Greenwich Community Association

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, 46 Greenwich Road, Greenwich

12 December 2017

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

Present: As per the attendance sheet

1) Welcome

President Merri Southwood chaired the meeting and began by welcoming the large gathering of community members. She noted that the St Leonards South Master Plan topic had drawn the numbers despite the festive season. Given the significance of Council's proposal to amend its LEP and re-zone 60-odd current low-density homes to become R4 - high density residential would dominate the night's proceedings. Those attending were encouraged to make Councillors aware of any views. The GCA will be supporting those looking for resources to make a submission.

2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Suzanne & Michael Carr, Mayor Palmer and East Ward Councillors, Rod Tudge and Sue Robinson.

3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous general meeting

Draft minutes of the GCA's General Meeting held 18 October were tabled. Confirmation was deferred to the next meeting.

4) Matters Arising from Minutes

Deferred, per above

5) Correspondence (Secretary's Report)

Since the General Meeting of 18 October, 2017 the following correspondence was received:

Date	From	Subject
19 October 2017	Macq. University – Steven George	Proposal to support emissions monitoring at Gore Bay Terminal (phone)
20 October 2017	⁷ EPA, Christine Mitchell	Confirmation of Viva Energy compliance with Gore Bay Terminal EPL notices & variations. Is reviewing.
21 October 2017	Lane Cove Councillor Hutchens	Acknowledgement of GCA resolution to defer Council vote on exhibiting St Leonards South Master Plan proposal
24 October 2017	Macq. University – Steven George	Request to formalise engagement of GCA
25 October 2017	Lane Cove Council, D Wilson	Advice that all matters Gore Bay Terminal were more appropriately stored

4 November 2017	Macq. Uni – Mark Taylor	Formal request to engage with Macq Uni. re: Gore Bay Terminal emission monitoring
6 November 2017	Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal SafeWork Forum	Gore Bay Terminal to Clyde Pipeline
13 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	St Leonards South consultation process
13 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	Links to Emergency Response Plans for Greenwich Peninsula
14 November 2017	LCC, D Wilson	Postponment of Viva Energy's Community Information Evening
14 November 2017	NSW Minister for Planning, Hon A Roberts MP	Response to St Leonards South planning
15 – 29 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	Exchange of requests re: St Leonards South planning
27 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	Mayoral Civic Reception invitation
30 November 2017	Hon. Trent Zimmerman MP	Community Christmas Drinks invitation
30 November 2017	Dept. of Planning & Environment.	Invitation to St Leonards / Crows Nest Precinct forum
2 December 2017	Macq. Uni	Notice of EPA public prosecution of Viva Energy re: oil spill into Sydney Harbour 2016
3 December 2017	North Shore Times	Photo shoot request
3 – 6 December 2017	Lane Cove Council	St Leonards South planning – various

The following correspondence has been sent:

Date	То	Subject
21 October 2017	Lane Cove Council	GCA resolution to defer Council vote on exhibiting St Leonards South Master Plan proposal
25 October 2017	Lane Cove Council, M Mason	Request to lodge late submission on DA130-2017 33 Greenwich Road
25 October 2017	Lane Cove Council, D Wilson	Request to link SafeWork's Gore Bay Terminal Forum minutes to Council website

		more appropriately
27 October 2017	EPA, C Mitchell	Query re: VECS system monitoring
6 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	DA130-2017 33 Greenwich Road - objection
13 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	St Leonards South consultation process
22 November 2017	Hon Trent Zimmerman, MP	EOI – Armistice Centenary Grant Program
20 November 2017	Mr. B Buffier & EPA Board Members	Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal – Emissions Monitoring
24 – 30 November 2017	Lane Cove Council	Various responses re: St Leonards South planning
3 – 6 December 2017	Lane Cove Council	St Leonards South planning - various

6) Reports on activities of the Association

- a) President's report; (from the Chair) None additional beyond the welcoming remarks.
- b) Treasurer's report; (from the Chair) deferred to next meeting.
- 7) Notified Business
- a) St Leonards South Master Plan update

Background: a presentation was made by the President and Secretary to the meeting. A copy (.ppt) has been made available on the GCA website and can aid those interested in making a submission.

Resolution #1

- 1. The Greenwich Community Association (GCA) notes that
 - a. Lane Cove Council resolved on 15 October 2012 to establish a consultation strategy for the St Leonards South Master Plan (Master Plan) to inform, involve and engage stakeholders, neighbouring residents and the wider community
 - b. the St Leonards Community Liaison Committee ("Liaison Committee") established to "assist Council with the development of the St. Leonards Master Plan" comprised only Council staff, East Ward Councillors and two representatives from each of the St. Leonards/ North Wollstonecraft Community Association and the Marshall Avenue Action Group
 - c. the GCA was not included in the Liaison Committee notwithstanding that part of the area under consideration for re-zoning in the Master Plan is within the suburb of Greenwich

