

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2007
AT THE GREENWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE
46 GREENWICH ROAD**

Opening

After determining that a quorum was present the meeting commenced at 8.07pm with Pam Palmer presiding.

Apologies

Dennis Smith, Merri Southwood

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting of the Association held on 15 August 2007 were tabled and accepted.

Alan Winney proposed/Alison Bird accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 15 August 2007

Re proposed Jubilee celebration for the Community hall, after discussion it was decided that the election and pre-school activities meant that a suitable date could not be fixed. A party was suggested for next year. A tentative date if it was to be held this year was 8 December. Pam Palmer asked for volunteers.

Correspondence In

- Various development applications.
- Joe Hockey letter regarding an event on 21 September for Community Awards.
- Letter from Golden Whistler re Lane Cove bush care

Correspondence Out

Nil

Financial report

As per report tabled.

Regarding the Association's finances, Tom Lawson noted that the monies currently held were largely as a result of the fundraising to fight the second harbour crossing in 1982 and that the purpose is for non-political, broadly-based community activities. Pam noted there was also some money recently received from the Greenwich (Glenview St) Action Group of approximately \$400.

Current Developments - Waterbrook

- Helen and Terry Jones discussed Waterbrook "Stage 2" in Nield Avenue. Noted that the draft LEP is with the Minister.
- It was suggested that the DA won't be resubmitted to Council until the R4 rezoning is approved. It was suggested that local residents be leafleted and as appropriate, emailed. Consideration to be given to setting up a trust fund.
- Suggested that Stephanie Bashford be invited to explain the rezoning for development under R4. Councillor Rod Tudge noted that he will seek a longer period for exhibition at the next available Council meeting. He highlighted the over-riding power of the State Government to amend LEP's.
- Discussion concerning the Ridgeview access issues. However, it was noted that Waterbrook occupancy was underway and there was unlikely to be a material change to the fact that it has been certified for occupancy.

Committee Reports

Library

No report.

Lane Cove Community Alliance

No report

Shell Committee

An odour reduction program is being investigated as is the health effects of the installation. Tom Lawson advised that Shell has established a sub-committee and an auditor from London or Amsterdam is to visit the site to assess the impact of discharges on the local community.

There have been a number of deaths from cancer in the immediate vicinity which seem to be disproportionately large to the population affected.

The following health risks were identified by Tom Lawson

- Odours from ships. It appears that ships sometimes burn bunker fuel that is heavily contaminated when in port and that Shell is not monitoring them when they arrive. It was also noted there are many more ships moving oil into the Shell terminal at Greenwich than previously and through-put is up 40-50%.
- Tank emissions notwithstanding the use of carbon filters
- The onsite boiler

Tom noted that he had been invited to join the panel and other terms of reference were to be sought. He undertook to keep the meeting informed. It was noted that the December meeting of the Committee was to be held at Shell's expense on a leisure vessel on Sydney Harbour.

Traffic Committee

Landenberg Place residents are concerned about the speed of cars and inability to get out safely onto Greenwich Road. The meeting suggested that mirrors may be an appropriate addition to this location to assist.

Tunnel Action Group

- Agreed that after 11-12 years of activity a letter of congratulations would be forwarded to Ray Kearney for his Chairmanship. It was noted that June Heffernan has been appointed the new Chairman.
- Filtration remains an on-going issue and the Committee is still active.

GMCCA

- A new lease is progressing for the hall
- Lease rental to the pre-school not yet resolved
- Noted that the pre-school is undertaking a fundraiser for a fence to be constructed around the playground.

Councillors' Reports

- Bush track around Greenwich Point Headland. Tom Lawson mentioned that geo-technical work has been commissioned and that a party has been engaged to undertake rectification work to the landslide for approximately \$70,000.
- Woolworths have overcome all issues for the Lane Cove shopping centre redevelopment. Some minor amendments have been made in respect of the gymnasium. Work on the school drop off zone is commencing.
- Re Lane Cove West Bowling Club, a small number of people wish to investigate using the proceeds of any sale for a cultural centre and that the issue is being further investigated.
- A number of other options are being considered for a cultural centre within the Lane Cove municipality but it was noted that any construction utilising funds from sale of Lane Cove West Bowling Club could create the situation of a cultural centre requiring annual funding of an operating deficit.
- The meeting noted that Willoughby Council is currently investing heavily in a new cultural and civic centre.

Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.06 pm.