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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2010

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm.

Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street Naremburn

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Trisha FitzPatrick (Central Street)** – Pedestrian access to clear footpaths is being compromised by vehicles parking in driveways and obstructing footpaths. The apartment block on Willoughby Road with rear access close to the intersection of Claire Street and Garland Road is an example. Also noted that a trailer is parked on the nature strip in Central Street outside the studio at number 31. NPA to write to WCC.
- (b) **Martha Follent (Garland Road)** – The Bridgeview Precinct Committee of North Sydney Council has ceased operations through lack of support and locals no longer have a community voice. Martha stated that it is important our local community support the Naremburn Progress Association so we do not lose our community voice.
- (c) **Stewart Scott and Oliver McGeachie (Greengate Developments)** – This company developed St Peter's Green, Independent Living Apartments and community facilities, 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. Proposal is for a 5-storey development with an 'art gallery' coffee shop on the Chandos Street ground floor frontage and 26 'low cost' studios and single bedroom units above to be rented at \$350 - \$450 pw for the 25-35 year old market in need of local accommodation; 21 car spaces will be provided. Community consultation included a barbecue for locals as an opportunity for feedback. A 'Go Get' car share pod may be included as well as a 'car stacker'; minimal excavation will be involved.
- (d) **Margaret Stewart (Willoughby Road)** – Traffic and parking in Dodds Street west is causing problems with difficulty being experienced leaving their 'Cornerstone' car park obstructed due to vehicles parked too close to the underground car park entrance. Some residents of Cornerstone are parking in Dodds Street west instead of the building car park. Street lighting is inadequate. Could time restricted parking be introduced? NPA to write to Council.
- (e) **Don Swonnell (Walter Street, Willoughby)** – Observed that correspondence refers to the 'Long Gully Bridge'; research with the Geographical Names Board shows that no such name exists; the bridge should be referred to by its correct name: Cammeray Bridge or the more common Suspension Bridge. Don commented on Matters Arising from the 12 August meeting (5b Oral History Program) and stated that there is no record of Long Gully Falls or a green area in Market Street. As it was 8.05pm, the Chairman reminded Don that the bridge name is not a pressing matter that we had exceeded our 15 minutes of Open Forum and that Don had moved at the June meeting against a prolonged Open Forum. The Chairman had to exercise the authority of the chair and twice requested that Don resume his seat so that the business of the meeting could commence. Don would not comply; the Chairman called for a show of hands on his request that Don resume his seat; a clear majority of members voted in favour of Don relinquishing the floor.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 12 August 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting with the following amendments that were noted from the floor:

- Open Forum - 'WELP' should read 'WLEP'
 - Item 5(c) - More than Just a Chicken Shop should read 'No Ordinary Chicken Café'
 - Item 7 - Financial Report Opening Balance should read 'as at 11 August 2010'
 - Item 10(g) - Operation Special Ops should read 'Rescue: Special Ops'
- Proposed: Helene Kemp, Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jane Miura

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick; Seconded: Helene Kemp.

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting.

5. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge closure and traffic issues** – A report on the WCC response to the NPA's Survey Report of 31

March is included in the September issue of Naremburn Matters and is on the NPA website.