- d. the Liaison Committee, Council officers and Councillors did not involve or engage the GCA or the Greenwich community in the development of the St Leonards South Master Plan and only informed the GCA about it in early 2015, notwithstanding that Greenwich residents live within and adjacent to the area under consideration for the Master Plan and that Greenwich residents were likely to be significantly impacted by the development foreshadowed in the Master Plan
- e. the Greenwich portion of the Master Plan area was omitted from the Master Plan approved by Council on 13 July 2015 and residents of Greenwich have been excluded from the opportunity to secure balanced redevelopment that supports community objectives across the whole area as a consequence
- f. the selective inclusion of residents represented by the St. Leonards/ North Wollstonecraft Community Association and the Marshall Avenue Action Group without representation of Greenwich residents has resulted in division within the community with the represented residents securing windfall financial gains at the cost of unrepresented residents.
- 2. The GCA considers it unacceptable that
 - a. the composition and conduct of the Liaison Committee did not reflect the stated objectives of Council's consultation strategy for the Master Plan
 - b. the exclusion of the GCA from the Liaison Committee for the development of both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Master Plan has deprived Greenwich residents of the opportunity to secure balanced redevelopment that supports community objectives across the whole area and has served only to enable represented residents to secure windfall financial gains at the cost of unrepresented residents.
 - c. the development foreshadowed by the Master Plan will place unacceptable stress on the infrastructure of Greenwich and will severely erode the amenity of Greenwich;

and resolves to advise Lane Cove Council, the Greater Sydney Commission, and the NSW Minister for Planning accordingly.

Proposer: J Southwood Seconded: P Deane Accepted unanimously

Resolution #2

- 1. The Greenwich Community Association (GCA) notes that
 - a. Lane Cove Council (Council) is not required by the NSW government to provide the additional high density housing stock proposed under the St Leonards South Master Plan (Master Plan)
 - b. the outcome of the Master Plan will be to maximise the commercial return to property owners and developers within the proposed re-zoned area at the cost of community amenity and objectives
 - c. the Master Plan lacks the infrastructure required to create a vibrant, selfsustaining community
 - d. this will place unacceptable pressure on the infrastructure of Greenwich and the amenity of Greenwich residents

- e. the Master Plan area is included within the proposed St Leonards Crows Nest Station Precinct which is in the late stages of planning by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in conjunction with the Greater Sydney Commission
- f. the Interim Statement for the St Leonards Crows Nest Station Precinct outlines objectives to develop high quality and diverse residential areas that create sustainable and liveable communities.
- g. these objectives are not met under the Master Plan.
- 2. The GCA calls on Councillors to resolve to
 - a. cancel the Master Plan and put the community first, including by providing community consultation and not allowing more density without more infrastructure.
 - b. to include consultation with residents in all of East Ward that have been excluded to date and work with

(i) the whole community,(ii) other LGAs and(iii) NSW government authorities

to formulate a sustainable and liveable precinct that does not place unacceptable pressure on the infrastructure, amenity and character of Greenwich and all other areas included in the St Leonards/Crows Nest Planning Precinct.

Proposer: J Deane	Seconded: L Gill	Accepted unanimously
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Resolution # 3

1. The GCA notes that

(i) Council has called for submissions in respect of the Draft Plans for the St Leonards South Master Plan

(ii) it is important for Councillors to fully understand the concerns and views of all who make submissions and the context in which their submissions are made, including any personal financial gain they may make from the current proposal.

2. The GCA requests Councillors to direct Council officers, in compiling the report to Council on the content of submissions made, to issue a report in two parts, one part detailing submissions from residents within the proposed Master Plan area and the other part detailing submissions from residents who reside outside the proposed Master Plan area.

Proposer: D Turner Seconded: M Brooker Accepted unanimously

b) Armistice Centenary Grants Program – proposal to rename Shell Park

A follow-up of our submission to the Office of MP Zimmerman will be made. In the interim, a review the original naming of this park will be made by Dennis [Smith], to determine any restrictions in re-naming.

c) Votes of Thanks – consistent with previous years, and in recognition of their contributions to the GCA throughout the year, these along with a small gift are to be issued to;

i. the Newsletter distributorsii. Mary Ed Hartnelliii. John Taylor.

c) Preferred Weed Control by Council

Background: it was recently observed around Greenwich Baths that Council uses glycophosphate based weed control.

Motion: that a letter be written to Council requesting that weed control be conducted using non-chemical or other more environmentally responsible weed control methods (e.g. boiled water)

Proposer: L Gill Seconded: S Warden

Passed unanimously.

8. Report of Subcommittees

a) Greenwich Baths

Deferred to next meeting.

b) Gore Bay Terminal

The next in the Safe Work hosted GBT Round Table forums was held November 6, its focus on the pipeline. A level of comfort was obtained regarding Viva's management of the pipeline and its risks. Reportedly they impose the same inspection, safety and management regime on this pipeline and every other in their ownership. A more detailed report will be made at the next Committee Meeting.

9. General Business

None raised.

10. Councillor's Report

The Mayor and Councillors were not available to attend this meeting.

11. Close

The meeting closed at 10:30pm. Next General Meeting: 21 February 2018 (the AGM)