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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2012

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm at the
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) Allan Gray (**Donnelly Road**) Allan talked about the DA for the childcare centre at 7-9 Donnelly Road and that permission had been granted for the childcare centre, but with 120 Conditions of Consent. After nearly 10 years the residents have accepted the fact that they have been defeated. The Council will not appeal it as they have spent a lot of money fighting this. A lot of the conditions need to be signed off prior to commencement of the childcare centre. The residents are concerned that a number of trees may be removed from the property so that there is sufficient access to the property. It is not essential to have a childcare centre in the area.
- (b) Michael Wright (**Central Street**) Michael talked about two traffic issues. The first was to request a sign or lines in front of the Community Centre at 7 Central Street and to have speed restrictions outside the Community Centre. The current speed limit is 50kph. There is a sign near Slade Street advising of pedestrian traffic however there is nothing down the other end of Central Street. A request was made for a letter to be sent to Council asking for this to be raised at the next Traffic Committee meeting. The second issue is at the Naremburn Shops where the curved brick wall outside the Fish N Chip shop should have a barrier or handrail to ensure that if a car does come around the corner too wide then there is some protection for pedestrians walking along the narrow footpath. Michael to draft both letters and forward to the Secretary.
- (c) John Tatham (Donnelly Rd) John advised that there is now a sign at the corner of West and Burlington Streets, Crows Nest advising that it is illegal to turn right during the morning peak period.
- (d) Allan Gray (Donnelly Rd). Allan advised that many motorists turning right from the Warringah Freeway slip road into Brook St were doing so at unsafe speeds. He suggested that a) a speed restriction sign be placed to slow traffic making the turn, and b) that the existing Armco railing on the western side of the intersection be extended further northward to provide protection to pedestrians in the event a vehicle loses control whilst turning. Allan to draft a letter and forward to the Secretary.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the revised minutes of the General Meetings of 11 October 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Vivian Leveaux Seconded: John Tatham

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cr. Michelle Sloane

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) Painting of Speed Bumps in Ruth Street – letter written awaiting response.
- (b) School for Naremburn – Public Forum to be held on Monday 26 November at Willoughby Girls High School.
- (c) Traffic Committee Meeting No 390 17 October 2012 re Bike Route 25. The Vice President read out the report in relation to Naremburn Ward. (Author Michael Foskett). The recommendation was that 1. The works for bike route 25 be completed as shown on the plans. 2. The future creation of a short section of path between Ella Street and Francis Street South be considered. Because the Traffic Committee did not meet last month it will be reported at the next Council meeting.
- (d) Channel 9 Redevelopment and Concept Plan – (This was regarded as Business Arising from the Minutes as the original DA was discussed back in 2010). The Vice President advised of a series of public consultations, site tours and workshops being held by Channel 9 as part of its creation and lodgment of a Concept Plan for redevelopment of the 2.9 hectare

Channel Nine site at 6-24 Artarmon Rd, Willoughby. However the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has recently significantly reduced the time for this submission, which is now due by 30th November 2012. Naremburn Progress Association (NPA) has been an active stakeholder and participant in the consultation process, providing feedback and asking questions across wide-ranging issues. Channel Nine is seeking to “leave a legacy” if it exits, by providing a development concept which meets with general approval and is supported by the community. For this they are to be commended, but the absurdly short timeline as set by the NSW Government to facilitate and conclude stakeholder consultation has been almost universally condemned as insufficient, virtually guaranteeing a suboptimal outcome. Letters have already been written to the Minister, seeking permission to extend the consultation process and thence to facilitate a more complete analysis of the various development options and associated issues.

Another key feature of this redevelopment proposal is that is a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to address some of the complex and pressing issues for the area, such as the lack of schools, or significant overcrowding in the current facilities. Whilst NPA acknowledges that the residential concept plans seek to provide some of the additional housing needed to allow Willoughby Council to meet NSW State Government-set housing targets (an additional 6800 dwellings by 2031), it is yet to be convinced that such development is the best use of such a large area of land.

It is important to understand that the existing TV tower is not part of the redevelopment as both the tower and the land it sits on are owned by a separate joint venture company involving Seven, Nine and Ten Networks.

