



Greenwich Community Association Inc

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MINUTES FOR GCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS	
1.	WELCOME:	PD welcomed everyone to 2023 and the GCA AGM. Welcome also to our two East Ward Councillors. For voting and participation on the Greenwich Community Association Committee, nominees must be financial members.
2.	APOLOGIES:	John Southwood
3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS: a. AGM Minutes – 16 February 2022 b. General Meeting minutes 14 December 2022. Matters arising from these minutes.	a. PStaveley proposed, seconded by PQuealey b. Ricki Dean accepted minutes, seconded by Julia Sharp
4.	CORRESPONDENCE:	As per the Agenda. All public correspondence is available on the GCA website.
5.	REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:	
	a. President's Report	PD presented his President's Report. Copy attached to these minutes.
	b. Treasurer's Report	PQ presented the financial report – she thanked John Southwood for his guidance whilst in caretaker mode. Income from Subscriptions (2022 saw a decline in subscription numbers): \$4,614.10 Donations: \$531.96 Total Income: \$5,213.40 Less expenses: \$1,708.84 (reduction in expenses due to automating newsletter, etc Net Income for 2022: \$3,504.56 Total funds at bank: \$19,623.85 Report accepted Penny Mabbutt proposed and seconded by Julia Sharp.
	c. Active Transport Sub-Committee	Don Murchison commented on a couple of points: - the SUP along River Rd and its efficiency. - Bus Shelters aren't practical due to advertising. - St Leonards/Nicholson Street – new footpaths which are very narrow. - Proposed a Chatswood to North Sydney SUP, Lane Cove side of highway.

		<p>- Reached out for new members for this sub-committee.</p> <p>Valerie Reynolds: commented on the efficiency of the Willoughby example of SUPs. VR also outlined many other examples of SUPs within the community, both good and bad.</p>
	<p>d. Gore Bay Terminal Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Penny Mabbutt presented a motion to the GCA meeting: In light of the recent weekend work on the VIVA pipeline immediately outside of Viva’s fence line at Greenwich Rd and the construction of a large concrete base to support the erection of a very large crane just inside of the VIVA fence line on Manns Point (now insitu) and the fact that there are no longer community liaison meetings being organised by VIVA with our community that the GCA write to LCC asking:</p> <p>PM + PD read out the proposed motions for the GCA to forward to LCC. GCA members agreed to the following motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does Council have a formal process in place for ongoing communication with Viva Energy? Approved by GCA members 2. Has Council finalised the new leasing arrangement related to the Viva Energy pipeline use of public land under Greenwich Road and Shell Park? Approved by GCA members 3. Did Viva Energy have authorisation from Council to conduct this work on public land? Approved by GCA members 4. In regard to the crane and subsequent work being undertaken at Manns Point – What process has Council put in place to monitor work being undertaken on the the VIVA site and all work undertaken by VIVA outside of the site and its impacts on our community? Approved by GCA members <p>As part of attempt to develop a respectful relationship between Council and VIVA, these motions were moved by Penny Mabbutt and seconded by Peter Stavely.</p> <p>In response to these motions (as above), the following explanatory comments were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Merri Southwood commented that Council has had no formal engagement with VIVA since 2018. Council is rectifying this, and they will start to engage going forward. 2. Councillors were not aware of any updated leasing arrangements. 3. Mayor AZ made comment that VIVA is not required to request approval to perform major works on their site. <p>GCA to write to Council to request a formal response to the 4 motions.</p>
	<p>e. Greenwich Baths Sub-Committee – not active</p>	<p>TL reported on Greenwich Baths Users group who are meeting 16/02/23.</p>

		<p>LG commented that this is a “closed group” and does not necessarily represent the thoughts of the Greenwich Community.</p> <p>PD asked TL if he would like to share the minutes of their meetings with GCA.</p> <p>Merri pointed out that Councillors do not have a lot of detail around commercial leases involved at the Baths.</p>
6.	ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:	
	a. President	Peter Deane
	b. Vice Presidents x 2	Alan Winney
	c. Secretary (Meeting Minutes Secretary)	Karen Macalister-Hohnen
	d. Secretary (Correspondence)	Julia Sharp
	e. Treasurer	Patricia Quealey
	f. Committee Members	Candy Anstee; Martin Cunningham; Peter Staveley;
7.	COUNCILLORS REPORTS:	
	David Roenfeldt	<p>DR used the Lucretia Baths as an example of why Council can't afford to maintain certain major works within Lane Cove.</p> <p>DR outlined the S711 Work Schedule that allows Council to target areas of spending.</p> <p>Further discussion followed.</p>
	Merri Southwood	<p>Merri addressed SLS and commented on the levies accumulated. None of the developers have lodged DAs – very sad and disappointing for the current land owners in Park Road, as Council will not buy out their properties until Construction Certificates are received from Developers well after Development Approvals.</p>
	Andrew Zbik	<p>Explained how Councillors work within the Lane Cove Council business environment.</p> <p>AZ commented on the LCC Forest Strategy; Community Consultation is returning, and he also commented and thanked everyone who made submissions for Sport & Rec.</p> <p>The Urban Tree Strategy plans how to renew canopy and stagger the growth. In addition, what trees are more relevant to the local area (300 trees to be planted per year).</p> <p>New plantings occur in Autumn.</p> <p>Don proposed that residents have a say in when/how/why trees are removed. AZ commented that the Urban Strategy addresses this.</p> <p>The Council website has an online service to find out about tree removal – and to check to see if an approval has been granted.</p>
8.	NOTIFIED BUSINESS:	
	a. 266 Longueville Road	Noted by Councillors
	b. BCO – Public Exhibition closed 05 February 2023	Moving forward and in progress. TL asked when a report will be available. MS confirmed Thursday 23/02/23.
	c. SLS – Progress with Council's desire to control setbacks to green spaces	Noted by Councillors

	d. Sport & Rec Facility – Residents input until 23 January 2023	Noted by Councillors
	e. Footpath – Cliff face on River Road	Noted by DM
	f. St Leonards Over Rail Plaza	Noted – due for completion middle of 2023. LG commented on the incorrect use of the word ‘Park’ in terms of the Over Rail Plaza.
	g. Greenwich Wharf	PD commented that NSW Transport will progress as they deem fit. Watch this space but no-one has any information currently.
	h. Gore Creek Valley Action Group	No action at this stage. PD asked if anyone had any information.
	i. Manns Point	A proposal is still in place with Council. It is still on hold.
	j. State Election – suggested presentations by political candidates	DM has convened, in the past, a place where local candidates can meet and discuss their politics. This would be organised separately to any GCA event but supported by GCA. Andrea Wilson can forward information on these types of meetings. DM to follow up.
9.	GENERAL BUSINESS:	
	a. Guest Speakers	PD commented that GCA will promote speakers from different areas that would be of interest to GCA members during this year.
	b. Hard copy of Newsletters at Shops	PD to organise.
	c. Community Garden	JS commented that the process needs to be started – in particular, who to speak with at Council (Martin Terraschenko) Project named as: Greenwich Community Garden project. TL agreed the bottom of Vista Street could be a possibility.
10.	OTHER BUSINESS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Cunningham discussed the proposal of a Pickle Board court – location suggested would be close to the tennis courts at Leemon Reserve. The size required is half the size of a tennis court. - Merri also was thinking about more community events within the local Greenwich area. - Julia suggested a market. - AW called for thanks to PD for his role as President .
	Meeting closed at 9:35 pm	NEXT MEETING PUBLIC MEETING: 19 April 2023