

NAREMBURN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY April 11, 2019

Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central Street, Naremburn.

The President took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7:55 pm.

1. GUEST SPEAKERS

None

2. OPEN FORUM

K. Fitzpatrick – advised that the island at the freeway overpass is weed infested and there are two dead trees under the Naremburn sign near the shops. This area is understood to be RMS responsibility, and that Council should be contacted in the first instance to address the problems with the RMS.

Concern was expressed at the use of blowers sweeping debris into gutters. Whilst this is a difficult matter to police through council's compliance officers, it was suggested that the matter should be raised with the FWPA

It was reported that there is an apparent lack of street sweeping by council, with frequency possibly dropping from fortnightly to monthly or every three weeks.

G. Farrell – raised the issue of boat parking on Merrenburn Avenue. Cr Coppock indicated he will raise with council as a question on notice. The President indicated that he has been pushing for the traffic committee to keep Merrenburn Ave on the list of problem streets.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the General Meeting of February 14, 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Viviane Leveux

Seconded: Roger Promnitz

Motion Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

none

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Key Correspondence

	In	
13 Mar 2019	WCC	Acknowledgment of receipt of 70 Chandos DA submission
1 April 2019	WCC	Second round of consultation for Naremburn Community Centre Playground

The key correspondence list circulated with the meeting notice was taken as read.

6. ACCOUNTS

NPA Meeting 11th April 2019		
Financial Report - 14/02/19 to 11/04/19		
Opening Balance as at 14th February 2019		\$ 8,925.86
Add: Income		
Membership	\$ 360.00	
Joining Fees	\$ 35.00	
Advertising - N.Matters	\$1,245.00	
Interest	\$ 1.32	
Other/Special Event	\$ -	
	\$ 1,641.32	
Less: Expenditure		
Stationery/Postage	\$ -	
Meeting amenities	\$ 20.46	
N. Matters Publication	\$1,385.00	
Other	\$ 175.20	
Special Event	\$ -	
	\$ 1,580.66	
Closing Balance as at 11th April 2019		\$ 8,986.52
	<i>Variance</i>	\$ -

Bank reconciliation		
Balance per bank statement	11-Apr-19	\$ 7,406.52
Less Unpresented chqs & pre payments		
Prepaid Advertising (Forsyths)	\$ -	
Prepaid membership	\$ 65.00	
Other	\$ -	
	\$ 65.00	
Add Receipts not deposited		
Membership	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	
Advertising (invoices outstanding)	\$1,645.00	
	\$ 1,645.00	
Balance as per cash Summary	11-Apr-19	\$ 8,986.52
	<i>Variance</i>	\$ -

That the finance report be accepted:

Proposed: Carmen Loecherer **Seconded:** Barry Shaw

Motion Carried.

7. FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (FWPA)

The Roger Promnitz advised that the prior FWPA president and Vice President resigned last month and that he is acting President of the FWPA until the next FWPA AGM.

8. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cr Coppock provided a report in the AGM

9. SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS

a) DAs received since last meeting

DA-2019/15	75 Garland	Rear ground floor addition, rebuilding of existing deck and laundry room at rear, internal alterations, new windows, refurbishment of first floor balcony and associated works
DA-2019.29	24 Waters Road	Demolition of semi detached building
DA-2019 34	13 Garland Road	Convert existing single carport to double carport, demolition and reconstruction of cabana, changes to rear deck, addition of external stairs and associated works.
DA-2017/263A S4.55	2 Darvall St	Colour scheme change, window changes, relocation of toilet and associated works
DA-2019/39	54 Chandos St, St Leonards	Demolition of existing commercial building and construction of shop-top housing development
DA-2019/44	40 Dalleys Rd	Alterations on first floor addition to dwelling and associated works
DA-2015/402B s4.55	14 Merrenburn Ave	Addition of an ensuite to bedroom one within existing roof area
DA-2019/58	16 Dargan St	Demolish existing garage and reconstruct a new double garage with a new secondary dwelling above and associated works
DA-2019-59	37 Rhodes Ave	Alterations and additions to an existing semi-detach dwelling including rear two storey extension, facade restoration and associated works
DA-2019/61	17 Martin St	Re-roof existing residence
DA-2016/365	65 Brook St	Minor changes to alterations and additions to existing dwelling, first floor and associated works

b) Events

- The President advised that the Channel 9 site up for sale again. Since the Part 3a approval process has been repealed, any future changes would go through a Gateway process involving Council and the Department of Planning and Environment for assessment and ministerial approval.
- Council is seeking applications for seed funding for events. The Committee is considering applying for funds to run another community event around March 2020. Members are invited to make suggestions on the type of event to the committee.
- Don Swonell was invited to speak to some of the events being run by council. As part of Heritage Week – “Pub Tales” – a bus tour through four hotels . Orchard Hotel (ex Railway Hotel), The Willoughby, Great Northern, Flat Rock Brewery on May 4, 2019 1pm to 5pm

