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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING Thursday Jun 11, 2020 via Zoom

The President took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed our special guest, Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney with an acknowledgment of country.

1. GUEST SPEAKER – Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney

The president posed questions submitted by members.

A question was asked about Cr Coppock. The Mayor noted that Cr Coppock is respected member of council and suggests NPA members look at the published register of attendance at meetings to showing councillor attendance at council meetings and briefings.

Herbert St precinct. The Mayor advised council received a briefing today and was the first opportunity to see the proposal. The proposal is in the infancy stage, and it is unclear if this will be a council or state significant project. It was noted that a school with 750 children and without play space was proposed, and that there is an expectation the Gore Hill oval could be used, however this is public space, not dedicated for school.

The **St Leonards precinct** draft strategy is completed and expect to be adopted in the next few months. Council prefers an overall master plan and a structured process rather than ad hoc proposals.

Graffiti – A resident suggested CCTV or security patrol may be required to catch and stop this type of vandalism. The Mayor indicated that CCTV programs are not an easy solution, and that an increased police and ranger presence may be required. She suggests that this be **raised with council to look for solutions. In the interim, residents' vigilance is useful.**

WCC is striving for **bike connectivity** but facing some resistance from residents in some locations.

It was noted that Nth Sydney Council has allocated considerable resources to a community campaign aimed at achieving better outcomes from the **Western Harbour Tunnel** projects, and the question was whether WCC would be doing likewise. There is also a concern that North Sydney are pushing for ramps and facilities for the project into WCC (e.g. ramps and support facilities – the control centre has already been shifted to Artarmon).

The Mayor stated that WCC has had discussions with state government and noted that a delay expected in **EIS for the Beaches Link** has been delayed. (Sept). North Sydney has major campaign regarding the WHT as this has a bigger impact on them. WCC has put in a comprehensive submission as there will be impact around Artarmon and Willoughby Rd in particular. The NBT is likely to have significant impact on our area. Council is very keen to see the EIS and Traffic Management plan around this project to see what the proposed impact will be. WCC will be focussing their response on that.



The **Flat Rock Gully and Bi-centennial reserves Advisory Committee** meeting was currently suspended due to COVID and any questions relating to that committee should be forwarded directly to Council for response.

A number of other items were raised, and the Mayor encourage residents to raise these matters directly with council. This is important as Council should respond directly to community concerns. Please let her know if this is not the case. She apologised at not being able to address some of the questions without notice and they were quite detailed and specific. These items included: contamination issues associated with the WHT EIS; access to air quality data collected by council; and maintenance of the small reserves at Donnelly Rd and Brook Street

Concern was raised at the meeting regarding the **Walter St rezoning proposal** which was supported by two ward councillors.

NPA President undertook to provide specific questions to Council for follow up (complete).

The meeting thanked the Mayor who left the meeting at 8:25pm.

2. OPEN FORUM

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of February 13, 2020 circulated with the notice of this meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting on February 13, 2020

Proposed: Helene Kemp **Seconded:** Viviane Leveaux **Motion Carried**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

none

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Key Correspondence

In		Out	
Jan 16, 20	Jo McCorkindale	email	offer of assistance for Neighbour Day
03-Feb-20	WCC	email	Confirmation that NPA is covered by council's insurance
05-Apr-20	Peter Bower	email	"Please be aware" of zoom security issues
26-Apr-20	Fran O'Brien	email	I would just like to thank you and to congratulate the NPA for Zooming the meeting last Thursday. I hope that we can continue using this as I can now participate from afar! It's great to be able to hear what is happening in Naremburn
27 May 20	Community Grants	Email/letter	Community Grant rejection (\$5k for website upgrade)
02-Jun-20	Karen Lee	website 'contact us'	request for information to object to the concept plan at College of law site
30-Jan	Vice President WCC	Email	Neighbour Day

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31-Jan-20	Secretary	WCC M Smith	Email	Clarification on insurance requirements / coverage by Council
06-Apr-20	Secretary	Peter Bower	email	Thank Peter Bower for information, and advise of steps NPA taken (waiting room, disabling share screens)
07-Apr-20	Secretary	AGM Attendees	email	draft AGM minutes for comment
02-Jun-20	President	Karen lee	email	response to 'contact us' request for information on College of Law Site

The President advised that we applied for a \$5000 community grant through Trent Zimmermann, however the grant was not approved. We understand 4,000 submissions were made for a total of \$80,000 available grant funding.

6. ACCOUNTS

Cash at Bank	3 February, 2020 (last reported to members)	\$9,493.00
	3 June, 2020	\$9,307.85

7. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The last FWPA Meeting was held on June 6 via Zoom, with one representative per PA, plus the Chainman. Nine participants passed a number of motions. These included FWPA writing to council querying the efficacy of the *Have Your Say* process. NPA sought motion to have WCC raise community awareness of the Beaches Link issues and EIS.

