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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 8 DECEMBER 2011

Meeting commenced at 7:35 pm

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Trisha was an apology for the meeting as her daughters had just arrived from overseas. The Secretary read her request to the meeting. The seat outside Ray's Framing is broken; could the NPA ask WCC to remove this seat rather than repair/replace it as its location is more of a hindrance than a benefit. Members present commented that the seat was being used as a smoking area by diners from the nearby shops; often Ray's Framing entrance is littered with cigarette butts; clarification was sought from Cr Thompson about WCC policy on smoking: response – smoking is prohibited in open spaces where food is being served. This is contentious and hard to implement. It was moved by a show of hands that a letter be sent to Council with a request for the seat to be relocated to an area where smokers can satisfy their habit.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 13 October 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. The Secretary pointed out an error in Open Forum - John Gray (Donnelly Road east) should read Alan Gray.

Proposed: John Bell; Seconded: Joann Morand

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Peter Brady, Artie Chao, Carol Craggs-Pearce, Kevin Duxfield, Michele Graham, Jenny Heeks, David Kennedy, Linda Mitchell, Justine Molloy, Julia Rhead, Philip Rhead, Luke Silcock, Deborah Sweetman

Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Barry Shaw

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

John Tatham

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Western area of Naremburn – Traffic and Parking Safety issues** – No response as yet from WCC to the NPA letter of 8 November requesting review of illegal parking at the junction of Ruth Street, Park and Olympia Roads and parking issues and through traffic issues on Olympia Road. Viviane Leveau, a resident of Olympia Road questioned suggested changes to parking in the street. She says it does not have high volume traffic and is relatively free from commuter parking. Kevin read from the letter he sent that there were complaints about damage to wing mirrors because of the narrowness of the road when cars are parked on both sides of the street. A solution may be staggered no parking zones similar to that in place in Waters Road. To the question of seeking resident feedback, Cr Thompson stated that the Traffic Committee includes resident consultation before it initiates changes.
- (b) **Oral History Program** – Kevin reported a phone conversation with Trevor Gross, President of Middle Harbour-East Willoughby PA revealed interesting background historical information about the Naremburn/St Leonards area. Trevor had been Station Master at St Leonards when it was relocated from south of the Pacific Highway to its present site on the north of the Highway. There was no commissioning plaque to mark the occasion; the station was in a Liberal Seat, he claimed that the Labor Minister for Transport Carl Scully chose not to officially commission the station. Station Street Naremburn was so called due to earlier plans to locate a railway station there. There had been plans to establish a RSL Sub-branch at the site now occupied by the SES.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – Santa at the Shops seems to have been a success with a good crowd gathering to meet the genial visitor. Kevin reminded the meeting that long-term Naremburn resident John Tatham [who joined at the November meeting] on hearing only one current shopkeeper was an NPA member had volunteered to visit shopkeepers to encourage membership. Agreed to supply John with Membership application forms and necessary background information for him to approach all shopkeepers.
- (d) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009** – pending legislation. **Cr Thompson** reported that Greg Woodhams Environmental Services Director had sought clarification on a number of issues. There are still details that remain unresolved. A change of Government has not made it any clearer. We will have to wait our turn in resolving questions raised and final outcomes.

