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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 14 OCTOBER 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.
Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Attended an Associations Reform Seminar given by the Office of Fair Trading at Club Willoughby to inform on changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The OFT had invited Public Officers and he had attended with Trisha. Kevin noted that the NPA's 2004 Constitution is in line with the 2009 model constitution tabled by the OFT.
- (b) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – asked if anyone at the meeting knew the situation with obtaining a Campbell's card for bulk purchases and where the nearest store is located? The store in Campbell Street has been replaced with a Trade-Link Bulk Store.
- (c) **Viviane Leveaux (Olympia Road)** – Reported on a visit to an NGO in Mongolia assisting with social issues.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 9 September 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting
Proposed: Martha Follent; Seconded: Roger Promnitz.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Geddes, Justine Kelly, Lorraine Gallagher.
Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jane Miura

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – NPA correspondence and WCC reply previously referred to various traffic management strategies suggested by the NPA to be implemented to improve traffic in this area of Naremburn. NPA to write to Council requesting an update.
- (b) **Oral History program** – Kevin FitzPatrick has interviewed Ida Szewczyk of Grafton Avenue and Madge Roberts of Adolphus Street, both in their 80s attended St John's Catholic School In Market Street in the early 1930s.. Details of the interviews are available from NPA records.
Saint Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop, visited Central Township on 3 occasions between 1898 and 1901..
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – There is a recommendation with Council that Forsyth's Coffee and Tea building of 1907 and Ryecote, the arts and crafts house on the corner of Willoughby Road and Dalleys Road, be preserved as local buildings of note.
- (d) **Long Gully Bridge, Northbridge** – The correct name for the bridge was again discussed and it was agreed at the meeting that the common names of the Cammeray Bridge and the Suspension bridge adequately define the structure.
- (e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Development of tasks and rosters is ongoing. A welcome pack for new residents which had been discussed in the past needs to be put together.
- (f) **2 Vale Street Cammeray proposed development North Sydney Council but has impact on east Naremburn**
The Land & Environment Court has approved the revised scheme.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Donna Kessler, Julienne Blunck and Robyn Butler, residents living near the park, have volunteered their services for a Naremburn Park Advisory Body. NPA to contact Naremburn Ward Councillors to request their assistance in the establishment of a Naremburn Park advisory body.

- (h) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan (Draft WLEP 2009)** – Rezoning proposals for Naremburn are displayed on the NPA website and were discussed. For some of the affected areas many submissions have been sent to Council. However, it appears that many people do not understand what is happening as there have been no submissions for some areas. Site 25 proposal to change to R3 (medium density) is likely to be reversed to stay at R2 (low density). 8 out of 10 property owners made submissions objecting to the change and it looks like the only sites to be upzoned may be those government-owned properties in Donnelly Road west.
Public Forums for WLEP submitters are to be held at Council Chambers on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 October.
Roger Promnitz expressed thanks for the support given by the NPA to those in Site 25.
- (i) **Loop Bus service through Artarmon/Naremburn** - Trials of the various routes concluded end August; Naremburn route had low patronage; all routes will be reviewed by WCC. Councillor Lamb said Alison Jones Council's Sustainable Transport officer is the contact person; the original Artarmon Loop is well patronized.
- (j) **WCC Traffic Committee Meetings** – Minutes of the most recent meeting not yet available.
- (k) **School for Naremburn** – Letter requesting an update sent to Marcia Waller WCC Community Services Director.
- (l) **Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee** – Next meeting is on 28 October, minutes of the meeting held on 29 July to be requested from Council.
- (m) **Gallery Development 96 Chandos Street** – The DA is for a 26 unit 8-storey development as lower cost rental accommodation. Kevin FitzPatrick and David Lendrum visited WCC to view the detailed documents. A report is on the NPA website. An issue may be the number of car spaces. For 26 units with a total of 32 bedrooms 18 resident car spaces are to be provided in a mechanical car stacker in the basement. An additional 3 spaces will be provided off Henry Lane and these will either be visitor spaces of additional resident spaces.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) WCC - 7/10/2010 - Public Forums to allow property owners to speak on WLEP 2009
 (b) Don Swonnell - 11/10/2010 - Item 12 Motion on the agenda for the 14/10/2010 NPA GM – letter not tabled

Email Threads

- (a) RTA – Martin Gormley – Long Gully Bridge name

Out

- (a) WCC – Marcia Waller – 5/10/2010 - School for Naremburn.
 (b) WCC – Steven Head – 11/10/2010 - Vehicle parking across footpaths
 (c) Gladys Berejiklian – 11/10/2010 – Invitation to the NPA November meeting

7. ACCOUNTS

Treasurer Barry Shaw presented his report.

