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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2013

Meeting commenced at 7.34pm at the
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn.

Vice President Helene Kemp took the Chair, as the President was unwell and an apology.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Doug Armstrong (Martin Street)** – Doug advised that John Wilson of Martin Street had very recently passed away. Doug suggested that an article on John should be included in the next edition of Naremburn Matters.
- (b) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Kevin advised that, further to his report at the previous meeting, local resident Al Fitzsimmons turned 100 on 24 March. Kevin was delighted to learn that, following his suggestion, the NPA had sent a card to Al congratulating him on reaching 100.
- (c) **Peter Bower (Oxley Street)** – Peter advised that he had encountered difficulty in obtaining timely responses to his requests to Willoughby Council for status updates of the ongoing Parking Review in his area. The latest timing was for a response “in the next couple of weeks”. Peter promised to circulate the advice when received.
- (d) **Geoff Gemmell (Glenmore Street)** - Geoff expressed his thanks to all those who had attended the recent Bells Dedication Service at St Leonard’s church. It was unfortunate that only 3 of the bells had chimed, but acknowledged that the bells were still in the commissioning process. Cr Michelle Sloane offered congratulations to Geoff and his team on behalf of both WCC and the NPA.
- (e) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Kevin noted work was required around the Naremburn sign on “Naremburn hill”, across from the shops. Julie Whitfield from WCC has reportedly advised that monthly maintenance is ongoing at the site, but that the recent wet weather might have slowed progress. It was suggested that a letter be sent to WCC, cc Ward Councillors. Kevin will draft the letter and forward to the Secretary to send out on behalf of the NPA

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 14 March 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Viviane Leveaux; Seconded: Alan Gray

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Holbreck, Lindsay Kennedy

Proposed: Martha Follent; Seconded Viviane Leveaux

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Robert Young, Robert Baveystock, Lyn Baveystock

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **School for Naremburn** – It was noted that there were no significant new updates. However one of the outcomes from the Channel Nine redevelopment proposal was that the Department of Education did not consider the Artarmon Road site as a feasible future school site because of the perceived high EMR levels. It was also reported in a local magazine that the former Anzac Club, corner of Miller and Ernest Streets, Cammeray was being considered for use as a primary school to help meet with rising enrolments in the area.

The North Sydney Council and the Department of Education and Communities are negotiating selling or leasing the former Anzac Memorial Club site in Cammeray for use as a primary school. The Mayor of North Sydney, Jilly Gibson, said she hoped to reach an agreement soon, subject to an updated evaluation.

- (b) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – The Traffic Committee has noted the commencement of the Winter Sports season will bring traffic difficulties around the Bicentennial Reserve area as experienced in previous

years. It has been suggested that a flashing sign be installed at the junction of Sailors Bay Road and Pendey Street, advising motorists of the increased traffic in the area.

- (c) **Channel Nine** – Channel Nine has released its Environmental Statement (ES) for the Concept Plan lodged with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. A Stakeholder Roundtable breakfast was held at Channel Nine earlier today, attended by both WCC Councillors and Officers, as well as community representatives. Reaction to the ES and Concept Plan was that the proposal was significantly over-developed, both in terms of height and total number of units, with corresponding traffic impacts grossly under estimated. Further community consultation events will be held over the coming weeks.
- (d) **St Leonard's church bells** – This item had been covered during the earlier Open Forum.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- a) 19 March 2013 – email – Patricia Gemmell – St Leonard's bells dedication information
- b) 22 March 2013 – email – Bob Taffel to Gladys Berejiklian – Channel Nine site ES timing
- c) 24 March 2013 – email – Peter Bower – Governance and accountability in Local Government
- d) 02 April 2013 – email – WCC – Exhibition of new draft Willoughby City Strategy
- e) 05 April 2013 – email – Bob Taffel – Channel Nine ES Public Exhibition
- f) 05 April 2013 – email – Mike Cocks – After Hours Medical Services Awareness in Willoughby
- g) 06 April 2013 – email – Bob Taffel – Channel Nine: Round 2 of Community Consultation
- h) 08 April 2013 – email – WCC (Julie Whitfield) – Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group meeting date & Minutes
- i) 09 April 2013 – email – Bob Taffel – Correction of Misunderstanding re WCC public meetings to consider Channel Nine ES
- j) 10 April 2013 – email – WCC (Amanda Janssens) – Request for feedback – Willoughby Council websites
- k) 10 April 2013 – letter – WCC (Nick Tobin) – Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2013/2014
- l) 10 April 2013 – letter – WCC (Louise Geaghan) – Volunteer tutors for WCC Seniors Internet Kiosk

