

**DRAFT Minutes of Community Meeting  
Greenwich Community Association  
23 Oct 2013**

**Meeting opened at 7.30pm at GMCCA Hall, Greenwich Road.**

**Item 1**

**Apologies:**

Alan Winney, Merri Southwood, Mayor David Brooks-Horn.

**Present:**

As per the attendance book. Special welcome given to GM of Lane Cove Council, Craig Wrightson, Jane Gomall Exec Mgr LCC, Councillors Palmer and David Karpin.

**Item 2**

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Tabled and accepted by John May and seconded by Liz Walton.

**Item 3**

**Matters arising from Minutes:**

Thanks to Liz Walton for her work in coordinating and producing latest GCA newsletter.

Noted that distributor network operating well while trying to get all residents eventually on email list. Currently approximately 300 on list

Other matters arising covered in reports and in general business.

**Craig Wrightson was invited to address the meeting, before Reports on GCA activities.**

**Had 3 items to cover:**

**1. Greenwich Baths**

**LEASE:** From perspective of LCC, the operation of baths has improved under current management by Todd and team. Current lease due to expire shortly. Has been material improvements made during year to Baths, including hot showers, funded by LCC.

2016 marks 100 years of the Baths.

Communicated intention of Council to extend lease for another 3 yrs.

**MOTION put to meeting:**

**That meeting support concept of extending lease to current management.**

**Meeting unanimously supported the motion.**

2. **LICENCE TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT BATHS:** currently licence has been granted to serve alcohol for special functions such as movie nights, subject to condition that plastic cups, not glass, be used. Discussion re ways of avoiding potential problem of glass bottles such as by using padded insulated covers.

Friends of Greenwich Baths spokesman, Tom Lawson, noted good communication between current management, LCC and residents. Congratulated Andrew and Todd on baths having higher operating standards under their management.

**ACTION** GCA to write letter to Council confirming above conditions, including that hours of opening remain as per usual.

3. **PROPOSED BICYCLE PLAN**

Mr Wrightston outlined key elements of the plan, noting deadline for comment was Fri 13 Nov.

Strong views were expressed by various residents objecting to the proposal on grounds of destruction of natural bushland and existing path along the foreshore, safety concerns from pathway shared by pedestrians, cyclists, prams, dog walkers, and threats to wild life.

Noted that Council has policy of 'no bikes in bushland' and this proposal would contravene that. The general view expressed was that bikes and bush tracks don't mix.

Gaye White, as member of LCC's Bushcare group, spoke against the proposal.

Don Murchison, as Chair of LCC's Bicycle Advisory Committee, spoke in favour of the proposal.

Julianne Lacho, resident, expressed her concerns re the proposal.

**MOTION** put to meeting by President that

GCA write letter to LCC expressing support for safe bicycling but not in bushland or along foreshore.

All in favour bar ONE against.

**ACTION** Letter to effect above.

4. **PROPOSED PLAZA UPGRADE**

Mr Wrightson outlined key points of the proposal.

Objections were expressed on grounds that public land was being alienated to business, resulting in loss of public space and loss of mature shade trees. Other issues raised included heat generated and difficulty cleaning glass roof, uncomfortable cube seating and high costs.

John May commented that Phase 1 of the upgrade had been very successful and well received, and that Phase 2 should build on this.

**More information is available on LCC site with tight deadline for submissions being Fri 25 Oct.**

Mr Wrightson said Council invites community input and encouraged residents to register their email addresses on LCC website so they can be kept informed of proposals more readily.

**ACTION GCA to write to council communicating concerns to proposal expressed at meeting.**

**5. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR LCC IN NEW STATE PLANNING LAWS**

The meeting thanked and congratulated the Council for negotiating with State Planning Minister and achieving special conditions for LC to address factors such as view, overshadowing, heritage and 2 storey buildings. The zoning has also been retained for LC.

**Item 4**

**Reports on activities of the Association:**

**President's Report:**

- NYE road closures. Response to GCA letter to Council was that closures will be as per usual and not as occurred last year. Residents will be able to enter and exit, with proof of residency.
- 2 hr parking limit introduced for Innes St.
- Broad range traffic study being carried out.
- Hye Corp property group has offered to donate \$1000 for community project.

**Secretary's Report:**

No report as Secretary overseas.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Tabled as attachment. GCA funds stands at approximately \$17K, which includes a term deposit of \$11K due to mature in October.
- Items noted were that GCA spent \$1122 on top of LCC grant for bag share project to purchase 1,000 more bags to keep the venture active.
- This year to date, 211 households paid subscriptions totalling \$2680 which is higher than in previous years. Introduction of funds transfer facility as means of payment has had a positive effect with approximately 30% of payments using this facility.

## Item 5

### Reports of Sub Committees

Newsletter – already covered

ESS – bag share project going well

**Shell Reference Group.** Peter Walton reported group has not met since April 13 but is meeting later that week.

## Item 6

### Reports from Representatives of Community Groups

**Friends of Gore Bay.** Complaint made to EPA re Shell neutralising (masking) not reducing emissions. LCC supported residents, achieving a longer time frame for responses and the services of a technical consultant to assist residents with their technical questions about Shell operations.

## Item 7

### General Business

Suggested by member of Bath's management team, Otua, that information in Newsletter and GCA meetings be more directed towards young families in the area.

**ACTION Otua and Todd, as Bath's managers, to seek input from young families re matters of interest to them as residents.**

## Item 8

### Councillors report:

#### **Councillor David Karpin:**

Free wifi will be introduced to shopping precinct and other shopping areas.

Pottery Green temporary parking proposals – decision made to defer decision and open up to stakeholders for input.

LCC in very good financial position per se and relative to other councils.

#### **Councillor Palmer**

Council trialling a temporary, more liberal **tree policy**. Residents still need to apply to council to remove or substantially trim a tree, but height extended from 4 to 6m. More trees will be exempt, incl Liquid Amber, camphor laurel. No fee for tree removal approval for 12 mths. Residents can dispute council decision, seek opinion from Lvel 8 arborist and pay 25% of cost of opinion. Process will be same but height and range of trees increased.

Professional **dog walkers** now have to be registered.  
Councillor Palmer asked that she be copied in submissions by residents to ensure Councillors know what is going on. If sending letter, should request in letter that each Councillor be supplied with a copy.

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next Greenwich Community Assoc meeting 18 Dec 2013

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