Opening Bank balance as at 8 September 2010 \$8,755.43

Add: Income :

Interest	\$6.14	
Membership renewal	\$10.00	
Membership subs new	\$30.00	
		\$8,801.57

Less: Expenditure

Photocopying, stamps etc	\$11.49	
Naremburn Matters Sept production	\$2,010.81	\$2,022.29

Closing Bank balance as at 14 October 2010		\$6,779.28
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Expenditure Approvals Requested

H. Kemp, Open Day publicity and prize	\$22.48
K FitzPatrick – Printing, stamps, supper	\$5.70

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Chris Haley; Seconded: Viviane Leveaux

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The last FWPA meeting was on Saturday 18 September, the Open Day for Naremburn Community Centre. Kevin and Martha Follent tendered their apologies to the FWPA. Don Swonnell attended the FWPA meeting but no report available.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Barry Thompson.

Apologised for late arrival, has been at a meeting for the Abbott Road Artarmon closure, finally some community consultation is occurring.

Artarmon Loop bus service, The St Leonards station to the Artarmon industrial area and to the Artarmon shops are being well patronized, the other routes are not so well used and their status is not known at this time.

There is some concern about the scale and extent of notification for an extension to a nursing home in Victoria Avenue Chatswood near Hercules street.

WLEP 2009, strong community response from some areas there are big issues in Artarmon with upzoning. Some changes to the proposed rezonings have resulted from community submissions. Community forums are to be held next week. Due to the cost of site acquisitions it is thought that redevelopment under the new zonings may take some time.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Development Applications

DA 2010/539	96 Chandos Street	Mixed commercial and residential building
DA 2010/608	41 Northcote Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/612	33 Station Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/622	22 Mitchell Street	Alterations & additions
DA 2010/632	5 Dargan Street	Alterations & additions

- (b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – The proposed redevelopment is still being delayed by the Bales Park proposal for the OOSH Centre.

NADA funds in an old bank account, NPA is attempting to have these funds transferred. The NPA needs to supply details of signatories to the account as well as account and branch numbers.

NPA storage, the small cupboard currently available is inadequate for storage needs. Noted that the Over 50s Club has use of a separate room for storage and spare space is available. NPA to write to the Over 50s asking for part use of the store room. Copy to Centre Manager.

- (c) **Events**—Earth Hour 2011 on 26 March, NPA activity to be planned. The Wilkes Avenue Artarmon event in 2010 is an example of a smaller local event now encouraged by Council rather than the large scale event Council in conjunction with Naremburn and Artarmon PAs staged in 2009.
The Crows Nest Street Fair will be held on Sunday 17 October.
- (d) **Membership** – Helene Kemp is looking at ways to boost NPA membership numbers. Current numbers are 82 financial and 46 non financial members. Committee members are to phone non financial members.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – Work on the December issue is to commence shortly. Trisha asked if a break even financial position for this issue would be acceptable – it is to be a 12-page issue. Ward Councillors will share one full page, Fran O'Brien and Vivian Leveaux are providing articles on their voluntary work in Fiji and Mongolia respectively.
- (f) **Open Space** – A possible target for National Tree Day 2011 could be replanting of Central Street to mark the 110th anniversary of the founding of the NPA.
Drainage works are being carried out at the corner of Slade and Central Streets. A likely reason for the problems is a fig tree growing next to the drainage line.
Ronan Ahearn said that plans were afoot for planting to Ella Street between the bridge and Herbert Street.
- (g) **Website** – Since the September meeting, apart from agendas, minutes and Naremburn Matters the following 6 items have been added to Latest News: WCC Timetable for Draft WLEP Process; Naremburn Amenities Development Association 1947 - ?; Community Centre Open Day 18 September (with pics); Apartment Building DA for 96 Chandos Street; Public Forums – Draft WLEP 2009 – Wed 20 Oct & Thu 21 Oct; Mary MacKillop and the Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery
- (h) **Young Parents** – Nothing further to report.

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 12 Members, 6 Apologies, 1 Visitor

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN –

Trisha FitzPatrick stated that her motion as listed on the agenda is to be retracted at this time.

Following input from committee members and active members, she proposes the following motion:

That the Executive Committee meet as soon as possible to review the complaints listed in the above motion with a view to holding a closed Executive Meeting with Don Swonnell when he has returned from annual leave, and, that if an acceptable resolution to the issues cannot be achieved at that executive Committee meeting, that the NPA proceed with an application for a mediation, as indicated in Section 10 of the NPA Constitution, at a Community Justice Centre which provide **free** mediation and conflict management services.

The new motion was discussed and a revised version was put to the meeting by the Secretary:

That the Executive Committee meets as soon as possible to review the complaints listed in the above motion with a view to reaching a satisfactory resolution.

This motion was seconded by Barry Shaw and voted on by a show of hands; 6 in agreement, 2 abstentions, carried.

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, 11 November 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

Please note: Gladys Berejiklian, MP for Willoughby has agreed to speak to the November meeting from 7:30 pm

14. CLOSURE – The meeting closed at 9.20pm