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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2013

Meeting commenced at 7.35 pm at the
Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn

GUEST SPEAKER: WCC DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, STEVEN HEAD

The President welcomed Steven Head to address the meeting in relation to Community Assets and addressed the issue of aging infrastructure.

The City of Willoughby boasts a large range of services which contribute to our quality of life. Most of these services rely on a pool of assets with a combined replacement value of more than \$760M.

Assets in Willoughby include all buildings, footpaths, roads, stormwater, infrastructure, parks, bushland, sportsgrounds and playgrounds. Without these assets Council could not provide its present array of services. These assets are located on Council-owned land as well as land under council's care and control.

Asset Management has been identified as a federal priority for local government across Australia, as all councils begin to face the issue of aging infrastructure.

Strategic management of these assets, guided by an asset management policy and plans, will ensure the needs of communities are being determined and met, and funding sources for asset renewal are secured for the future.

Much of the city's infrastructure was built in the first half of the 20th century and an intense period of construction of community buildings took place in the 1970s and again in the 1990s. Many of these assets are already due for replacement and Council has been undertaking a continual replacement and upgrade program to meet the needs of a growing city. Planning has now begun for the large number of these assets that will be due for replacement around the same time, particularly over the next two decades.

Willoughby City Council has collected the vast majority of data required to produce its Asset Management Plans. They can be accessed from Council's website. These 20 year strategic plans provide scenario-based expenditure projects for nine classes of assets.

The next step for Willoughby is to ascertain the community's priorities and determine the acceptable condition, capacity, functionality, location and quantity of our assets.

Willoughby Council is seeking feedback from the community to determine the acceptable level of service provision. They need to know how you use community assets, whether they meet your expectations and how they should prioritise future works so strategies for their management can be developed.

Visit www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au to be involved in the online forum and to receive project updates. Council will also hold community workshops, public meetings and information stalls through 2013.

The President thanked Steven and called for a five minute break before normal business was resumed.

1. OPEN FORUM

- (a) Geoffrey Gemmell (**Glenmore Street**). Geoff advised the Bells are have arrived and are available for viewing at St Leonard's Church.
- (b) Bob Taffel Acting President Willoughby South PA (WSPA) was introduced to raise the concerns regarding the Channel 9 redevelopment. Peter Bower of Oxley Street requested clarification as to whether WSPA was working in conjunction with WCC or as an independent group. Bob did confirm that WSPA were advocating in collaboration with WCC.
Bob outlined the history of the proposed redevelopment – in 2010 a concept plan was devised consisting of 660 apartments and a height 20 storeys. Community consultation did occur but was not taken into account when submitting the Environmental Impact Statement. Due to the scale of the development it went to the NSW State Planning Department and WCC were not involved. In Nov 2102 the 660 apartments were reduced to 585 and the height reduced to 18 storeys and a concept presented to Channel 9 and the community. It must be noted that the tower will not be

removed and that the 18 storey building is envisaged to be in the vicinity of the tower. Once Channel 9 and the NSW Department of Planning agree on a concept plan which should include height, public space including children's playground and park land it will go on exhibition for a period of 30 days to allow for comment. It is only after this process is approved that WCC will have some input into the design of the specific buildings etc. The NSW Department of Planning originally had a date of August 2013 for the Environmental Concept Plan to be submitted however that was brought forward to Nov 2012. A petition is to be submitted by the WSPA to the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell, the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard and the Director General, NSW Planning and Infrastructure, Sam Haddad on behalf of all residents potentially affected by the development, by the first week of March. See excerpt from Bob's email to all NPA members dated 13 February 2013.

"It has just been revealed that the final concept, submitted to NSW Planning on November 30, 2012, despite the voicing of much concern about the density and the building height proposed, includes 585 apartments and buildings up to a height of 18 storeys with others at 10 and 12 storeys. While the community generally accepts that a medium density residential development is a suitable adaptation of the site, Channel 9's proposal can only be described as gross over-development.

This is an important campaign within the Willoughby City area because of the effect it will have on the surrounding neighbourhood, it will set a precedent for all of the Willoughby City area. So, the more support we can get behind the petition, the better chance we have of achieving a reduction in density and building height – outcomes that are important for Willoughby as a whole.

With support from each one of you and others in your email address book and Facebook and Twitter links we hope to get at least 5,000 signatures to show evidence of the widespread concern about this project.

If you are concerned about the proposed redevelopment of the Channel 9 site and you want your concerns to be heard please click on the link below NOW! It will take you directly to the petition. Please fill in the requested details and then just click on the red "sign" button.

<http://www.communityrun.org/petitions/channel-nine-site-redevelopment> "

Fran raised concerns regarding the Electro Magnetic Radiation (EMR) and Bob said that discussions they had with the NSW Department of Education, given the short fall in schools, was that they would not and could not consider that site suitable for a school.