The President advised that the Herbert St Precinct Proposal was noted at the FWPA meeting. This proposal is believed to consist of 60 storey towers 75% of units for affordable housing supporting key worker accommodation; casual rental for hospital visitors; and a vertical school

8. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

No ward councillors attended the meeting

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

a) DAs received since last meeting

DA 2020/29	27 Mitchell	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including first floor addition and associated works
DA 2020/38	71 Northcote	New carport, vehicular crossing and powder room and associated works
DA-2019/325 s82A	24 Rhodes Ave	S82A review of Decision = convert existing hardstand to carport, change of stairs to decking, landscaping, new driveway crossing and associated works.
2020/22	24 Slade	Unauthorised work -Outdoor shed to a residential property

DA2020/70	4 Mc Burnley St	Alterations, demolition to rear and construction of a new two storey addition to rear of existing dwelling and associated works
DA2020/65	1 Marks St	Alterations and first floor and rear additions to semi-detached dwelling and associate works
s4.55 DA2017/508A	155 Willoughby	Modify existing consent by rearranging internal layout and by altering rood and landscape design
DA-2020/53	73 Park	Free standing double garage with storage loft and associated works
DA-2020/29	27 Mitchell St	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including first floor addition and associated works
s4.55DA2017/506A	23 Rhodes Ave	Change rainwater reuse tank capacity from 10,000l to 5,000 litres and remove restriction on dark mortar
DA-2020/98	311 Willoughby Rd	Change of use and fitout as a Project Home Sales Office
s4.55 DA-2018/120/A	35 Station St	Modify existing consent by removing two existing trees, altering windows, retaining walls, driveway, screens, garage, external materials and boundary walls, relocating equipment, extending roof above deck, deletion of condition relating to pool overflow and associated works
DA-2019/368	12 Oxley St	Renotification = Alterations and first floor additions to existing dwelling and associated works. Amended Plans
	1-31 Walter St and 452-462 Willoughby Rd	Zoning amendment
DA-2020/119	24 Park Road	New Carport

1-31 Walter St and 452-462 Willoughby Rd is planned to be rezoned from R3 to R4 (High Density Residential) with 225 residences up to nine stories with 322 car spaces. NPA made a submission expressing concerns at implications on traffic and public bus transport.

b) **Events**

none to report

c) **Membership** = as at May 28, 2020

	Members	Associate	Life	Pending	Total	
Dec 31, 2019	81	3	2	0	86	
May 1, 2020	74	2	2	0	78	

d) **Naremburn Matters**

- The Newsletter for June was be available on line 1 June and will also be emailed to members. Naremburn Matters was not printed this month due to COVID-19 and we wanted to make sure our volunteer walkers were kept safe.
- We ask that members please forward a copy of Naremburn Matters to their neighbours who may not be members of the NPA as they will not receive a copy.
- Naremburn Matters will be printed for the Sept issue
- Article deadline for September issue is 1 August; Advertising deadline for September issue is 7 August
- We would welcome letters to the editor from our members and residents
- We would like to thank our editorial team of Helene Kemp, Meredith Shimmin and Justin Knights who have volunteer their time and put this newsletter together. Next month we welcome two new people to the team Sean Greenwood and Louisa O'Kelly. Sean will be taking on the editing of the newsletter and Louisa will be assisting with proofing.

e) **Open Spaces =**

No report

f) **Naremburn Action Group -**

- **NAG had a response from Planning to their email about the three 'shovel ready' projects to be fast tracked in St. Leonards. NAG's view is that two of these projects** had already been approved by North Sydney Council and the one in Atchison Street had not and therefore should not be pursued. The Department does take NAG seriously because its response related particularly to the matters raised. Apparently, **the Atchison street site is not 'shovel ready' because there's not even a current DA** for the site. The Government is seeking to fast track the rezoning from Commercial to Mixed Use.
- **NAG's priority is to fast track the Crows Nest / St. Leonards Strategic Plan which has** been in limbo since December 2018. Planning informs that the final package with recommendations will be presented to the Minister mid 2020. NAG will be watching **that because without a plan, 'spot' developments continue.**
- An example of which is the Planning Proposal for the Law School site at 2-12 Chandos street. This is for 72 storeys, double the height of the taller Forum building. The PP will be put on public exhibition by Willoughby Council in early September. **NAG's plan is to letterbox the neighbourhood prior to the public exhibition and then** door knock with a petition objecting to this overdevelopment during the exhibition period. The Premier has been informed of our concerns and NAG have sought a meeting with her in September.

g) **Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee**

No update

h) **Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

Larissa Penn reported that a petition with 10,000+ signatures was last week lodged by the Labor party and scheduled for debate on 30 July. The WHT is not yet approved, and residents are encouraged to **keep up the pressure on MP's.**

The staging of the projects has changed, with the Warringah Freeway to be completed first followed by the Western Harbour Tunnel and then the Beaches Link. The Business Case review states that "each stage" will be 5 years. It remains to be clarified if this

means 5 years Freeway, 5 years WHT and 5 years BL = 15 years of construction impacts but it appears likely that Lower North Shore will suffer at the very least 10 years of heavy construction impacts.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Positive feedback was received from the meeting participants on Zoom, however, feedback from those who did not participate would be most useful going forward

11. CIRCULATION OF ATTENDANCE BOOK =

Members: 11; Visitors: 2; Apologies: 1

12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None for this meeting.

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held the General Meeting on **Thursday, August 13, 2020**, at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central St, Naremburn, commencing at 7.30pm, unless COVID-19 restrictions still apply, otherwise, via video conference.

14. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed 9:00pm.

Chairperson



Date

13-8-20

Alan Gray

Roger Promnitz

Viviane Leveaux

Larissa Penn

Elena Jeregui

Helene Kemp

Meredith Shimmin

Rob Armstrong

Ralph Youie

Stuart Bruce

Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney

Cecilia Gray

Apologies

Margaret Stewart

