

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2014

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm at the
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

Geoff Gemmill (Glenmore St) advised that the St Leonards church bells would be rung at the approved level on Sunday 17 August.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 12 June 2014 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Carmen Loecherer Seconded: Phillip Rhead

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nil for this meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nil for this meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) Bike Path Mirrors – Awaiting update from Cr Sloane
- (b) Bicyclist speeds – Awaiting update from Cr Sloane
- (c) S96 Application – Land and Environment Court – closed
- (d) **Trisha FitzPatrick** (Central Street) Large Boat and Trailer at the intersection of Slade and Central Streets has been removed - this matter is closed
- (e) Australia Post Box outside the Framing Shop needs to be repainted. President to investigate with Australia Post if painting can be redone.
- (f) **Kevin FitzPatrick** (Central Street) was to raise with Cr Stuart Coppock as to whether there was a local Chamber of Commerce or similar for Naremburn. Awaiting update from K. FitzPatrick.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 18/06/14 – letter – The Hon. Joe Hockey MP, – Nomination of Bob Taffel for North Sydney Citizen of the Year Award was successful
- (b) 22/07/14 – email – Ronan Ahern – National Tree Day 26 July 2014
- (c) 25/07/14 – invoice – Coverforce – Annual Public Liability insurance

Out

- (a) 23/06/2014 – letter – Mrs Rachel Hill – Congratulations on winning the recent Sailors Bay Ward by-election
- (b) 15/07/14 – email – Gail Giles-Gidney, Mayor, WCC – invited as guest speaker to the next meeting.

6. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Carmen Loecherer presented the financial report for the period 12 June – 14 August 2014.

NPA General Meeting 14 August 2014		
Financial Report - 12/06/14 to 14/08/14		
Opening Balance as at 12 June 2014		\$2,903.00
<u>Add:Income</u>		
Membership	\$ 135.00	
Donations	\$ -	
Advertising - N.Matters	\$ 1,765.00	
Interest	\$ 2.97	
Other	\$ -	
		\$1,902.97
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
Stationery/Postage	\$ -	
Meeting amenities	\$ -	
N. Matters Publication	\$ 1,611.17	
Other (insurance, transaction fee)	\$ 160.25	
		\$,771.42
Closing Balance as at 14 August 2014		\$3,034.55
	<i>Variance</i>	\$ -

Expenditure Approvals Requested

\$ -

That this expenditure be approved;

- Proposed: Geoff Gemmell
- Seconded: Barry Shaw

7. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

Next meeting is to be held Saturday 16 August 2014, which is also the AGM. The annual Public Liability insurance has been confirmed as paid. This insurance covers attendees of the regular NPA meetings.

8. WARD COUNCILLORS

No Naremburn Ward Councillors were present at this meeting.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the June meeting – 5 tabled

DA-2014/116	32 & 34 Northcote Street	Demolition of existing houses and ancillary structures and construction of a three storey residential flat building with basement car parking and associated works.
DA-2014/284	30 Merrenburn Avenue	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new attached dual occupancy
DA-2014/294	32 Northcote Street	Construction of real estate sign (6 metres wide by 3 metres high) in front setback for advertising of proposed residential flat building for 12 month period.
DA-2014/296	1A McBurney Street	New carport, driveway and associated works.
DA-2014/107	3 Quarry Street	Detached garage addition with an attached loft storeroom, new driveway and internal alterations to Dwelling – Amended garage plans.

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group – Nil to report.

(c) Events – The Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney confirmed as guest speaker at our meeting on 11 September 2014

- (d) **Membership** – As of 14 August 2014, only 45 members now paid up. 53 members are un-financial. **Subs are now overdue.** Thank you to all our members who have renewed, made donations and for your continuing support.
- (e) **Naremburn Matters** – September issue of NM will be a 4 page newsletter due to lack of revenue, dwindling advertising and membership. It has been suggested that we approach a number of businesses to see if they would sponsor NM so the publication keeps going. The ECM will discuss a strategy at their next meeting.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Nil to report.
- (h) **Open Spaces** – Nil to Report.
- (i) **Website** – Helene Kemp advised that the new website was completed and for members to provide any feedback or interesting stories they would like posted on the website.
- (j) **Channel 9** – The President advised that Channel 9 have told Land and Environment Court the proposal for 450 apartments/12 storeys high is not over development of the site. The PAC has remained firm stating that this proposal does constitute over development. The Land and Environment Court have allowed WCC to join with the Minister to defend the PAC decision. WCC has made a Facts and Contention submission to the Court. Bob Taffel will provide an update.
- (k) **Ponding adjacent to First Choice** – The RMS are responsible for this site. It has now been cleaned up with removal of steel mesh on the face of the drain pipe and it is now clear. The 90mm pipe cannot cope when the heavy rains come. If the problem happens again, WCC to be contacted and they will refer it to RMS to clean up.
- (l) **Artarmon Lift** – The issues with the Artarmon lift remain very contentious and the NPA will provide an update as and if required.
- (m) **Trees in Park Road** – A meeting was held at the site where it was resolved that the issue would be taken back to WCC to vote. Subsequently Council agreed that one tree was to be removed and replaced with a Crepe Myrtle. Other trees deemed healthy. It was noted that NPA was not contacted by any residents for support and was only invited by WCC to attend the meeting.
- (n) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - raised concerns that our NPA room at the Community Centre was being “shared”. Kevin requested a plaque be placed on the door stating NPA – “est 1901 Records and Research Room”. Nick Tobin, General Manager, WCC has said that the NPA will need to fund the plaque. This was discussed with the ECM and whilst we agree with this, given our current financial status and dwindling membership numbers, it will be held over.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 11 Members, 0 Apologies from Members, 4 Visitors

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, 11 September 2014 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, commencing 7.30pm.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8.25 pm, followed by supper.