Out

- (a) (This was noted in the last minutes)
- (b) 07 April 2013 – form – Annual Return to Office of Fair Trading (by Public Officer)

7. ACCOUNTS

Financial Report - 14/3/13 to 11/04/13		
Opening Balance as at 14 March 2013		\$ 7,139.53
<u>Add: Income</u>		
Membership	\$ 370.00	
Donations	\$ -	
Advertising - N.Matters	\$ 845.00	
Interest	\$ 5.87	
Other	\$ -	
	\$ 1,220.87	
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
Stationery/Postage	\$ -	
Meeting amenities	\$ -	
N. Matters Publication	\$ 2,030.07	
Misc	\$ 239.40	
	\$ 2,269.47	
Closing Balance as at 11 April 2013		\$ 6,090.93
	<i>Variance</i>	\$ -
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<u>Expenditure Approvals Requested</u>		
Mar & Apr supper - Viviane Leveaux	\$ 16.13	
Annual Return - Office of Fair Trading	\$ 51.00	
	\$ 67.13	

That this expenditure be approved;

- Proposed Kevin Fitzpatrick
- Seconded Berryl Batterham

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA) – The President had prepared a report on the last FWPA meeting, held 6 April.

Issues discussed included:

- A new exhibition at the Willoughby Museum entitled “From Home to Museum: Celebrating 100 years”, marking the centenary of the Museum. The exhibition will be opened on 21 April 2013 by Dr Scott Robertson.
- The draft Willoughby City Strategy is on public exhibition at Council. Council is seeking community responses on community assets. There are concerns around the issue of what level of quality does the community require to maintain its assets (currently valued at over \$770 million, not including land value). Council will be arranging consultation meetings.
- Work is proceeding on the towers at Chatswood Railway station.
- Winter Sports traffic restrictions around Bicentennial Reserve (Netball) and SHORE playing fields will shortly be implemented.
- Council is currently seeking those interested in being on the Cultural Committee to contact Eilis O’Beirne at Council.
- The Channel Nine development was discussed. The options are now on public exhibition at Council for comment. The exhibition closes 17 May 2013. Public Consultation meetings will be held on 29 & 30 April 2013. Residents are urged to attend these meetings. We were also encouraged to obtain as many signatures as possible for the online petition.
- Next FWPA meeting will be held on 1 June 2013.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

Cr Michelle Sloane provided a verbal report on the Channel Nine Stakeholder Roundtable breakfast, underlining the current proposal deficiencies around site over-development and increased traffic congestion.

Cr Sloane also noted that the RMS works project set for the Willoughby Road/Merrenburn Avenue intersection would commence in time for the work to be completed by end of June.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the March meeting –1 tabled

DA-2013/93	21A Olympia Road	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and associated works
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(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group - The first meeting for this group in over 12 months was set down for the same time as the 11 April NPA General Meeting. Barry Shaw was attending as the NPA representative, in the absence of the NPA president.

(c) Events - The Executive Committee is currently reviewing a list of potential Guest Speakers for the rest of 2013.

(d) Naremburn Community Centre – Kevin reported that there is no progress at the moment. A possible move out date may be July 2013.

(e) Membership – If you have not already done so, it is time to renew your membership. Our membership year runs from January to December and you can pay your \$10 renewal for this year – either by cheque to P O Box 393 St Leonards 1590, or cash at the General Meeting, or EFT to our NPA Account – BSB 032 297 ACC 20 1474, and give your last name as the Reference. Helene Kemp is now the Membership Subcommittee convenor - thank you Helene.

(f) Naremburn Matters – The handover to incoming Editor Zoe Harpham is proceeding steadily, and she is now seeking contributions for the June issue. We are also seeking volunteers to help increase advertising revenue by locating new advertisers for future editions.

(g) Open Space – Ponding of water problem has reappeared on the slip road adjacent to First Choice Liquor, following recent rains.

(h) Website – It was claimed that the NPA website had recently been infected with a virus. Webmaster Peter Witcombe was to be advised.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 15 Members, 5 Apologies from Members, 1 Visitor.

12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – none for this meeting

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - The next General Meeting of the NPA will be held on Thursday 9 May at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8:57 pm.