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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 12 AUGUST 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

Roger Promnitz (Merrenburn Avenue) WELP 2009 update. 600 submissions have been sent to WCC so far. Apart from the standard response letter no reply has been received to RP submission. WCC has advised that further correspondence will be issued in response to submissions before recommendations go to a Council meeting.

Paul Lancaster (Dalleys Road) – Regarding the WELP 2009, Site 23 does anyone at the NPA meeting know what weight would be given to a 36 signature petition compared to individual submissions? It was stated that Council does not put much store on petitions.

Jane Miura (Central Street) – Upgrading of street trees In Central Street. The Chinese Elms existing are reaching the end of their lifespan and are to be replaced with the same species. The appropriateness of this species is questioned due to the volume of debris drop onto the street and footpath.

Stewart Scott ,and Oliver McGauhie (Greengate Developments) This company developed St Peters Green, corner of Mowbray Road and Felton Avenue, Lane Cove North. They have acquired the property at 96 Chandos Street, corner of Martin Street. Proposal is for mixed use, commercial on the ground floor, residential above. The site is fairly small with significant trees that may need to be retained. NPA member Doug Armstrong (Martin Street) suggested they inform the NPA of their intended development. Overlooking homes in the adjacent conservation area may be an issue.

Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street) – Raised the possibility of Gladys Berejiklian attending a future meeting of the NPA, possibly September 2010. It was proposed members be invited by email to propose issues they would like her to address.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 10 June 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz, Seconded: Trisha FitzPatrick.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – WCC letter from James Brocklebank responding to NPA letter which made suggestions for improvements received. Residents could follow up on compliance by the various organisations that need to action the WCC recommendations.

(b) **Oral History program** – Kevin FitzPatrick has approached the Sisters of St Joseph regarding access to letters that Sister Mary McKillop may have written regarding the Catholic school once located in Market Street between King and Central Streets.

A map at the McKillop Museum in North Sydney dated 1884 shows Central Township and Market Street with the Long Gully falls and a green area where the Market Street school was located.

Death of Keith Britliffe who conducted a mixed business in what is now Cream between 1958 - 1972

Mary Teteris, who has provided information in the past, is now in a nursing home at Hunters Hill and is maintaining membership of the NPA.

(c) **Naremburn Shops** – The More than Just a Chicken shop is still closed and may be replaced by something with a French taste.. The lack of access to the disabled lift in the building and disability parking at the rear of the shop needs to be reviewed.

Rob Forsyth a member of an Australian team that was recently awarded first place in the World Championship Barista Competition in London. Rob has recently opened an additional indoors café area on the lower level at the back of the shop.

Delica now incorporates a tapas café open Thursday to Saturday in winter. The Arrosto chicken shop signage will be removed with appropriate upgrading of the sign.

(d) **Long Gully Bridge Northbridge** – The construction of the barriers is ongoing but delayed by inclement weather.

- (e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Development of documentation is ongoing. Helene Kemp a HR Manager, long term NPA member and resident of Naremburn has volunteered to assist the Progress Association as she now has time to assist in community activities and she and Trisha FitzPatrick have met to discuss the roles of office bearers.
- (f) **2 Vale Street Cammeray proposed development North Sydney Council but has impact on east Naremburn** – Martha Follent went over the background to this development that is for high-end market luxury apartments down the steep slope above the bushland. The Land & Environment Court has handed down a decision which notes non compliance with planning rules in several areas. The applicant may redesign the proposal to comply and a reduced scale development will probably be approved.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – WCC has responded by letter to the NPA submission raising concerns about the park. This matter was raised by Donna Kessler in Open Forum in our April meeting. Concerns about the park use still exist, particularly the balance between passive and sports activities. The general circulation path lighting is considered to be unsatisfactory. Questions were raised about the level of the lighting, and what standard it is required to comply. The meeting considered that the next approach should be to Councillors and the Mayor. It was suggested that issues should be prioritized and dealt with separately to clarify matters with lighting first.
- (h) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan (Draft WLEP2009)** – Discussed in Open Forum
- (i) **Loop free Bus service through Naremburn** - Trials of the various routes will conclude in August 2010. It appears the Naremburn route with very low patronage will be reviewed by WCC.
- (j) **WCC Traffic Committee Meetings** – A letter has been received from WCC – James Brocklebank in response to the NPA letter regarding noise barriers on the Brook street.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 24/06/2010 Letter Gladys Berejiklian, 2010 Community Building Partnership request for feedback.
- (b) 27/07/2010 Letter WCC Noise Barrier, Brook Street.
- (c) 15/06/2010 Letter WCC Steven Head Central Street east Footpath re NPA letter of thanks 7/06/2010

Email Threads

- (a) NADA western suburbs – unclaimed NADA children's library \$3,201.97 NADA exists in an old bank account from 1982

Out

- (a) 15/06/2010 Letter WCC Steven Head Moonbria Street – Traffic speed
- 15/06/2010 Letter WCC Nick Tobin Draft WLEP2009 and Naremburn Site 23 and Site 25

7. FINANCIAL REPORT In the absence of Treasurer Barry Shaw, Trisha FitzPatrick presented his report.

She also stated the NPA will lodge a claim for the money in Westpac that Nada discovered on her research.

