

Greenwich Community Association Minutes of General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Sailing Club Wed 9th Dec '20

Meeting opened at 7.40pm

1. **Welcome:** by Merri Southwood, President
2. **Apologies:** Penny Mabbutt
Valerie Reynolds
Helen Hattersley
Sue Yelland
David Turner
3. **Confirmation of minutes of General Meeting 21st October 2020**
Moved: Liz Walton
Seconded: Patricia Quealey
4. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting:**
To be dealt with under other items

5. Reports on the Activities of the Association:

President's Report

Activities are as reported in the GCA Newsletter and Mailchimp broadcasts.
See section 8. Notified Business for other items.

6. Councillor Reports

President stated all Councillors were invited to the meeting.

Councillor Vissel's Report:

Sporting Precinct (Lane Cove Golf Course) – Council's motion, agreed to proceed with works that do not affect the Golf Course.

Council will conduct due diligence, will proceed with DA, it will be primarily a sporting facility and Council will listen to prospective "operators".

Strong discussion ensued at the meeting re Council's proposals and community concerns re lack of knowledge and input as DA is firmed up.

A series of questions were asked of Councilor Vissel as listed below and Councilor Vissel promised to take these up with Council.

1. Will the new facility specifically include amenities for sport & for rec?
2. Will the new facility include more or less space for rec activities?
3. If the facility is to be privately run, will it first & foremost respond to the community needs, & not be just to maximize operator profit?
4. GCA requests a comprehensive traffic study, particularly due to the number of developments approved to interact with River Rd?
5. At what stage specifically will the community be given the opportunity to comment? This must be around the time of finalising the Design Brief & before any design competition & before DA drawings are commenced.
6. Can the community be given a copy of The Brief to Operators for comment?
7. Resolution passed:-
 1. *That the community be involved in the collaborative process of the currently proposed development*
 2. *That a space within the new buildings be set aside for community use.*

Moved: Tom Lawson

Seconded: Patricia Quealey

Bob Campbell Oval

1. Can residents be given access to copies of all Geotech & Environmental Reports as they are produced, including those already completed?

7. Treasurer's Report

Report was distributed at the meeting.

At the end of a very active year by the GCA the financial result was a small loss for the year Totalling \$350.99.

Cash book balance \$4999.40

Term Deposit \$13,179.40

Noting BCO costs excluding legals \$1,700

Legal costs (Dentons Lawyers) re environmental and Crown Grant issues and checking of GCA submission was funded separately by community members.

8. Notified Business

- Councillor Deb Hutchens passed away in November, she had not been able to attend Council meetings since Dec'17 due to ill health.
- GCA has written expressing condolences.
- Jill Payne passed away last Thursday ceremony to be held cnr of Richard St and Mitchell St. Jill Payne was Principal of Greenwich Infants School some time ago.

- **Greenwich Hospital**

Approved after IPC hearing with very minor changes.

Note LCC opposed the development.

Many community objections – but still passed.

Liz Gill asked what % of the area built will be hospital related.

- **SLS Council Meeting 11th May**

GCA has raised 3 concerns with the Office of Local Govt – summarised as follows

1. Poor/minimal response to community concerns contrary to Community Engagement Policy
2. Failure to provide the modelling for a reduction in density of 17% as proposed within Council's motion.
3. Statement by the Mayor that further community consultation would be 'Illegal'.

These referred then to the Ombudsman who has said he cannot change Council decisions.

GCA to go back to Ombudsman explaining again that we wish the process to be confirmed as a problem and for the Council to 'fix the process'.

- **Bob Campbell Oval**

After very intense discussions the following was resolved

1. *GCA is appalled that Council chose not to address the community input via 1600 signatures and 200 separate submissions, noting that Council put more weight on their own constructed, inadequate survey.*
2. *GCA is appalled that Council voted to proceed without any details or environmental input, but just based upon very initial outline sketches & information.*
3. *Council be required to make available environmental and Geotech reports as soon as possible including any technical reports and that no further action be taken until all necessary reports are completed and made available.*

It was agreed at the meeting that President Merri Southwood be authorised to apply for GIPAs as deemed necessary.

9. General Business

Community Concerns re Council's Decisions

Tom Lawson stated that it was obvious from the meeting that many community members have been unhappy with Council decisions and dissatisfied with some Councillors' input. He therefore urged members to consider how best to take positive action by giving thought to

working towards identifying new potential Councillors that would stand for election at the next Local Govt elections planned for later in 2021.

It was noted at the meeting that copies of the resolutions passed at this meeting will be forwarded to all Councillors and the General Manager (as is normal procedure where these resolutions involve Council's actions).

Meeting closed at 10.10pm