

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc

MINUTES OF GCA GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Community Hall
46 Greenwich Road, Greenwich.
On Wednesday 16th October

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Present: As per attendance sheet.

1. **Welcome** by Merri Southwood, President.
Thanks to all those attending.
2. **Apologies**
Francis Vissel (Councillor) – not available due to Councillors workshop
Andrew Zbik (Councillor) “
Penny Mabbutt
Jill and John Rabong
Kerin and David Moorehead
Trent Zimmerman
3. **Confirmation of Minutes of meeting 21st August 2019**
Minutes available to be viewed on GCA website.
Moved: Di Willis
Seconded: Ian Thomas
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**
To be dealt with under other items following
5. **Correspondence**
Details all available on GCA website and will be dealt with under the following
6. **Report on Activities of the Association**
 - (a) **Presidents Report** – no written report, see later items. However 2 items specifically.
 - Greaton and Top Spring have submitted for re-zoning review with Sydney North Planning Panel following Council's rejection.
 - Dept of Planning currently very disrupted (and slow to respond) due to staff transfers and reorganisation.
 - (b) **Treasurers Report**
Cash status – Year to date loss of \$119. Due to need for more newsletters to be produced, final forecast will be \$600-\$700 loss by the end of the year (slightly improved forecast).
Note: Cash reserve of \$12,000 still on deposit, available if needed.
Report be accepted.
Moved – Patricia Quealey

7. Reports of Sub Committees

(a) Greenwich Baths

Nothing to report

(b) Gore Bay Terminal

Air Pollution - still pushing for boundary monitors.

Noise Pollution – Viva required to continuously monitor. One elderly Wondakiah resident concerned about increased noise/vibration but no other residents have expressed concern. Possibly due to Metro tunnel works under the harbour.

(c) Bicycle Plan (Draft)

Don Murchison has reviewed Council's draft and the GCA has made detailed comments back to Council.

Now awaiting Council's response.

8. Councillors Reports

See earlier comments – no Councillors able to attend.

However the meeting acknowledged Councillor Zbik's very positive input (noting that he does not represent East Ward).

9. Notified Business

(a) State Significant Development Applications

Greenwich Hospital

- Over 200 resident submissions
- Noted use of site changing from just medical hospital to include residential.
- Residents' concerns included mass of buildings, overshadowing, loss of trees, change of use.
- Proponent asked to review.
- SSD therefore bypasses Council.
- Not sure whether further submissions will be needed in view of proponent's reviewed design or do original submissions still hold?
- GCA acknowledged the input of Doug Stewart (re this proposal and many others).
Doug was an Architect and a very active community member, who sadly passed away some 6 weeks ago.

International Chinese School

- Spoken to by Valerie Reynolds a concerned local resident.
- SSD – Willoughby Council bypassed.
- Up to 210 students proposed
- Access via Old Cemetery central road
- No covered external space proposed
- Wants to use public park playground and Gore Hill Oval as play space
- Deadline for submissions 24th October

- Note empty shell building (repair and extension) already underway
- Need sufficient objections to get referral to an IPC
- GCA so busy with SLS etc. that it does not have the resources to lead the process, but will make a submission based upon it being an inappropriate development – i.e. specifically – inappropriate location and lack of external space.
M.S. has already written to the group 'Friends of Gore Hill'.

(b) Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

- GCA concerned that within this statement SLS (unchanged) is the sole solution to Lane Cove LGA's future housing needs
- Noted all Councils are required to produce an LSPS
- Also noted all Councils are required to produce a Housing Strategy document
- Lane Cove Council has not done this
- Agreed residents should write to Council (copied to Dept of Planning) with their concerns. (Submissions close tomorrow 17th October 2019)
- M.S. will email out draft submission from GCA for review before finalising

(c) Draft Community Participation Plan

Comments due by 13th November

(d) Planning Proposals

- Andrew Zbik finally has his motion accepted at Council, for Council to request the Minister to impose a **temporary moratorium on the acceptance of future planning Proposals** – community cannot understand why it took so long for Councillors to agree to this motion
- **Top Springs and Greaton** had Planning Proposals knocked back by Council.
NSPP now to decide – hearing dates Greaton 24th Oct, Top Springs 6th Nov
Public not allowed to attend. Council is allowed to and will address NSPP.
GCA and others should write to DOP (cc to Council) to put the case against these proposals.
Contact at DoP is Ms Amanda Harvey
- **Telstra Site**
DoP recommending change to zoning to mixed use so that a combined commercial/residential development could occur (increased viability).
Grocon (developer) looking for 58 storeys of residential.
Council is against the residential proposal even though it has recently approved a number of similar developments.

- **SLS Update**

M.S. brought the meeting up to date with current status.

Council wants DoP to lead the design, however DoP will not do this, as it is not their role and it is a Council developed scheme.

GCA has asked DoP for an update.

General discussion on the way forward.

General frustration with response to GIPA by Council such that when pushed a number of times the information having been requested (and potentially paid for) is suddenly released for free into the public domain. This has now occurred a number of times.

Animated discussions from many attendees about the way forward and respective inputs to date (and projected into the future) specifically by the Mayor and GM.

David Astridge explained the need for a new Masterplan and the discussions he has been having with the Mayor on this matter.

Suggested resultant way forward as follows

- Encourage residents to address Councillors prior Council meetings
- Develop a petition (getting as many signatures as possible) and send to DoP
- Continue to discuss concerns and the way forward with Councillors and particularly with the Mayor.

10. General Business

11. Meeting closed: 10pm

**GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC
TREASURER'S REPORT
General Meeting 25 October 2019**

Membership - Individuals or families registered

195 as at 14 October 2019
200 as at 31 Dec 2018
234 at 31st December 2017
183 at 31st December 2016
276 at 31st December 2015

Accounts as at 14 October 2019

Trading for Financial Year to Date

1 January 2019 to 14 October 2019

(Profit and loss attached)

FY 2019

Gross Income: \$3,840.00
Total Expense \$3,959.67

Net Income (Loss)

\$(119.67)

Cash Book balance

\$4,372.29

Bank Statement balance

\$5,529.79

Cheques to be presented

\$480.00

\$677.50

**Statement Attached
Oct Newsletter
Printing - M
Southwood**

Revised Bank Balance

\$4,372.29

Term Deposit

\$12,989.11

Statement Attached

Estimated costs for remainder of year

1 Newsletter = \$480.00
Filing Fees \$100.00
Refreshments \$200.00
Unallocated \$300.00
Total \$1,080.00

Comments

Membership drive necessary (60 members min. required to break even – unlikely). An email campaign to prior year members who have not renewed is being organised for FY 20 but a loss of approx \$1,200 is forecast due to potential SLS costs.

John Southwood

Hon Treasurer