- (b) **Oral History program** – In a recent discussion with the WCC Chief Librarian she commented that WCC has been invited to send representatives to an Oral History Seminar given by the State Library of New South Wales; Kevin FitzPatrick will volunteer to attend. No response as yet from the Sisters of St Joseph regarding access to letters that Sister Mary MacKillop may have written regarding the Catholic school established in 1894 in Market Street between King and Central Streets.
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – The Arrostio paintwork signage has been replaced by more neutral colours that also highlight the window signage for Harbourside Fitness Centre that occupies the floor above Delicia which has been expanded to incorporate a restaurant that offers a Tapas menu.
- (d) **Long Gully Bridge, Northbridge** – The RTA has advised completion of the safety barriers.
- (e) **The Roles of Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – Development of 'job descriptions' is ongoing. A welcome pack for new residents which had been discussed in the past needs to be put together.
- (f) **2 Vale Street Cammeray proposed development North Sydney Council but has impact on east Naremburn**
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. Not known if the revised scheme has been submitted
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – WCC has responded by letter to the NPA submission raising concerns about the park. This matter was first raised by Donna Kessler in Open Forum in our April meeting. The NPA wrote to Steven Head, WCC's Director Infrastructure Services regarding Rubbish Dumping, clean-up after Sports Hirers, and Solar Lights not working in the park. The letter proposed a Plan of Management (POM) for Naremburn Park similar to Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group. We informed Steven that NPA members [Donna Kessler, Julienne Blunck and Robyn Butler], residents living near the park, had volunteered their services for a Naremburn Park Advisory Body. In a response the Director stated the POM for Naremburn Park does not include provision for such a body; and there are "no plans currently to establish further Advisory Committees for individual parks".
- (h) **Willoughby Local Environmental Plan (Draft WLEP2009)** – Councillor Kate Lamb has issued an email with information on the WCC process and timetable to be followed; Trisha said that this will go on the NPA website.
- (i) **Loop free Bus service through Naremburn** - Trials of the various routes concluded end August; Naremburn route has low patronage; all routes will be reviewed by WCC. Councillor Lamb said Alison Jones Council's Sustainable Transport officer is the contact person; the original Artarmon Loop is well patronized.
- (j) **WCC Traffic Committee Meetings** – The Corporate & Transport Committee met on 6 September. Minutes are not yet available so it is not known if any Naremburn issues were discussed. Local changes such as the introduction of motor cycle parking on Willoughby road adjacent to the Lawson Lane intersection to improve sight lines should be publicised. Concern about noisy road joints on the Freeway – western Naremburn area, can be raised with RTA's Sydney Asset Manager Neil Forrest on 8849 2933. This information to be posted on the website.
- (k) **School for Naremburn** – It is intended to raise this matter with Marcia Waller, WCC Community Services Director. Doug Armstrong reported in a phone conversation that he had read in the Mosman Daily that the Anzac Memorial Club had been suggested as site for a school. Populations at local schools continue to increase.
- (l) **Bicentennial Reserve & Flat Rock Gully Advisory Committee** – a meeting was held on 29 July; due to conflicting commitments, there was no NPA representation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In WCC - Invitation to the Official Opening of Spring Festival and the Street Fair 2010

- (a) NSW Office of Fair Trading – the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 took effect from 1 July
- (b) NSW Office of Fair Trading – Invitation to attend an Associations Reform Seminar

Email Threads

- (a) WCC - Councillor Kate Lamb - Council process in dealing with submissions on draft WLEP2009

Out

- (a) WCC - Jeff Knight, Public Officer – copies of NM September to Councillors and Officers.
- (b) State Library of NSW – Copy of September issue of Naremburn Matters

7. FINANCIAL REPORT Treasurer Barry Shaw presented his report.

Opening Bank balance as at 13 August 2010		\$6,299.35
<u>Add: Income :</u>		
Naremburn Matters advertising	\$2,515.00	
Membership subs	\$10.00	\$2,525.00
		<u>\$8,824.35</u>
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>		
August 2010 meeting supper	\$63.92	
Photocopying	\$5.00	\$68.92
		<u>\$8,755.43</u>
Closing Bank balance as at 8 September 2010		<u>\$8,755.43</u>

Expenditure Approvals Requested

R. Phelan – NM September production	\$2,010.80
K FitzPatrick – Printing, stamps, supper	\$11.49

That these expenditures be approved:

Proposed: Martha Follent; Seconded: Beryl Batterham.

Barry Shaw in commenting on the funds stated that the Naremburn Matters issues of March, June and September had achieved an excess of more than \$1,900 and that the Editor, Trisha FitzPatrick, should be commended for her efforts.

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT

No FWPA meeting has been held since the August NPA meeting.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Kate Lamb

Noisy expansion joints in roads have already been discussed - Agenda Item 5 (j).

There is an issue involving Artarmon Public School. The Department of Education & Training has compulsorily acquired a part of Abbott Street which is used as a footpath giving access to the shops. The path is well used and community consultation has been poor.