Opening Bank balance as at 11 March 2010 \$7,539.69

Add: Income :

Naremburn Matters advertising	\$1,605.00	
Membership subs	\$100.00	
Interest received	\$5.06	\$1,710.06

Less: Expenditure

June 2010 meeting expenses	\$83.08	
Printing	\$32.80	
NM June production	\$2,692.52	
FWPA membership	\$20.00	
Insurance premium	\$122.00	\$2,950.40
Closing Bank balance as at 13 May 2010		\$6,299.35

Expenditure Approvals Requested

KJF photocopying	\$5.00
Robyn Butler August meeting supper	\$63.92

That these Expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Martha Follent, Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

Trisha commented on the present healthy financial position and said that when the NPA celebrated its centenary Committee Members paid expenses and it took two years to reimburse them. Our present financial position will enable us to cover costs for 2011 events.

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

The Federation AGM, held on 7 August was attended by Naremburn Delegates Don Swonnell and Kevin FitzPatrick. Mayor Pat Reilly was Returning Officer for the Association's Election. Officers returned unopposed; new Treasurer, Jill Newton of Northbridge.

The Mayor reported on WCC activities.

1 WLEP2009: Council Officers are examining residents' 700 submissions prior to Councillors' voting on the Officers' recommendations. The LEP is required by law. The Mayor stated his desire to maintain 'quality of life' for residents of the city of Willoughby.

2. LOOP BUS SERVICE. WCC received a Local Government award for its marketing of the Loop Bus service.

3 THE CONCOURSE is on schedule. It promises to be a great asset for the Northern Region. Already there is interest from potential clients; it has potential for good income for the Council. Cash flow problems necessitated further loans. These 'will come back'. Discussions on funding have taken place with State and Federal Governments.

Q&A:

1 AMALGAMATION OF COUNCILS was raised by Genia McCaffrey at a Local Government Association meeting. Pat not in favour of amalgamation but of regionalization, a hub and spoke approach. Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney sees NSROC as such a regional body that addressed sharing of Council sporting facilities.

2. WLEP 2009 Artarmon PA representative, Michelle Sloane, reported that State Member, Gladys Berejikian addressed their Executive Committee. Gladys said Barry O'Farrell was not into micromanaging LEPs. These should be negotiated between residents and Local Government bodies.

Northbridge reported Gladys had addressed them on WLEP2009. She gave no indication of what she believed Northbridge's increased quota would be. She did state that Planning and Infrastructure should work in partnership.

Noted that our third delegate, Martha Follent, elected at our March AGM, still does not received Agendas and Minutes. FWPA Secretary notified on more than one occasion.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

None present. Apologies from Stuart Coppock and Barry Thompson

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Development Applications

DA 2006/175/A	31 Grafton Avenue	S96 modifications surrounds layout etc
DA 2009/512	30-32 Chandos Street St Leonards	6 storey mixed commercial residential amended plans
DA 2009/574/A	110 Northcote Street	Modify existing consent roof material privacy screen
DA 2009/641/B	20 Wheatleigh Street	S96 modify internal layout etc
DA 2010/339	14 Merrenburn Avenue	Timber deck & awning
DA 2010/356	1A Walter Street	Awning & carport
DA 2020/370	407 Pacific Highway Artarmon	Commence use offices
DA 2010/373	14/11 Herbert Street St Leonards	Alterations & additions to outside café area
DA 2010/439	248 Willoughby Road	Attic room in roof space
DA 2010/451	13 Rhodes Avenue	Pool & cabana
DA 2010/452	20 Slade Street	Car space

(b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – The user group is to meet to discuss the Open Day planned for 18 September from 10 am to 2 pm. It was queried what style of display the NPA mount ? A possible theme is the NADA and the future of the site. Members Paul Lancaster and Chris Haley stated they joined the NPA as a result of the display.

(c) **Events**– Earth Hour 2011, A WCC letter has been received in response to NPA letter; there will be no large scale Earth Hour event in Naremburn Park; If the NPA wishes to organise an event in Naremburn Park Council will provide event management, traffic control etc. Council will support smaller-scale local events. Musical groups suggested. A show of hands indicated that the NPA should move ahead with organizing an event in 2011. Kevin stated that the NPA celebrates its 110th birthday on 27 November 2011 and should plan an appropriate celebration of the event.

(d) **Membership** – Trisha stated that Helene Kemp will be looking at the membership process and tasks.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – The 8 page September issue is being prepared; all advertising has been sold, six repeat advertisers and two new advertisers who emailed from the website. Some 'walkers' have left the suburb. Sue Howes needs help with two streets ; Martha Follent volunteered to deliver to Palmer Street; Helene Kemp will do Mitchell Street.

(f) **Open Space** – Landscaping along Willoughby Road between Garland Road and Slade Street has been maintained and Willoughby Road resurfaced.
National tree day included planting in King and Station Streets. Proposed planting in Market has been delayed due to lack of resident agreement on the tree species.
A drain in Central Street damaged by a truck requires repair.

(g) **Website** – We do need contributions from members; Trisha puts articles on, Obviously there is a spate of new material ahead of an issue of NM. Nigel Smith suggested all NM articles go on as separate items on the website. Naremburn.Matters@naremburnprogress.org.au
Rebecca Lazenby stated new photographs are needed to update the collection on the website; Rosalie Sweeney, a photographer has volunteered to do new head shots for the committee page.

[NADAada](#) from the western suburbs had googled Nada Childrens' Library which took her to the NPA website. She followed up with a phone call.

Richard from the USA also contacted us through the website in an enquiry about Operation: Special Ops – Ch 9 after reading about it on NM as shown on the website.

(h) **Young Parents** – Karen Pearson has moved from Naremburn to Artarmon. Nothing further on the future of a school for Naremburn.

11. CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK - 15 Members, 14 Apologies, 4 Visitors

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - None for this meeting

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, 9 September 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

14. CLOSURE – The meeting closed at 9.10 pm with wine and cheese as our winter fare for supper.