NPA encourages the Naremburn community to comment on any of the concept plans and associated issues around the proposals, such as traffic, parking, public transport, retail facilities etc. Please see the Nine Network’s website at <http://www.ninewilloughby.com.au> , email info@ninewilloughby.com.au or phone 1800-224424 with any comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 15/10/2012 – email – Flat Rock Brewery Cafe, Thank you for letting Karl attend and address the previous meeting
- (b) 21/10/2012 – email – Bob Taffel, FWPA – Channel 9 Site Update
- (c) 24/10/2012 – email – Bob Taffel ,FWPA – Channel 9 Project Overview
- (d) 27/10/2012 – email – Bob Taffel, FWPA – Registration for Channel 9 Community Consultation
- (e) 30/10/2012 – email – Steph Croft, Willoughby Girls High School P&C – Public Forum – re lack of capacity in lower-mid North Shore schools.
- (f) 30/10/2012 – email- Steph Croft, Willoughby Girls High School P&C – Tower Radiation article
- (g) 31/10/2012 – email – Tracey Walker, Children’s Services Administration Officer, WCC – Registrations of Interest – Naremburn Community Centre
- (h) 31/10/2012 – email – Alison Burns – Issue of the School for NPA
- (i) 04/11/2012 – email – Elizabeth Sheedy – Proposed Development Site Channel 9
- (j) 06/11/2012 – email – Bob Taffel, FWPA –Part 3A Application. Channel 9 Site

Out

- (a) 06/11/2012 – email – Ted Wilson, FWPA – Channel 9 Willoughby Site Part 3A Development Proposal
- (b) 06/11/2012 - email – Trinity Woods, Urban Concepts – residents in Olympia Road have not received letterbox drop in relation to Channel 9
- (c) 06/11/2012 – email – Elizabeth Sheedy – re Proposed Development for Channel 9 site

6. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Carmen Loecherer presented the financial report for the period 11 October to 8 November 2012

Opening Balance as at 11th October 2012		\$ 7,531.22
Add: Income		
Membership	\$ 30.00	
Donations	\$ 10.00	
Advertising - N.Matters	\$ (165.00)	
Interest	\$ -	
Other	\$ -	
	\$ (125.00)	
Less: Expenditure		
Stationery/Postage	\$ -	
Meeting amenities	\$ -	
N. Matters Publication	\$ -	
Misc	\$ 147.00	

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Closing Balance as at 8th November 2012	\$ 7,259.22
<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>	
Stationery - Helene Kemp	\$ 6.00
Oct & Nov Supper - Viviane Leveaux	\$ 13.64
Stationery - Trisha Fitzpatrick	\$ 46.44
	<u>\$ 66.08</u>
That this expenditure be approved;	
- Proposed	Joann Morand
- Seconded	Allan Gray

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The next meeting will be held on 8 December 2012.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

No Naremburn Ward Councillors were present at this meeting.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the October meeting – 3 tabled

DA-2008/519/A	15 Slade Street	S96- Dwelling alterations, additions, swimming pool and deck
DA-2012/374	32 Donnelly Street	Construction of new multi-unit building comprising of 4 levels, 12 units, car parking and associated works (Note: this is the former BP Training Unit site)
DA-2012/400	10 Hamilton Avenue	Alterations and additions to existing garage, new Vergola roof and associated works

- (b) **Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group** – The President contacted Julie Whitfield and was advised that the next meeting will be held in the New Year.
- (c) **Events** – Christmas celebrations – 13th December is the final meeting of the year for the NPA, so we intend to hold a small celebration at the conclusion of the meeting. The exact venue is to be confirmed. Santa will be at the Naremburn shops on 7 December.
- (d) **Membership** – 158 financial members with another 37 members un-financial. Thank you to all our members who have renewed and for your continuing support.
- (e) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Kevin FitzPatrick advised that a series of drawings have been completed and the DA will go to Council in December.
- (f) **Naremburn Matters** – As yet, no replacement editor has been found for this publication. It is a concern to the Executive Committee as we believe it is important for the Community to have a newsletter. If members are aware of anyone with the skills who might be interested in taking on this role they are asked to make themselves known to us. Currently waiting to hear back from advertisers for the December issue. Viviane Leveaux and Carmen Loecherer are working on this. We would like to thank Viviane for the great job she has done in assisting with the December publication and for her work in contacting people in relation to advertising.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Nil to report.
- (h) **Open Spaces** – Nil to Report.
- (i) **Website** – Carmen Loecherer and Trisha have yet to meet to organise changeover.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 14 Members, 6 Apologies from Members, 0 Visitors

12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – That Roger Promnitz, Public Officer and Vice President, be elected as an NPA Delegate to the Federation of Willoughby Progress Association (FWPA) to replace the Secretary Helene Kemp who had been elected an NPA Delegate to the FWPA at the Annual General Meeting of 8 March 2012 but is unable to attend FWPA meetings.

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick Seconded: Kevin FitzPatrick

The motion was passed unanimously.

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** - The next **General Meeting** of the NPA will be held on Thursday 13 December 2012 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, commencing 7.30pm.
14. **CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.