



Greenwich Community Association Inc

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MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS	
1.	Welcome	Peter Deane, President welcomed attendees to the meeting. Welcomed Councillors David Roenfeldt and Mari Southwood.
2.	Apologies	John Southwood, Valerie Reynolds, James Douglas, Patricia Quealey, Mary Anne Parry, The Mayor, Katherine Mort.
3.	Confirmation of previous AGM minutes	Minutes of the last AGM Minutes 17 February 2023 Proposed: Peter Deane Seconded: John Fegan and Don Murchison
	Confirmation of previous Public Meeting Minutes of meeting 13 December 2023	Matters arising from these minutes will be dealt with throughout the meeting. Proposed: Peter Deane Seconded by John Fegan and Don Murchison
4.	Correspondence	
5.	Reports on the activities of the Association	Special thanks went to retiring 2023 Committee Members.
	(a) President's Report	PD read out his President's Report Please see document attached.
	(b) Treasurer's Report	PQ submitted a report and PD delivered this report. Please see document attached.
	(c) Membership Report	AW reported on membership. He thanked everyone present for their membership mentioning how vital it is to keep the Association viable. Total paid up membership currently approx. 250.
6.	Election of Office Bearers:	PD invited Councillor Merri Southwood to introduce the election of Office Bearers for 2024 process. MS thanked the exiting Committee and stated that there are 5 executive and 4 committee member positions available. On behalf of the outgoing Committee, Don Murchison thanked Peter Deane for his tireless, volunteer work as President. President: Peter Deane (Accepted) Nominated John Fegan (seconded by Peter Stavelly) Two Vice-President positions: (Accepted by both) Alan Winney nominated Peter Deane (seconded by Peter Stavelly) Don Murchison nominated Liz Walton (seconded by Peter Stavelly)

		<p>Treasurer: Patricia Queley (Accepted via email) Nominated by Peter Deane (seconded by Don Murchison)</p> <p>Secretarial Positions: Minutes: Karen Macalister-Hohnen (accepted): nominated by Rickie Deane (seconded by Chris Anstee) Correspondence: Julia Sharpe (Accepted): nominated by Candy Anstee (seconded by Liz Walton)</p> <p>Committee Members: (All accepted) Peter Stavely nominated by John Fegan (seconded by Alan Winney) Petra Mueller nominated by Jo Brennan (seconded by Helena Greenwell) Jo Brennan nominated by Petra Mueller (seconded Candy Anstee) John Fegan nominated Ricki Deane (seconded by Don Murchison)</p>
7.	Councillors Reports	<p>Councillor, David Rosenfeldt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing Reform: reflected on the forum held Tuesday 20/02/24 and how 36 affordable housing units is currently under discussion with St Leonard developers. Crows Nest is the focus for these discussions. - Having access to the State Labour Ministers is a benefit for Lane Cove Labour councillors such as DR and AZ.
		<p>Councillor, Merri Southwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reply to Cr DR's comments: Crows Nest is the only area being focus for R2 and R3 that will be in place by the middle of this year.
		<p>MS then commented on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psycho-social risk aversion strategy has been implemented for council staff due to the alleged treatment of the staff. Communication with senior council staff will now go directly through the LCC General Manager. - Recommendation is to go to the service@lanecove portal for any personal communication. Please copy MS when actioning complaints. - Comment from the floor mentioned not having heard of any other council implementing this type of action. The GM is concerned about the impact on his staff and councillors as well and this is his approach to risk management. - The GM is also considering taking the Public Forum out of the Council and holding them on another night. Again, this a risk management action so that councillors will not have to attend in person. <p>PD commented on the frustrating fences and boundaries being put in place to deflect the community from engaging with the Council. Members at the meeting agreed with this sentiment.</p> <p>JF shared an example of the obstacles the community goes through when approaching the council with public objections.</p>
8.	Notified Business	
	a) Planning regulations – proposed changes	<p>Covered in comments by MS above. Friday 23 February 2024 closing date for comments - DR commented that LCC will be using professional consultants to create a white paper to deflect a lot of the R2 and R3 changes.</p>

	b) Bob Campbell Oval progress	<p>PD introduced the issues that LCC has proposed alterations to the existing BCO redevelopment plans due to increased costs after a 2 years delay in capital works. This was proposed by the LCC GM a week ago and is on the agenda for Thursday 22 Feb Council meeting.</p> <p>DR spoke in defence of the alterations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural grass will remain as per original plan - Shortfall in funding means council needs to find funds to meet the shortfall. <p>LG stated that the piece of land under discussion is Crown Land and changing any part of the existing plan limiting public use will be against the Crown Land Act.</p> <p>The community members at the meeting couldn't understand where the cost savings are coming from by changing the existing 'agreed' plans for the BCO ie Adding a fenced dog recreational area that was never in the agreed plans.</p>
	c) Sports & Rec Facility progress	Councillors and residents have no idea of real progress, possible changes to spec and forecast final costs.
	d) Greenwich Community Garden	JS addressed the meeting outlining St Giles as the proposed piece of land for the Garden. Currently we have documents in place which are with the Bishop of North Sydney for approval for use of the land.
	e) SUP along River Rd (school to Sport & Rec)	No progress
	f) Cockatoo Island development	Sydney Harbour Trust development GCA not taking a big stand atm – but maintaining historical aspects is a priority.
	g) Greenwich Hospital	GCA is proposing the approval for a SUP going through the complex. Engages the residents, school children and the community. This has been accepted by Hammond Care (the developer/operator).
	h) Greenwich Wharf	No progress
9.	General Business:	
	a) Guest Speakers	The program will be announced later in the year.
	b) Hard copies of Newsletters	The IGA initiative to hold hard copies of the Newsletter has not worked. GCA will look at alternatives. Suggested the Pharmacy as an option.
10.	Other Business:	
	a) GCVAG	Gore Creek Valley Action Group – very active in challenging the Council for solutions and action.
	b) Bus Shelters	This issue is about the advertising panels in the Bus Shelters. There is no footpath clear visibility, and this becomes a hazard for pedestrians. Council has ignored community concerns to follow the Willoughby Council smaller advertisement panel solution.
	c) River Road Traffic Lights	River Road is causing an issue for Greenwich residents exiting Greenwich Rd. Problems and traffic delays need monitoring further.

	d) Gore Bay Terminal	<p>TL made comment on the crane still visible at Gore Bay Terminal. The use of the terminal is very busy at the moment due to the summer cruise ships traffic demand for fuel.</p> <p>MS – commented on a request for a meeting with Viva is in progress.</p>
	e) Greenwich Baths	<p>The new contract for 2024 is in place: During the week – there are no staff, free access to public (no cost) School Holidays + Weekends – the café is open and staff in place. Residents charged to enter.</p>
	MEETING CLOSED:	Meeting closed at 9.20pm
	NEXT PUBLIC MEETING:	17 April 2024 (see website for all GCA meeting dates.

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