- (e) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – No report was available at the recent FWPA meeting. It was noted that there are new parking meters installed at the junction of Christie and Northcote Streets. Cr Thompson stated that the installation of a synthetic sports field at Northbridge Oval had meant greater all-weather availability of this facility and hence greater stress on parking availability in the area. Council is considering parking permits for local residents for their visitors. If successful this could be extended to Naremburn. Kevin suggested members speak to neighbours about Naremburn traffic and parking concerns and raise them with WCC Director Infrastructure Services, Steven Head, when he addresses our NPA General Meeting on 9 February.
- (f) **School for Naremburn** – the President asked if anyone was prepared to move that this matter be removed from the agenda or a contrary motion that appropriate action be taken to raise the matter of a school for Naremburn. In the following discussion it was stated Artarmon Public School has 850 children enrolled for 2012 necessitating 8 kindergarten classes. Barry Shaw recalled that statistics supplied by the Education Department at earlier public meetings on the issue were not current statistical figures. Figures for the 2011 ABS Census are not yet available. It will not be possible to deal with this in depth at the February or March meetings, the April meeting will be the earliest opportunity. A number of suggestions followed: Cr Lamb to be approached on how to move this matter forward; a sub-committee of parents with pre-school children be formed; the Catholic Church has listed a forum on 14 December at 7.30 pm in the parish hall to discuss the possibility of a pre-school on the former Catholic School site; the new Community Services Director has just taken up her position on WCC staff. The previous Director co-ordinated previous public meetings to consider a school for Naremburn.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 18/10/2011 – letter – WCC – 2011-2012 Summer Sports grounds Allocations
 (b) 02/11/2011 – letter – Gladys Berejiklian MP – response to our letter notifying Community Building Partnership application.
 (c) 09/11/2011 – letter – WCC – Nick Tobin – NPA 110th Anniversary outline of responsibilities and request for a Report
 (d) 10/11/2011 – letter – Madeleine Prior – Thank you for our recognition of her husband the late NPA member, Michael.
 (e) 11/11/2011 – letter – WCC Greg Woodhams – premises 7&9 Donnelly Road DA – deferment of decision DA application
 (f) 16/11/2011 – letter – WCC Sally Hamilton – Earth Hour 2012 Saturday March 31
 (g) 18/11/2011 – letter – WCC Greg Woodhams – Premises: 7&9 Donnelly Road DA – application refused
 (h) 21/11/2011 – email – WCC Knudt Held Community Centre Manager – issues for Community Centre users to consider.
 (i) 22/11/2011 – letter – WCC Steven Head – Maintenance of Landscaped Area – signage area Freeway & Willoughby Road
 (j) 22/11/2011 – email – WCC Nick Tobin – Invitation to attend – Presentation of A.R. Bluett Award
 (k) 29/11/2011 – email – Jane Brady – Thank you for a wonderful NPA 110th Community Street Party event.
 (l) 06/12/2011 – email – SES Brad Nathan – acknowledging our appreciation of their support for 110th Anniversary.

Out

The Secretary stated that there were many outgoing emails of thanks to those who contributed to the success of the 110th Anniversary Community Street Party.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw presented the financial report for the period 10 November to 7 December.

Opening Balance as at 10 November 2011			\$9,131.44
Add: Income:			
WCC grant for 110th Anniversary Street Party	2,000.00		
Members' Subscriptions		135.00	
Sale of 2012 Calendars at 110th Party	<u>240.00</u>		<u>2,375.00</u>
			11,506.44
Less: Expenditure:			
Helene Kemp – meeting Suppers	11.90		
Helene Kemp – photocopying	15.23	27.13	
K. Fitzpatrick - Oral History course		30.00	
110 th Anniversary Street Party			
- Roaming clown	275.00		
- Baby Animal Farm	440.00		
- Coffee Cart (contribution)	120.00		
- Face Painting	280.00		
- BBQ bread, rolls & anniversary cake	150.00		
- Calendars	491.00	<u>1,756.00</u>	<u>1,813.13</u>
Closing Bank Balance as at 7 December 2011			*\$9,693.31
* Includes: 2012 Earth Hour WCC Grant of \$3,000			
Expenditure Approvals Requested:			
Helene Kemp - 110th anniversary street party	78.45		
Viviane.Leveaux – 110th anniversary street party	225.65		
(Central St. ladies - contents of 3 stalls, incl confectionery, \$100; display boards, set up, foamboard, tape, Velcro, Plastic table cloths, etc - \$125.65)			
Barry Shaw – 110th anniversary street party	459.62		
(Soft drinks, (water n/c), ice, serviettes, toilet paper ex - Franklins - \$212; 30x kgs. Sausages, Butchers Nest, \$200; BBQ gas, cooking oil, rocks, ex various - \$47.62)			
Barry Shaw - December meeting - wine	65.60		

