at Bales Park is expected to occur in the second half of 2010.

The 2006 plan for the Community Centre was presented. Nick stated that this plan needs “bedding down”. The Community Centre DA is expected to be lodged toward the end of 2010 with construction to occur from July 2011. The current OOSH space will become the library and the space will be able to be used for larger meetings than can be accommodated in the proposed smaller meeting rooms.

Library opening hours will be increased but will still be part time; but the longer term plan is to increase the use of community libraries. The Centre management structure is to be looked at and other community activities within the Centre to be fostered and encouraged.

The speed of traffic in the streets adjacent to the centre was raised and the idea of a 40 kph local limit was raised.

(b) **General WCC Topics**

Incinerator Work is proceeding more slowly than expected due to hidden structural problems and the project is expected to be completed around August 2010.

The tender for the café operator is expected to be invited in the next 2-3 months

The Concourse (formerly known as Civic Place) is currently on program and budget, there are some issues with finances and income due to the GFC. Nick gave a visual presentation of features of the project and stated it would be professionally managed and offer conference facilities. The new library would provide 5000M², three times the area of the former library.

Willoughby Leisure Centre An Aquatic Study is underway to look at uses. A “learn to swim” pool is seen as a priority and other internal re-arrangements are being considered. The question of a 50M pool for Willoughby City is being looked at but will not be at the Leisure Centre due to space and cost constraints.

Indian Mynahs as an environmental problem are being looked at.

Noise barriers to Flat Rock Drive This drive was part DMR work of four decades ago. Sound walls were not part of the project and are not on the WCC or RTA works list.

Community Garden an RTA site on Barnes Lane between Rhodes Avenue and Slade Street is possible, negotiations occurring between the RTA and WCC.

2. TEA AND COFFEE BREAK OF 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF NORMAL MEETING

3. OPEN FORUM

(a) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Beryl Batterham’s 90th birthday is imminent and celebrations are to be held at the bush care group and at Beryl’s home on 24 February the actual day. A cake will be part of the after meeting supper for the March NPA meeting.

(b) **David Waters (Martin Street)** – The WCC installed landscape at the north end of Martin Street near Chandos Street to create road narrowing and traffic calming is well established and being maintained.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 10 December 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Anneliese Appleton

5. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting

6. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chris Haley

7. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge temporary closure and traffic issues** – The principle of closure of the bridge to vehicular traffic and access by pedestrians and bicycles was discussed. Traffic flows and the views of local residents need to be assessed.
- (b) **Oral History program** – Ongoing.
- (d) **Naremburn Shops** – Garbage disposal is an issue with the shops as some have no collection and street bins are being used by shopkeepers.
The circulation to tenants of Development Applications for shop redevelopments does not occur as it does in other LG areas. Letter to be sent to WCC requesting review of policy.
- (e) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – The RTA design for the barriers is now to be installed.
- (f) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – A description of the roles of committee members as well as office-bearers is nearing completion and will be made available to members interested in volunteering for various roles.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 07/12/2009 Letter WCC, DA-2009/334 296 Willoughby Rd (Fitness Centre) approval.
(b) 10/12/2009 Letter WCC, Maintenance of landscaped area 1st Choice Liquor.
(c) 15/01/2010 Email WCC Handrail at Gaza Road access to Bicentennial Reserve.
(d) 03/02/2010 Email R M Best Modifications to paving at Naremburn shops.
(e) 09/02/2010 Letter Mallesons Stephen Jaques 2 Vale Street Cammeray Land & Environment Court proceedings
(f) 05/02/2010 Email Bill Rees request for promotion of junior rugby club on the NPA website.
(g) 11/02/2010 Email Donna Kessler Ella Street Bridge

Out

- (a) 02/02/2010 Letter WCC, Footpath Dargan Street.
(b) 11/02/2010 Letter Paul Storm Thank you for presentation at October NPA meeting.
(c) 11/02/2010 Letter The Hon Joe Hockey Thank you for being Santa at Christmas at the Shops
(d) 11/02/2010 Email Steven Head WCC Ella Street Bridge community consultation.

9. ACCOUNTS

In the absence of the Treasurer, Trisha FitzPatrick Public Officer, had compiled a report.