- (c) Kevin FitzPatrick (**Central Street**) commented "Today I visited NPA member Gordon Prentice who is now a resident of a nursing home in Roseville. Gordon lived since 1960 in Glenmore Street. He and his brother Sir William Prentice, previously of Olympia Road, both belonged to the local St Vincent de Paul Conference for many years and would periodically visit patients of RNS Hospital who had no visitors. Also last week NPA member Mary Teteris and her husband Hoy celebrated their 48th anniversary of marriage. Mary is now in a nursing home at Hunters Hill but continues to pay her annual subscription. Di Minett, head of the Naremburn Pre School showed me a significant piece of correspondence received from Buckingham Palace. It seems the Yellow Group of pre schoolers decided to send a congratulatory message to the Queen on her Diamond Jubilee. They said she lived "in a nice big house and hoped she had a really nice party to celebrate the event." To their surprise they received a letter with Buckingham Palace markings thanking them. It included a record of 6 pictures of various eras of the Queen's reign. Di has had it mounted and displayed in the Pre School. People are welcome to view it."
- (d) Martha Follent (**Garland Road**) advised by email that Beryl Batterham broke her hip in January, the day after New Year's day. She had a fall at home. It was the other hip to the one she broke previously. She was in RNSH and had her hip operated on and then was in Greenwich Rehabilitation Hospital until last Thursday. She is home now and doing pretty well. On the roundabout for rehabilitation again. Also Beryl turns 93 on February 24th. On behalf of the members we wish her a speedy recovery and a very happy birthday.

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of 13 December 2012 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Roger Promnitz Seconded: Margaret Stewart

3 NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Zoe Harpham and Ali Millgate

Proposed: Trisha FitzPatrick Seconded: Joann Morand

CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Milton Thalassinis, Elizabeth Thalassinis, Lyndall Jones.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a) School for Naremburn – No update.
- (b) Traffic Committee Report. The RMS has provided funds to Willoughby Council for improvements to the Willoughby Road/Merrenburn Avenue intersection in Naremburn. This is one of the worst Accident Black Spots in the municipality, and Council is keen to complete the works prior to 30 June as funding would then no longer be available.

The works envisage provision of kerb blisters on Willoughby Rd, a 1.2m wide pedestrian median strip between Merrenburn Avenue and Dodds Street, and a pedestrian and bike refuge immediately south of the Merrenburn Avenue intersection, plus the relocation of Stop signs and line markings to improve sight distance for traffic exiting Merrenburn Avenue. Submissions have been received by Cr. Stuart Coppock from some residents seeking further community consultation prior to works being commenced. NPA representatives have also made submissions, but are generally supportive of the project and are keen to avoid any delays which may jeopardise project funding.

- (c) Willoughby Local Environment Plan 2012 has been gazetted as from 31 January 2013.
- (d) Nine Network potential site redevelopment – As per Open Forum and presentation by Bob Taffel.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

In

- a) 23/12/2013 – email – Peter Bower – Ward Councillors not attending NPA meetings
- b) 24/12/2013 – email – Brian Chapman – not receiving emails
- c) 30/12/2013 – email – Bob Taffel – Channel 9 Objection from a Richmond Ave Resident
- d) 09/01/2013 – email – Felicity McCullum, WCC – Earth Hour Saturday 23 March 2013
- e) 15/01/2013 – email – Peter Bower – North Sydney Council DA-451/2012
- f) 18/01/2013 – email – Geoffrey Gemmell – Bells for St Leonard’s church have arrived
- g) 18/01/2013 – email – Geoffrey Gemmell – John Tatham’s email and two speeches that were tabled at the 11 October meeting
- h) 18/01/2013 – email – Bob Taffel –Channel 9 – update - Environmental Statement Submitted; Outrageous Floor Space Ratio; Out-of-Context Building Height; Inadequate Consultation with Council.
- i) 29/01/2013 – email – Felicity McCullum - Earth Hour 2013
- j) 01/02/2013 – email – Bob Taffel – Channel 9 – Petition – redevelopment plans
- k) 03/02/13 – email to Ward Councillors - inviting them to the meetings
- l) 04/02/13 – email – Wendy Boynton, ABC – re Doing a documentary on the installation of the Church Bells in the early days
- m) 05/02/13 – email – Bob Taffel – Channel 9 Petition
- n) 05/02/13 – email – Bob Taffel – North Shore Times Photo and Article
- o) 12/02/13 – email – Bob Taffel, Channel 9 – Petition
- p) 12/02/13 – email – Nigel Smith – re invoice
- q) 11/02/13 – email – Carlo Forte re Zero Glow Package – Battery operated motion detection camera.