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Beryl Batterham; Seconded: Barry Thompson

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

NPA delegates Frances O'Brien and Kevin FitzPatrick represented the NPA at 3 December meeting – Dougherty Centre. Kevin reported that the Community Consultation process for the NSW Planning Review was discussed and was considered an 'intimidating' process leaving something to be desired in its consultative methods. There will be a summary of the reports taken from the 63 meetings available on 8 December. Responses are sought by 17 January.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Wendy Norton reported on awards received by WCC. These include a major Multicultural Award; Sustainability Awards that were described as 'worthy of the highest praise'. Noteworthy that WCC beat the City of Sydney in this category, the latter has a significantly higher income than WCC.

Building Awards: Master Builders Association – winner of the best building award, one of four WCC received.

Handicapped Access to The Concourse was raised. Wendy is a member of the Access Committee which includes The Concourse Patron Renee Goossens, who requires a wheelchair for mobility. Wendy reported that while the number of steps seems formidable, adequate provision for handicapped access has been made. It is a matter of gradual education about the availability of resources for this group.

Kevin moved a vote of congratulations to WCC Councillors and Staff for their excellent work and the recognition they have received through these awards.

Built Heritage: The Bi Annual Heritage Awards will be held in 2012 with 3 categories awarded – Restoration/In fill/ New buildings. WCC is in the process of reviewing all of its Conservation Areas. Data and criteria for heritage status have been reviewed to ensure a more professional approach to heritage than that of the 80s and 90s.

Delegates generally opposed Cr Hooper's call for The Concourse Business Plan.

Frances reported on the NPA's 110th Anniversary Street Party and a boost in new membership.

She also reported on the Bells for St Leonard's Catholic Church issue – Cr Thompson added this matter was to come before Council on Monday 5 December.

Frances also reported on dangerous activity of skateboarders in the western area of Naremburn.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

Cr Thompson's input and counsel throughout the meeting was appreciated. He congratulated the NPA for its organization of a very successful Community Street Party to celebrate the NPA's 110th anniversary. He briefly commented on progress of the Gore Hill Technology Park. There have been delays in the development due to the GFC. A copy of the Gore Hill Information Memorandum was tabled for review by members. Cr Thompson was one of the WCC representatives at the recent Naming of Broadcast Way by the Mayor Cr Pat Reilly. DA for the installation of bells in the St Leonard's Catholic Church tower: he reported that Council deferred its decision on this and it was resolved to hold a meeting of members of the community that would include representatives of the three streets around the church and members of the parish. Unfortunately anonymous flyers had been circulated with inaccurate information that had inflamed emotions within the community. It is hoped to resolve the matter by the end of February. He believes the bells are from a church in Wales and it is hoped they will be ready for operation for the centenary of St Leonard's Church in March 2013.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the November meeting –6 tabled

DA-2011/062	78 Chandos Street	Demolition, erection mixed use, 6-storey residential flat bldg
DA-2011/381	2 Wheatleigh Street	Alts and 1 st floor adds, amended plans
DA-2011/531	9 Gaza Road	Alts and adds
DA-2011/535	19 Dargan Street	Alts and adds to create attached dual occupancy
DA-2011/543	53 Dalleys Road	Alts and adds and associated works
DA-2011/569	14 Probate Street	Alts and adds and associated works

Roger that two of these are of particular interest – 78 Chandos and 19 Dargan

Section 96 Applications received since the November meeting – 2 tabled

DA-2009/512/A	30-32 Chandos Street	Delete condition 91, modify original mixed use (commercial/residential) proposal, associated works
DA-2010/165/A	36 Glenmore Street	Modify original proposal, including roof, skylight and associated works

Notification of Building Certificate Application – Unauthorised Building Work

APP-2011/114	31 Market Street	Application for As-Built timber deck to receive Building Certificate
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(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group

Frances O'Brien, Barry Shaw and Peter Turner represented the NPA at the 24 November meeting. The trial of whistles that would be less intrusive on the local community was debated. Peter offered information about a trial of the Muga whistles at Churchill Park, Springwood where there were similar complaints about whistle noise. Open Space Manager, Julie Whitfield asked for the plans for the installation of swings at Bi-centennial Reserve be displayed in Naremburn.

