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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2013

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

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Helen Mellquist (Waters Road)** – Trip hazard at the intersection of Glenmore & Northcote Streets needs to be repaired. Also, branches on the trees on the nature strip outside 14 Park Road obstruct pedestrian thoroughfare so require cutting back.
- (b) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – The pathway along Willoughby Road between Central Street and Garland Road is still closed, as the previously reported collapsed retaining walls have not been repaired. Need to follow up on the status of repair plans.
- (c) **Julienne Blunck (Waters Road)** – Residents from neighbouring streets (possibly Northcote) are using Waters Road for long term vehicle parking, including jet skis and other non-commuter vehicles. Request WCC Traffic Committee to consider improvement options.
- (d) **Alan Gray (Donnelly Road East)** – RMS land on corner of Donnelly Road and Brook Street needs clean up as there is rubbish on site. This is an RMS responsibility.
- (e) **Cecilia Gray (Donnelly Road East)** – Construction work has commenced on the proposed childcare Centre on Donnelly Road but appears to be in contravention of a number of the 120 Conditions of Consent set by the Land and Environment Court, for example a lack of any noise attenuation is adversely affecting the amenity of adjoining residents. WCC to clarify who is the PCA responsible for ensuring compliance during construction.
- (f) **Margaret Stewart (Willoughby Road)** – vehicles are being parked too close to driveways in Dodds Street West, making access/egress very difficult. A request will be lodged with WCC Traffic Committee for the provision of driveway lines on affected driveways in this street.
- (g) **Doug Armstrong (Martin Street)** – Doug drew the meeting's attention to the recent sale of 28 Chandos Street, which had been sold for \$3.75M and is to be redeveloped into 30 apartments.
- (h) **Frances O'Brien (Ruth Street)** – Fran was concerned about the potential for serious injuries at the cycleway/pedestrian crossover at the eastern end of Park Road (under the Gore Hill Freeway). Cyclists are travelling at high speed in both directions, and several near misses with pedestrians have been reported. Jurisdiction for this issue was unclear, but Cr. Sloane undertook to follow up and advise which authority should be approached regarding this matter.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 12 September 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Philip Rhead ; Seconded: Margaret Stewart.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Canalese

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **School for Naremburn** – Nil to report.
- (b) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – Nil to report. Next Traffic Committee meeting set for October 16.
- (c) **Channel Nine** – Channel Nine submitted its revised PPR to NSW Planning on 4 October. The revised plan was for 450 apartments with one 12 storey block and two 10 storey blocks, the proposed number still being 50% greater than the 300 apartments proposed in the WCC submission, whilst maximum height of the blocks would be 50% greater than that proposed by WCC. Community group reaction has been to maintain our objection to the level of development proposed, with plans to write to the Minister for Planning and WCC Councillors confirming that opposition. Further, it was suggested that local Member, Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, be asked to speak on behalf of her constituents at the forthcoming PAC public meeting.

Correspondence had also been received just prior to the meeting, wherein Channel Nine advised that “The Loft” building on the corner of Artarmon Road and Scott Street was proposed for “adaptive use as a residential apartment building”. It is unclear as to whether these apartments are included in the 450 total.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- a) 20/09/2013 – letter – Service NSW – Chatswood Motor Registry.
- b) 24/09/2013 – email – Beyond The Book series – invitation to hear Dr. Simon Longstaff (St. James Ethics Centre) – 17 October.
- c) 27/09/2013 – letter – Greg Woodhams, WCC – Draft Voluntary Planning Policy 2013
- d) 01/10/2013 – email – Julie Whitfield, WCC – Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee meeting 10 October 2013.
- e) 01/10/13 – email – Trisha FitzPatrick – renewal notice – Naremburn Progress domain name (second notice)
- f) 04/10/13 – email – Clair Rodham, WCC – delivery of new vegetation bins for Willoughby area residents
- g) 10/10/2013 – email – Clair Rodham, WCC – Naremburn Branch Library closure.

Out

Nil significant.

It was at this point in the meeting that a suggestion was made to send letters of congratulation to

- a) Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney on her appointment as Deputy Mayor, and;
- b) Mayor Pat Reilly on his receiving an LGA Outstanding Service award for more than 20 years service to Local Government.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer was an apology so no current set of accounts were tabled. However a general discussion around the level of reserves was conducted, with a commitment to minimising under-recovery of advertising revenue in future editions of Naremburn Matters.

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

Nil to report, as there had been no FWPA meeting held since the previous NPA GM. Next FWPA meeting set down for Saturday October 12, 2013.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

Cr. Michelle Sloane had already reported on the Channel Nine situation, with no additional Council updates noted.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

- (a) **Development Applications received since the August meeting – 10 tabled.**

DA2003/429/D	14-16 Talus St	Section 96 alterations to retaining wall etc.
DA2008/153/A	73 Northcote St	Section 96 adjustments to ground and first floor
DA2013/147	2-14 Northcote St	Application for JRPP Determination – amended plans
DA2013/323	16 Glenmore St	Alterations and additions
DA2013/327	17 Marks St	Installation of a/c unit
DA2013/343	39 Herbert St, Artarmon	Alterations and additions
DA2013/346	303 Willoughby Rd	Alterations and additions
DA2013/375	272-274 Willoughby Rd	Proposed change of use
DA2013/386	16 Grandview St	Addition of first floor rumpus over garage
DA201/382	12 Wheatleigh St	Front fence, carport, window & assoc works
2013/99	8 Grandview St	Building Certificate application: unauthorised garage door

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group

Barry Shaw had just returned from a meeting held earlier that evening. He advised:

- Willoughby Leisure Centre Master Plan – latest report is due by year end.
- A new café is planned for the Incinerator – opening early 2014.
- Bicentennial Reserve baseball lights – work has commenced after 7 years. Anticipate completion by Christmas 2013.

(c) Events – next guest speaker will be Steph Croft, at the February 2014 meeting. The December meeting will conclude with Christmas refreshments.

(d) Naremburn Community Centre – The Naremburn Branch Library will temporarily close for renovations from 23 November 2013 and reopen in March 2014. It is possible that the February and March General Meetings of NPA may be held at an alternative venue.

Kevin FitzPatrick requested that it be formally Minuted that the Naremburn Community Centre was originally provided back in the 1940's due to pressure from NPA members of that period. It was suggested that there should be a "significant opening" rather than the proposed "soft opening" of the redeveloped Centre. ECM will review the suggestion, but are cognisant of the pressures on our financial reserves.

Kevin also noted that accessibility to parking at the front of the NCC should soon be improved, as the large Chinese Elm tree is replaced.

(e) Membership – As at 10 October 2013, 89 financial members.

(f) Naremburn Matters – The September 2013 edition has been distributed. Executive Committee will ensure sufficient advertising revenue before committing to December edition.

(g) Open Space – Nil to report.

(h) Website – Peter Witcombe working with Helene Kemp to develop upgrade proposal.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 14 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 14 November at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 9:23 pm.