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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 11 AUGUST 2011

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

In the unavoidable absence of the NPA President, Frances O'Brien, Vice President, Martha Follent, took the Chair and welcomed members and visitors.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) **Donna Kessler (Waters Road)** - Asked if people would be interested in refreshments being served prior to the meeting, either at 6.30pm with a 7:00pm meeting or for 7:00pm for the usual 7:30pm start. Opinion was that the first option was too early for most, second option was preferred.
- (b) **Martha Follent (Garland Road)** - Martha welcomed Trisha FitzPatrick to the meeting, extending her best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health after recent surgery.
- (c) **Kevin FitzPatrick (Central Street)** - An NPA member unable to attend tonight had rung the President and notified her of the change rooms at the Naremburn Oval being closed preventing access for female Northbridge FC players to change after their practice. Moved that the Secretary write to WCC to remedy this situation.
- (d) **Judith Baird (Martin Street)** - advised that the Willoughby District Historical Society have organized a Flat Rock Creek Walk on 25 August. Meet at the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator at 1:00pm Cost: \$10. Concession \$8. Family \$15.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 9 June 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Proposed: Margaret Stewart; Seconded: Helene Kemp

3. NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Peter Bower, Alan Gray, Linny Gomez.

Proposed: Donna Kessler; Seconded: Roger Promnitz

4. CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

None for this meeting

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) **Ella Street Bridge Closure – Traffic and Parking Safety issues** – Noted there had been a police presence in the west Naremburn area as requested in an earlier letter to James Brocklebank, WCC's Group Leader Traffic and Transport. Decided to keep this item on the agenda until issues had been satisfactorily addressed.
- (b) **Oral History Program** – Members have recommended interviewing two long standing members of the west Naremburn area and one from the Central Township area
- (c) **Naremburn Shops** – The former Naremburn Natural shop is still untenanted. The new proprietor of Cream, Adrian Turley, has advertised in the September issue of NM. Naremburn Pizzeria only other shop to advertise. A letter will be sent to WCC concerning the state of the gardens at the 1st Choice Liquor Store.
- (d) **OPS Manual for Office-Bearers and Committee Members** – is being upgraded.
- (e) **Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2009** – pending legislation.
- (f) **Traffic Committee Report (RTA, Police, State Member, WCC)** – No Naremburn items to report.
- (g) **School for Naremburn** – on the agenda until the new Government indicates any change in policy.
- (h) **Long Gully Bridge/Suspension Bridge** – Martin Gormley, Project Engineer, Bridge Maintenance Unit, RTA, emailed Trisha FitzPatrick who had pursued the correct naming of the Bridge with the RTA. He thanked her for her patience while the RTA researched the issue. 'Your considerate and persistent approach was very helpful and much appreciated'. As the correct naming has been finally been resolved, this matter will not appear on future agendas.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- (a) 24/06/2011 – letter – WCC – Invitation to attend a July Community Forum
- (b) 29/06/2011 – letter – Joe Hockey MP – Inviting nominations for North Sydney Community Award.
- (c) 04/07/2011 – letter – WCC – Nick Tobin – Earth Hour Report to Council.
- (d) 13/07/2011 – letter - WCC – Exhibition of draft Willoughby Development Control Plan.
- (e) 19/07/2011 – letter – WCC – Invitation to attend launch of WCC Spring Festival
- (f) 02/08/2011 – email – Domain Registration Service – Domain Name Renewal
- (g) 01/08/2011 – email – RTA – Martin Gormley – Appreciation for efforts to resolve bridge naming.
- (h) 03/08/2011 – email – WCC – Leonne Donnelly – Greenchef – Energy Efficiency for Food Service Training.

Out

- (a) 04/08/2011 – letter – Nareburn Pizzeria – Advertising in September issue
- (b) 29/07/2011 – email – WCC – Accepting invitation to attend launch of WCC Spring Festival
- (c) 11/08/2011 – letter – WCC – Nick Tobin – 1st Choice Liquor Superstore – Garden maintenance

With regard to the North Sydney Community Awards, Trisha FitzPatrick thanked the NPA for nominating them.

7. ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer Barry Shaw prepared this report; in his absence it was presented by the Secretary.