(c) Events

110th anniversary of the foundation of the NPA – 27 November

Frances O'Brien, President and Convenor of the Events Sub-Committee did not read her report on the Community Street Party to the meeting.

Earth Hour 2012 at the Shops - 31 March:

Frances as Convenor of the Events Sub-committee has spoken to Martha Follent who prefers not to be principal organiser of next year's event but would be happy to be an adviser to the committee. Frances called for volunteers: Joann Morand, John Bell, and Marianne Shaw offered to assist.

(d) Membership – Helene Kemp reported that there are 153 members. A number of unfinancial members need to be followed up. Lisa Lewis (Willoughby Road) wishes to join the NPA and needs to fill in an application form.

- (e) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Concept Plan for redevelopment of the Centre was part of NPA historical display. We have requested the Branch Librarian to display it in the Library area. Cr Thompson noted that the upgrade of the Bales Park facility, home to OOSH in 2012 had been held up. WCC had received a Government grant for this project and this required the project to be finished by the end of 2011. Building work is almost completed.
- (f) **Naremburn Matters** – The Editor, Trisha FitzPatrick, submitted the following report. December will be an 8-page issue and is at the printer now. Expected delivery to Sue Howes and the volunteer walkers is Monday 12 December. Two new advertisers emailed NM for ad space – they are Pacific Advisory whose ad appears on page 4 and Willoughby Chiropractic on page 5. Pacific Advisory's David Kennedy joined the NPA at the Community Street Party. There are three regular advertisers – Peter Chauncy, Penny Wade, Naremburn Pizzeria and they are now joined by Vision Personal Training who first advertised in the September issue and wishes to continue. The December issue will have a deficit of \$174.89. Promotion of the February meeting at which Steven Head, Director Infrastructure Services, WCC, will be guest speaker is on page 1, together with Season's Greetings and a thank you to those businesses who advertised with us during 2011. Mayor Pat Reilly congratulates the NPA on page 8, and the centrespread features Community Street Party photos taken by NPA members Rebecca Lazenby and Marianne Shaw. We could do with some more volunteers to help deliver NM – we would try to allocate you to a street close to home. Kevin asked for a volunteer to deliver to commercial premises along Chandos Street and similar bodies along Christie Street and part of Northcote Street – sections he has covered for the past four years. Judy Baird generously accepted the invitation to deliver NM.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Frances said there was nothing to report
- (h) **Open Space** – As stated in correspondence we have received a letter from Council apologising for omission of regular maintenance of 'Naremburn Hill', the signage area at the junction of the Freeway and Willoughby Road. This has been remedied. It was moved that a letter of appreciation for this service be sent. Frances suggested lighting to highlight the sign, possibly through solar power. Cr Thompson suggested solar lighting using LED would not require larger solar panels. The meeting agreed a letter be written to WCC Infrastructure Director, Steven Head, asking for Council to review options for lighting the sign.
- (g) **Website** – Peter Witcombe, our Webmaster and Trisha, our Public Officer, have been working together to update the website. Did you see Peter's excellent layout for the promo for the Community Street Party? Peter will put together a gallery of photos of the event together with the story. All contributions to public.officer@naremburn progress.org.au please.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 14 Members, 6 Apologies from Members, 1 Visitor

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

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - There is no meeting in January.

The next general meeting will be held on **Thursday, 9 February 2012 at 7:30 pm**, in the Community Centre.

Guest Speaker will be Steven Head WCC Director Infrastructure Services

He will cover: Traffic in Naremburn and parking issues; Open Spaces, principally Naremburn Park and Flood mitigation issues particularly as they relate to low-lying areas near the Gore Hill Freeway.

14. CLOSURE: The meeting closed at 8:55 pm for Christmas Cheer and a viewing of 110th Anniversary pictures.