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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 13 MAY 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street) – Central Street footpaths. Last year NPA wrote to WCC requesting footpath upgrade on the eastern side between Market Street and Carden Lane. The work has now been being done. NPA to write to WCC expressing thanks.

Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street) – The Artarmon Industrial Area Loop bus; with the new operator and smaller buses there is now one spare off peak bus which is being trialled on various streets on an Artarmon to Naremburn route each Monday, with the route being convenient for most residents in Naremburn;. Information is to be circulated to NPA members by email.

Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street) - Traffic Committee meetings are held monthly. At the April meeting items relevant to Naremburn were discussed: motor cycle allocated parking in Willoughby Road between Chandos and Lawson Lane; safety improvements to Dalleys Road at the bend ahead of Northcote Street; the continuance of No Parking on the eastern side of Station Street. Given the ongoing traffic issues in Naremburn, the Traffic Committee reports will be dealt with in Matters Arising for future meetings.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 8 April 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Don Swonnell, Seconded: Barry Shaw.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Evelyn Scott

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick, Seconded: Karen Pearson.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan Foley

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) **Ella Street Bridge** – Trisha FitzPatrick reported that there has been no formal response from Council although we do know, as reported earlier from the Traffic Committee meeting of 21 April, that Council surveyed residents on the eastern side of Station Street and the 'No Parking' restrictions that were enforced during the temporary closure of the Ella Street Bridge are to be retained on a permanent basis.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on 4 May discussed the letter written by the residents of 65 Park Road, members of the NPA, and delivered to residents of Station, Park, Waters and Francis in which it is stated that the NPA was "submitting a proposal for permanent closure of the Ella Street Bridge to traffic". This was an incorrect statement. The letter also included strong statements indicating how the recipients of this letter should respond to the survey.

The NPA's Constitution, Section 11. Disciplining of Members, states "Where the Association is of the opinion that a member of the Association hasacted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the Association may suspend the member from membership for a specific period not exceeding twelve (12) months...."

The Executive decided that no action be taken against Helen Noble-Foley and Jonathan Foley but that the matter be raised and minuted at this meeting.

The new bridge opened on 21 April.

(b) **Oral History program** – Kevin FitzPatrick reported that this program came about on the recommendation of Cr Stuart Coppock who arranged with the Council's Local Studies Unit for recording equipment and guideline questions for a person conducting an Oral History Program.

There are still many long-standing and elderly residents whose stories deserve to be recorded. Reg Grundy formerly of Gaza Road agreed to put together his memories.

Enid Fazel, Northcote Street recently celebrated her 90th birthday, was born in the house where she now resides. Her daughter has been recording her mother's stories. She has many pictures which she is willing to make available for copying. One of our advertisers in NM Penny Wade of Grafton Avenue referred us to one of her elderly neighbours who has a rich store of memories of early Naremburn. Kevin stated that as he is engaged in many activities for and on behalf of the NPA, he would welcome help with Oral History program.

(c) **Naremburn Shops** – Kevin said that in response to an NPA letter to WCC regarding the garbage bins in the shop area – (a) overflowing and (b) there are three on the south end where there are only two food stores compared to the north end where almost every shop is a food outlet and there are only three bins, an email from Council said they

would be willing to review bin placement but drew attention to the fact they cannot put a bin close to where people are eating. They could not provide a recycling option because of the nature of their waste collection contract that involves recycling collection during the day only. To the fact some shop keepers may be dumping their rubbish in the existing bins; Council suggests that we report the offenders to Council Rangers.

(d) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – The construction of the barriers has commenced and is expected to be completed at the end of May.

(e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – The Executive Committee will pass on long term knowledge to the three new Committee members, Barry Shaw, Martha Follent and Donna Kessler.

(f) **2 Vale Street Cammeray proposed development** – Martha Follent went over the background to this development that is for high-end market luxury apartments down the steep slope above the bushland, and referred members to the April minutes.. The Land & Environment Court decision is expected late May.

(g) **Naremburn Park** – This matter was raised by Donna Kessler in Open Forum in our April meeting.