Out

- (a) 16/12/2013 – email – Jeff Knight, WCC – NM December
- (b) 24/01/2013 – email – Margaret Harte, WCC confirming guest speaker.
- (c) 27/01/2013 – email – Geoffrey Gemmell – advising information is available on website
- (d) 7/01/2013 – email – Felicity McCullum, WCC – RSVP for meeting
- (e) 27/01/2013 – email – Brian Chapman – Details are set up in NPA address book
- (f) 27/01/2013 – email – Peter Bower – response to 13 December email
- (g) 05/02/2013 – email – Wendy Boynton – acknowledging her email and to contact Geoff Gemmell
- (h) 13/02/2013 – email – Carol Forte re Battery operated motion detection camera, acknowledgement
- (i) 13/02/2013 – email – Bob Taffel, Channel 9 Petition acknowledgment

6. ACCOUNTS

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Vice President Roger Promnitz presented the financial report for the period 13 December 2012 to 14 February 2013.

NPA General Meeting 14 February 2013	
Financial Report - 13/12/12 to 14/02/13	
Opening Balance as at 13 December 2012	\$ 9,323.14
<u>Add: Income</u>	
Membership	\$ 40.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Advertising - N.Matters	\$ -
Interest	\$ 6.85
Other	\$ -
	\$ 66.85
<u>Less: Expenditure</u>	
Stationery/Postage	\$ 226.79
Meeting amenities	\$ -
N. Matters Publication	\$ 2,039.89
Misc	\$ -
	\$ 2,266.68

Closing Balance as at 14 February 2013

\$
7,123.31
\$

Variance

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Expenditure Approvals Requested

C Loecherer - Xmas supper - pizza	\$	98.00
F O'Brien – Supper supplies		19.82
H Kemp – Supper supplies		7.96
T FitzPatrick - Toner		68.00
	\$	<u>193.78</u>

That this expenditure be approved;

- Proposed: Roger Promnitz
- Seconded: Joann Morand

8. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

- (a) Chatswood CBD experiencing problems at the interchange with Forest Coaches taking up parking space – no resolution
- (b) Increased traffic in Penshurst Street on weekends noted
- (c) Channel 9 as per earlier report

Cultural Events

- a) Poetry in the Park last Sunday had good attendance however was cut short by rain.

9. WARD COUNCILLORS

No Naremburn Ward Councillors were present at this meeting. Letter written to each Ward Councillor to encourage their involvement and that they consult with each other to establish a roster for attending the meetings. No response was received from Crs Coppock and Sloane. Nic Wright sent through a late report. Kevin FitzPatrick requested that they be given a timeframe and that they provide a brief summary for the minutes.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Development Applications received since the December meeting – 9 tabled

DA-2012/469	12 Moonbria Street	Construction of carport
DA-2012/473	9 Ross Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and associated works
DA-2012/496	37 Station Street	Alterations and additions to include new garage, front verandah and associated works
DA-2012/498	43 Darvall Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and ancillary and associated works
DA-2011/345/B	25 Slade Street	S96 – Roof adjustment
DA-2013/1	10 Talus Street	Alteration and reconstruction of existing rear deck and new timber deck to replace existing terrace
DA-2013/5	45 Darvall Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and associated works
DA-2013/14	19 Waters Road	Alterations and additions to existing dual occupancy and ancillary and associated works
DA -2013/15	42 Slade Street	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling (Heritage Item) and associated works

NOTE: WLEP 2012 became effective from January 31, 2013. DA's lodged after this date must now comply with WLEP 2012.

(b) Bicentennial Reserve and Flat Rock Gully Advisory Group – No meeting currently scheduled.

(c) Events – Earth Hour: Viviane Leveaux attended a meeting with representatives from WCC and announced the NPA Executive Committee had made a decision not to run an event for Earth Hour this year but would support any endeavours of WCC.

Kevin Fitzpatrick reported that at the recent WCC Australia Day Awards Malcolm Lye of the Northbridge Progress Association was awarded Council's Citizen of the Year Award for 2013. He recommended that a letter be sent to Malcolm on behalf of the NPA congratulating him.

(d) Membership – A total of 119 financial members. Thank you to all our members who have renewed, made donations and for your continuing support.

(e) Naremburn Community Centre – Steven Head commented on the update of the Community Centre. The DA could not be considered until the LEP had been gazette. As this has happened the DA has been passed and the likely moving date will be July 2013. Next steps will be to go to tender.

- (f) **Naremburn Matters** – Zoe Harpham was welcomed as the new Editor for NM. Trisha FitzPatrick is driving the March edition and Zoe will take over for the June Edition.
- (g) **Naremburn Park** – Nil to report.
- (h) **Open Spaces** – Accident outside the Fish N Chip shop at the Naremburn shops has necessitated the replacement of the wall.
- (i) **Website** – Nil to report.

- 11 CIRCULATION OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK** – 12 Members, 4 Apologies from Members, 5 Visitors
- 12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** –. A motion was brought forward regarding subscription dues, however was withdrawn after a brief discussion.
- 13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** - The next **Annual General Meeting** of the NPA will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013 at the Naremburn Community Centre 7 Central Street, commencing 7.30pm. The AGM will be followed by the March General Meeting.
- 14. CLOSURE:** The meeting closed at 10.00pm.