- Don advised that around 1500 people visited the Fauna Fair held on March 31 at Currey Park

c) **Membership**– as at April 1, 2019

2019 Annual Subscriptions for members were due on January 1, 2019 and are \$15 per person, or \$10 concession or \$10 concession for Ordinary Members, and \$10 per person or \$5 concession for Associate Members (from March 29, 2019. A \$5 joining fee now applies for new members, and for lapsed members, with the exception of current, financial members of the Willoughby South Progress Association, who are eligible for Associate Membership.

Under the constitution, persons who did not pay their renewal subscriptions by March 31, 2019 are no longer members of the Association

	Members	Associate	Life	Pending	Total
At Mar 31, 2019	73	3	2	0	78
At Dec 31, 2018	98	3	2	1	104

d) **Naremburn Matters**

Justine Lau has resigned as editor due to family commitments. A new editor is required and if anyone knows someone or has suggestions, they should contact a committee member.

e) **Open Spaces** –

Reminder that the Willoughby Local Centre Housing Strategy submissions closes 16th April, 2019. The President encourages submissions to make submission in your own words rather than using the ‘Have your say’ portal. Bob Taffel indicated that bullet point comments are suitable.

The need to have a Master Plan that takes traffic into consideration was raised, and could form part of feedback to council.

f) **Naremburn Action Group** -

Julie Waddington - Naremburn Action Group (NAG) reported that activity concerning over development of Chandos St is ongoing. It was noted that other commercial neighbours objected to the 54 Chandos St DA, and that a number of developments on south side of Chandos St are also proposed (Nth Sydney LGA)

10. OTHER BUSINESS

i) **Potential Merger with Willoughby South Progress Association**

The President welcomed members of WSPA to the meeting, and thanked NPA members for responding to the survey of a potential merger. Bob Taffel, former President of WSPA was invited to address the meeting.

Bob Taffel advised that WSPA will dissolve without merger, due to inability to find members to become WSPA committee members. At their last general meeting unanimous agreement was reached for amalgamation rather than winding up. WSPA see that NPA would be the best fit for merging.

2500 residents receive their newsletter, written solely by Bob Taffel since 2005, and consideration would be given to combining the newsletters which could result in increased advertising revenue based on interest expressed from potential advertisers.

WSPA has 50 paid up members.

A number of questions were raised including:

Q. Does Willoughby South have any conservations areas?

A. Yes, the number of areas and homes is unknown

(NPA has two conservation area covering around 250 homes)

Q. What is the timing for a merger?

A. No earlier than June 2019

The Secretary outlined the potential steps for a merger to occur through a change in the NPA constitution expanding the eligibility for Ordinary Membership to include Willoughby South. The meeting was told that anyone living in the Willoughby Local Government area is already eligible to be an Associate Member of the NPA.

Lengthy discussion took place on a potential name change to include Willoughby South in the name or removing the word 'Progress' from the name.

A number of residents believed that given the history of the NPA, that the name, including the word 'Progress' should be retained, although there was also acknowledgement of a possible need to recognise include Willoughby South, perhaps along the lines of "Naremburn Progress Association, incorporating Willoughby South"

Other members expressed concern that Progress Associations are not understood by the younger demographic currently living in the area, and that to remain relevant to the community, our name must change accordingly.

Cr Coppock noted that whilst there are some synergies in a merged organisation, that Naremburn residents respond differently to his newsletters compared to Willoughby South residents, and that a merger may result in the loss of the unique identity Naremburn has.

In the interests of time, discussion was adjourned, and the President thanked the members for their input

11. CIRCULATION OF ATTENDANCE BOOK –

a. Members: 15; Visitors:6; Apologies: 1

12. MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None for this meeting.

13. NEXT GENERAL MEETING

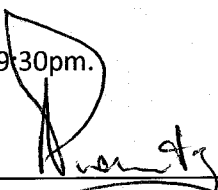
The next meeting will be on **Thursday, June 13, 2019**, at the Naremburn Community Centre, 7 Central St, Naremburn, commencing at 7.30pm.

14. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed 9:30pm.

Chairperson

Date



13-6-19