Kevin and Trisha FitzPatrick visited the park on Wednesday 12 May at approximately 5.30pm. The park was lit up for a sports training session by a Northbridge Football Club Women's Team on the top oval. The good lighting enabled a large number of local residents to safely allow their dogs to run free on the lower oval in what is one of Naremburn's two off leash dog areas. A lot of social interaction occurs between dog owners.

A Park Road resident advised that it was more difficult to exercise the dogs on non sports training nights and to clean up dog droppings because lighting is insufficient and that for several years residents had been asking Council for lighting improvements in addition to that required for sporting activities.

Kevin interviewed a woman walking along the park's central walkway to her car parked in a nearby street. She works in St Leonards and lives in Cammeray. She claimed she feels vulnerable when only solar lighting is available. On the night, it was noted that four of the solar lights were not functioning.

Rubbish bins were overflowing – a school had used the park earlier that day.

A walk across the newly opened Ella Street Bridge revealed (a) insufficient lighting, (b) the high concrete safety barrier. There is a possibility that if a person crossing the bridge was attacked they may not be observed by passers by.

Margaret Harte, Executive Assistant to WCC's Infrastructure Services Director, Steven Head, was contacted prior to visiting the park and asked if there was a Park Management Plan and also was there an Advisory Committee for the area similar to such a body that regularly meets to overview activities at the Bicentennial Reserve area. There is a Plan of Management but currently there is no Advisory Body.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Steven Head detailing NPA concerns about the park.

If an Advisory Body for Naremburn Park is formed, the following members have volunteered to represent the NPA – Donna Kessler, Robyn Read and Julienne Blunck with Barry Shaw to provide backup consultation as needed.

(h) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan** - Trisha commented that Council sent notification letters to all property owners regarding the proposed WLEP (Willoughby Local Environment Plan). The sites in Naremburn that are to be zoned R3 medium density are:

Site No. 22:	4-10 Quiamong Rd, 1-5 Rohan St; (behind Naremburn Shops)
Site No. 23:	242-248 Willoughby Rd, 2-8 Dalleys Rd, 31-33 Martin St;
Site No. 24:	32-48A Northcote St, 1A Waters Rd;
Site No. 25:	35-39, 30-34 Merrenburn Ave, 31-41 Donnelly Rd;
Site No. 38:	1-3 Central St.
Site No. 45:	25 Station St (SES)

The draft WLEP is on exhibition until Thursday 20 May at WCC Level 4 31 Victor Street. Submissions can be made on line or in writing to the General Manager. Due date is 20 May. Cr Coppock has advised that requests can be made to Council for an extension of time. Various sites in Naremburn and the impact of changes were discussed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 24/03/2010 Letter WCC Exhibition of draft Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2009
 (b) 27/04/2010 Letter Central and Slade Streets Naremburn. Response to NPA letter of 30/3/2010.

Email Threads

- (a) 21/04/2010 – 26/04/2010 Steve Bisson comments to NM Editor on NPA actions re Ella Street bridge.
 (b) 20/04/2010 – 26/04/2010 Kate Lamb comment on NPA actions re Ella Street bridge.
 (c) 21/04/2010 – 13/05/2010 – Traffic conditions Central/Slade Kate. Lamb, M. Poiner, Sec, Kevin & Trisha

Out

- (a) 30/03/2010 Letter WCC Central/Slade Streets traffic issues.
 (b) 30/03/2010 Letter WCC Thanks to Nick Tobin for addressing the February General Meeting
 (c) 31/03/2010 Letter WCC Naremburn Shops Recycling and Garbage Bins
 (d) 16/04/2010 Letter to Respondents to the NPA Ella Street bridge survey thanking them for responding.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Bank balance as at 11 March 2010		\$5,247.04
<u>Add: Income :</u>		
Membership subs	\$35.00	
Donations	\$10.00	\$45.00
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
April Meeting Ex's	\$26.59	
Federation of PAs meeting expenses	\$10.00	\$36.49
Closing Bank balance as at 13 May 2010		<u>\$5,255.54</u>
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>		
KJF – May meeting supper, photocopying	\$10.49	

That these Expenditures be approved:

Proposed: David Lendrum, Seconded: Martha Follent

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

Don Swonnell and Kevin FitzPatrick attended as Naremburn delegates. Unfortunately our third delegate Martha Follent was not on the FWPA email list and so did not receive notification. President Jim McCredie gave a detailed account of the CBD Masterplan presented by Greg Woodhams. It was more a proposal, a dream list, than an already approved plan. It is to be presented in a work shop to Councillors on 8 June. It recommends strong retail trade in the CBD; proposed building heights; revitalized public spaces; increased day time parking; improvement of Highway intersections. The Thomas Street car park is expected to net \$18 million which will go toward The Concourse. There is a shortfall in Section 94 contributions from the State Government to the Council, a significant number. (\$10-20M)

Bob McKillop gave a report on the recent Heritage Awards – both St Cuthbert' Church, Naremburn and Home HQ, Artarmon received high commendations. A list of past Heritage Award winners is available on the website, as well as guidelines for heritage renovation. Eilis O'Beirne of WCC is the person for further information.

Kevin FitzPatrick reported on the Ella Street Bridge traffic consultation requesting support, where necessary, for our endeavours to provide safety/protection for our residential area. Naremburn has become a parking lot for commuters just as Willoughby City has become a parking lot for commuters from Kuringai and the Northern Beaches. Kevin also gave an update on the 2 Vale Street DA (NSC) in Martha's absence.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

None present, apologies received from Councillors Kate Lamb and Stuart Coppock

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Development Applications

DAs – 6 tabled

DA 2001/144/A	11 Harden Ave Northbridge	S96 modifications pergola etc
DA 2007/596/A	43 Garland Road	S96 modifications delete pool etc
DA 2010/165	36 Glenmore Street	Alterations and additions
DA 2010/178	53 Mitchell Street	Alterations and additions
DA 2010/222	15A Market Street	Alterations and additions
DA 2010/239	8 Hamilton Avenue	New carport

(b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – No action since the Nick Tobin, General Manager WCC presentation at February 2010 meeting.

(c) **Events**– The guided tour of Flat Rock Gully and the annual pub crawl went well.

The Willoughby Museum currently has an exhibition "The People Who Shaped Willoughby"

It was agreed at the ECM that the NPA not apply for a WCC Community Grant for a function in Naremburn Park as we have limited resources, most of the committee being heavily committed elsewhere in the NPA, however, the situation may be reviewed leading up to the Willoughby Spring Fair.

(d) **Membership** – Trisha stated that the membership report is the responsibility of the Public Officer in conjunction with the Treasurer and the Secretary; however, we are still in a transition period for the handing over of roles from Trisha to David Lendrum.

2010 subscriptions were due as of the AGM on 11 March. In order to retain voting rights, etc, memberships must be renewed by 11 June.

Membership fees can be paid at this meeting, by cheque to PO Box 393 St Leonards 1590 or by Internet Banking.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha commented that NM had such a heavy advertising response for the June issue that NM has had to go to 12 pages to allow room for all the articles that needed to be included in this issue. There are 10 advertisers and the revenue from these will cover the increased cost of this issue - \$2,692.25, up \$681.45 from the normal 8 page issue. There are now 5 advertisers who wish to be automatically placed in each future issue.

(f) **Open Space** – The drain at the junction of Slade and Central Streets is again becoming blocked. It is a cause of local flooding. We need to know who is responsible for the open space around the shared user bridge between Slade Street and the shops. There has only been one landscape maintenance visit by the RTA or their contractor since the bridge was upgraded three years ago. Councillor Thompson had stated there are continued disputes between Council and the RTA about the ownership of land adjoining major roadworks and subsequently who is responsible for ongoing maintenance.

(g) **Website** – We do need contributions from members; Trisha puts articles on, but she said that realistically, she and Kevin spend much time on other operations within the NPA that there is little time to generate new material.

Obviously there is a spate of new material ahead of an issue of NM and she always adds to the website at that time. If any member wishes to submit a news article for the website, please send to

Naremburn.Matters@naremburnprogress.org.au

(h) **Young Parents** – Karen Pearson is moving from Naremburn to Artarmon. Kevin said that the NPA appreciated Karen's contribution to the Naremburn School Working Party (NSWP), for promoting Children's activities at Naremburn Library, assisting at the Centre Open Day – and for donating Girl Guide biscuits for future meetings.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 14 Members, 9 Apologies, 2 Visitors

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

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 10 June 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

14. **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.10 pm