Cash at Bank \$4,942.46

Income:-

Naremburn Matters Dec issue ads	\$1,155.00
Membership Fees	\$ 30.00
Bank Interest	\$ 3.62
Zurich – website grant	\$ 500.00

Note:

Sam the Butcher advertised in the September 2009 issue; cost \$300.

Despite several phone calls re-sending Invoice, etc, our most recent contact Being this past week, Sam has not paid.

Expenditure:-

Christmas meeting (KJF)	\$ 264.07
Robin Phelan – NM Dec	\$1,957.28
Supper Oct Meeting (H. Townsend)	\$ 12.15

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

February meeting – supper (KJF)	\$ 10.65
February meeting – copying (KJF)	\$ 10.00
	\$ 20.65

That these Expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Chris Haley; Seconded: Barry Shaw

10. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

With the death of FWPA President John Allen a few years ago and the recent retirement of Bob McKillop as Secretary the new Federation executive seems to be having organizational issues. Neither of our delegates were notified of the February meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 March 2010.

11. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson.

The Bicentennial Reserve traffic and parking proposals for peak Saturday winter sport days have been approved by Council and will be publicised closer to implementation.

Naremburn Park Community Function 2010? Previously park functions had been 'An Inconvenient Truth' in February 2007, 'WCC Symphony in the Park' March 2008, 'Earth Hour Festival' March 2009.. Barry will follow up with Council officers regarding future options.

Wurlitzer Organ, The Concourse. There has been much local media coverage of the proposed upgrade. Expenditure of an additional \$105,000 has been approved by WCC.

12. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) DAs - 8 tabled

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DA 2006/642/B	19 Market Street	S96 modifications roof height
DA 2008/282/A	47 Mitchell Street	S96 modifications roof line, cladding etc
DA 2009/757	9 Slade Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/822	8/40 Station Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2009/825	17 Slade Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/4	17 Darvall Street	Unauthorised building works, garage door
DA 2010/22	2-10 Chandos Street St Leonards	Alterations including signage
DA 2010/41	27 Dalleys Road	Addition of carport to house front

(b) Naremburn Community Centre – See item 1 of these minutes.

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(c) **Events** – Santa at the Shops on Friday 4 December was more popular than ever before, suggested that some enhanced grown up activities could follow the children's event. Some tree lighting for the Christmas period could lift the ambience of the shops area. Blocking off of some car spaces to give more space for festive activities was suggested. This would need to be discussed with WCC. Co-operation by the shop keepers was greatly appreciated and needs to be encouraged. Letter to be sent to WCC.

(d) **Membership** – 127 residents were members in 2009. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2010 are due from the 2010 AGM of 11 March.

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(e) **Naremburn Matters** – The March issue is only waiting for a report on Nick Tobin as speaker for this evening, and President – out and about. Production costs 2010 have increased. Revised 'Advertising Rates and Deadlines' sheet emailed to 29 advertisers on 28 and 29 January, 5 of which were new enquiries; advertising for the issue fully booked by 2 Feb; one advertiser rang after this and when told that March issue advertising allocation was full, then booked for June, September and December. In the process of putting together the issue, 89 production-related emails have been sent to advertisers, writers, Robin Phelan. The final copy will be sent to the printer on Monday 15 February with early delivery to Sue Howes on 24 February or earlier.

(f) **Open Space** – Footpaths are generally being repaired. Upcoming event is Clean Up Australia. The Community Garden issue is growing and is worthy of community support.

(g) **Website** – An email has been received from Nigel Smith, our volunteer webmaster, detailing needed work to the website; he has organised a further Community Match Grant from Zurich - \$500 paid into our account on 10 February making a total of \$1,000 donated by Zurich in the past 18 months. Some work is to be done on the website, as our hosting service, Horde for our email addresses will no longer be available; a free service, it was a good starter when we did not have special funds for the website; Horde is actually insufficient for our email needs, particularly for Naremburn Matters and the President email addresses as each receive heavy attachments, many of which need to be saved in mail folders; the replacement hosting service will cost between US\$70.00 and US\$80 per annum. There is an ongoing need for Naremburn residents to contribute news items - a simple process on the website.

(h) **Young Parents** – The Christmas holiday library activities were again a success.

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13. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 23 Members, 6 Apologies, 12 Visitor

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

15. **NEXT MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING TO FOLLOW THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

16. **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.35 pm