Enrolments at local schools are still increasing dramatically and the handling of the school situation has been poorly managed by the NSW Government. It would be helpful to establish the local state member's view and the view of the Opposition Party on the school issue. When the name of the Opposition Party's Shadow Education Minister was queried, no one was able to name the Shadow Minister for Education.

A motion was put to the meeting:

"That NPA write to the State Member Gladys Berejiklian inviting her to speak to the October or November meeting."

An issues list is to be prepared and accompany this letter.

Carried on a show of hands.

Councillor Barry Thompson.

The Concourse structure is being revealed as the scaffolding is removed.

Action on Naremburn and Artarmon local libraries may be delayed until after The Concourse construction completion as library staff are organizing the changeover to the new facility. Work on the Naremburn Library would probably be delayed until 2012 at the earliest and is still being affected by the Bales Park development for the OOSH Centre.

The redevelopment work on the Incinerator is progressing slowly; it is expected to be completed in January 2011.

10. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Development Applications

DA 2004/274/G	27-29 Clarendon Street Artarmon	S96 modifications to allow stripping in lounge area for entertainment of waiting customers
DA 2005/957/D	18 Rhodes Avenue	S96 modifications include a/c units
DA 2010/366	16 Grandview Street	Inground pool and associated works
DA 2010/390	18 Station Street	Alterations & additions new first floor etc

(b) **Naremburn Community Centre** – The proposed redevelopment is still being delayed by the Bales Park proposal for the OOSH Centre.

(c) **Events**– Community Centre Open Day NPA display is to focus on NADA and some older maps of the area. Volunteers requested to resource the NPA stand. David Lendrum, Helene Kemp, Martha Follent and Kevin FitzPatrick volunteered for the NPA stall roster between 10am and 2pm.

Earth Hour 2011 on 26 March, NPA activity to be planned. The Wilkes Avenue Artarmon event in 2010 is an example of a smaller local event now encouraged by Council rather than the large scale event Council in conjunction with Naremburn and Artarmon PAs staged in 2009.

Kevin FitzPatrick stated that the NPA celebrates its 110th birthday on 27 November 2011. An appropriate celebration of the event such as a street party with a possible part street closure could be held in Central Street; the celebration could focus on the Temperance Hall at 31 Central Street, now an Art Studio. It was in this hall that the first meeting of the Naremburn Progress Association was held.

The Willoughby Spring Festival Street Fair and Parade will be held on Saturday 11 September. Don Swonnell reported on the Street Parade and the Faces of Willoughby Community Photographic Project. Photographs of Willoughby City residents will form a unique artwork to be unveiled at The Concourse in 2011. Details are available in the WCC program of events circulated to residents.

(d) **Membership** – Helene Kemp is looking at ways to boost NPA membership numbers. A letter box flyer and an approach to local real estate agents to identify new residents are options to be investigated.

(e) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha FitzPatrick reported that the 8 page September issue has been distributed; thank you to all those who helped. Distribution of the first issue in April 2005 was done by the MacGowan Family; from the second issue the NPA offered Naremburn Neighbourhood Watch a page in each issue in return for organizing distribution; Sue Howes is co-ordinator; more than half of those who distribute NM are members of the NPA. December issue will be 12 pages; several ad bookings already received. We now invoice on artwork approval, payment in 7 days; seven of the eight advertisers for NM September paid via Internet Banking. Articles from NPA members are needed for each issue; Fran O'Brien will write for December issue; Barry Shaw volunteered for a later issue.

(f) **Open Space** – Nothing further to report.

(g) **Website** – contributions from members are needed. On Nigel Smith's suggestion, Trisha FitzPatrick has provided several items from NM as well as information from WCC, e.g., that there will be an eWaste drop-off service for residents at Bicentennial Reserve on the weekend of 2 & 3 October.

(h) **Young Parents** – Nothing further to report.

11. **CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** - 14 Members, 7 Apologies, 4 Visitors

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

13. **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday, 14 October 2010 at 7:30 pm, Community Centre, Central Street.

14. **CLOSURE** – The meeting closed at 9.10pm