Opening Balance as at 8 June 2011 \$7,974.08

Add: Income:

Membership subs - renewals	\$ 30.00	
new	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	
	\$ 45.00	
Nareburn Matters advertising	<u>\$ 770.00</u>	<u>\$815.00</u>
		\$8,789.08

Less: Expenditure Nil

Closing Bank Balance as at 9 August 2011 \$8,789.08

Expenditure Approvals Requested:

Annual subscription FWPA	\$ 20.00
Domain Name Registration renewal	\$ 33.00

That these expenditures be approved

Proposed: Helene Kemp; Seconded: Vivian Leveaux

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

Frances O'Brien, Kevin FitzPatrick and Trisha FitzPatrick are the NPA delegates to the FWPA. All were unable to attend the 6 August meeting. Kevin to write to WCC regarding lack of agendas and minutes from the FWPA and its failure to upgrade its emailing list with the 2011 email addresses of NPA delegates.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

None of the three Nareburn Ward Councillors were present at this meeting.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) **Development Applications received since the June meeting –7 tabled**

DA-2011/174	21A Slade Street	Alts and adds to existing, landscaping
DA-2011/174	21A Slade Street	Re-notification – administrative error
DA-2011/242	12 Dargan Street	Alts and adds to existing, new in-ground pool
DA-2011/261	7 & 9 Donnelly Road	Child Care Centre Development
DA-2011/284	14 Talus Street	Residential flat develop, includes affordable housing
DA-2011/316	167 Willoughby Road	Common area change of use, 2br unit
DA-2011/339	13 Rhodes Avenue	Alts and adds, including extension of upper roof level

Three DAs were discussed:-

7 & 9 Donnelly Road; a DA for this site has been lodged yet again. This developer has persisted through several Land & Environment cases.

14 Talus Street – comments to WCC by 19 August. This 13 unit development includes affordable housing.

96 Chandos Street - Noted that Greengate has not proceeded with the development of the site on the corner of Martin and Chandos Street; the site has now been sold.

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group – Next meeting is Thursday 25 August.

(c) **Events –**

Earth Hour 2011 - Kevin read a letter from WCC GM, Nick Tobin praising the NPA Earth Hour Report to Council and especially the work of EH Convener, Martha Follent.

2011 Open Day at the Naremburn Community Centre 3 September, 9.30 am to 3:00 pm - Kevin represented the NPA at a Centre User Group meeting on 11 August to plan the day in detail. There will be a Kindifarm, Jumping Castle, Face painting, Sausage Sizzle, Tea/coffee and Cakes, a craft table to make Father's Day Cards, displays by the NPA and the Northern Suburbs Philatelic Society.

The NPA's display will highlight the NPA's contribution through NADA (Naremburn Amenities Development Association) in establishing the Centre. It is an opportunity to promote the coming 110th anniversary celebrations. Kevin asked for members to assist at the stall on the day. The following offered to do so: Judy Baird, Roger Promnitz, Helene Kemp, John Bell, Joann Morand and Kevin. Other NPA volunteers would be welcome.

The 110th Anniversary of the Foundation of the NPA: In the absence of the Events Convener, Frances O'Brien, Kevin gave a summary. There will be a catered reception in the Naremburn Community Centre for financial members of the Association and special guests on Saturday evening 26 November on the eve of the actual event which occurs on 27 November. There will be a Community Street Party on the anniversary day - an opportunity for Naremburn residents to share the occasion. We should promote membership of the Association and increase our numbers.

- d) **Membership** – Helene Kemp, Membership Convener, reported: 122 people on the 2011 NPA membership register. Thank you to those members who have paid their 2011 subs due and payable from the AGM on 10 March. The adjusted membership number will be available at the September meeting. Reminder emails for overdue subs have now been sent.
- e) **Naremburn Community Centre** – Lighting has been upgraded in the Centre.
- f) **Naremburn Matters** – Trisha FitzPatrick, the Editor, stated that the September issue was already at the printers. It is 8 pages and all potential advertising spaces have been sold. As there will be an excess over production costs, we are paying \$150 to have the issue pre-folded to DL. The 110th anniversary of the NPA is featured.
- g) **Naremburn Park** – Nothing to report other than letter to be sent to WCC on change rooms being opened for training.
- h) **Open Space** - Drain on Slip Road between Willoughby Road and the Shops Car Park is blocked causing ponding. It was agreed to write to WCC requesting this to be remedied.
- i) **Website** – Donna Kessler spoke to webmaster Nigel Smith who said the website is written in HTML It could be converted to CMS and would be easy to upgrade. Donna offered suggestions and costs for conversion to CMS, \$3,000 approx.

11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK – 13 Members, 10 Apologies from Members, 1 Visitor

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

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING: - Thursday, 8 September 2011 at 7:30 pm, in the Community Centre:

Guest Speaker: Peter Chauncy, McGrath Estate Agents

14. CLOSURE: - The meeting concluded at 8:32 pm. Wine and Cheese