



MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS		
1.	Welcome	MS welcomed everyone.	
2.	Apologies	Liz Walton, Liz Gill, Candy Anstee, Gill and John Rabong, Sue Yelland, Anita Jubian, Albert Jubian, Arlette Jubian, Mary-Anne Parry	
3.	Confirmation of previous minutes	Draft Minutes of 16 June 2021 Meeting Moved: Don Murchison Seconded: John Southwood	
4.	Correspondence	Liz Gill maintains every item of correspondence. If anyone needs to sight any of these please request via email to GCA.	
5.	Reports on the activities of the Association	Greenwich Bath Committee – no report tabled.	
6.	Councillors' Reports	<p>East Councillor Vissel arrived at 8.00pm FV drew attention to the LCC Snapshot on the LCC website Meetings and Agenda. A couple of points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BASIX Targets have been increased - Legal Costs of Council on the last month. BCO is costing LCC \$11,000 on legal advice. - Viva Pipeline – waiting for Native Title / Crown Land approval - 266 Longueville Road DA went ahead. The 10m bushland buffer reduced. <p>FV highlighted an LCC initiative called Lane Cove's Festival by the River scheduled for 1-14 November 2021. A program can be found on the website.</p> <p>Tom Lawson asked FV to comment on planting adjacent to Greenwich Baths. FV will follow up with LCC and investigate both parts of the works already done.</p> <p>Tom made comment that this area (around O'Connell St) is poorly maintained and mismanaged. He offered support by providing a report on the situation to FV.</p>	
7.	Treasurer's Report	<p>192 members as at 20 October 2021 (down from same period last year - 257) P&L statement at \$2051.60 Bank Balance at \$6,300.09 GCA Committee agreed to donate \$5000 to the BCO fighting fund. It is a pledge and does not show in the Treasurers Report. It will be paid from the fixed deposit when required.</p>	

		Website fees will increase going forward due to GCA Committee agreement to a total upgrade of the website. This is possible as the newsletter is no longer printed. Treasurer's report accepted by: John Fegan	
8.	Notified Business		
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonards Plaza commencement of works 	MS read highlights from the LCC snapshot. She asked if the residents adjacent to the plaza are receiving updates. Comments were that they weren't.	
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Course Precinct Sports and Recreation Facility Plan 	LCC approved the DA to go out for exhibition. Council is now preparing report – this need to be done for a project that is over \$30M spend which needs to go to Sydney North Planning Panel for approval.	
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Housing Strategy approved by DPIE subject to conditions 	LCC produced this strategy for 2031 – it has been approved subject to several conditions. The LCC GM has been given authority to respond to requirements	
(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Spring DA / proposed closure of part Canberra Ave 	This site is in the ownership of one Developer – 329 units are planned within the DA. The DA is on exhibition, and it will be reviewed by the SNPP for approval. All traffic will be using Canberra Avenue as the main access to car park and funnelled through via Duntroon Ave. The three sites that have already been demolished will be the site of their display units. The DA can be in place for up to 7 years before development must occur.	
(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33 Greenwich Road 	This site is now demolished. It will be a 90-bed aged care residential facility. Approved by LCC because it came in under \$30M.	
(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Wharf Upgrade Plans 	Consultation snapshot: - 237 submissions lodged - 68 drop-in session attendees - Over 18,100 people reached Next steps – Transport NSW are investigating options to further refine the design to address the feedback from the community. An update will be reported in the coming months. JS commented that the actual Wharf is listed as a Heritage building.	
(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website development 	Thanks were expressed to Dion Weston for all of his work so far with a commitment to reimburse him for any outstanding costs. Tom Lawson questioned how we could get the material uploaded in the interim especially at this busy time with elections, etc. He suggested that we ask Dion to provide an interim update whilst the new website was being upgraded.	
(h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Candidates 	GCA always hosts a 'Meet the Candidates' event during elections. This will be in conjunction with Northwood Action Group and Osborne Park Progress Association- the dates will be released shortly.	
(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Campbell Oval Master Plan update 	MS confirmed that the GCA reflects the community voice regarding the Synthetic Turf project and articulates its concerns. The GCA cannot take any further action.	

		<p>Natural Grass at Bob Campbell group addressed the meeting. MS introduced Mary Douglas and Martin Cunningham</p> <p>Three points were made</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BCO is a great deal more than a single sport oval: - a timelapse video captured hundreds of people used the oval over a 12-hour day 2. there is a better solution than synthetic turf. Natural Grass group has hired a specialist who is a soil specialist - \$8-900,000 for soil compared to \$3M for synthetic turf. 3. LCC has put a probity plan in place, and they regret the lack of community consultation. MC commented that the community would regret, in the future, if nothing had been done about this situation. <p>Consequently, the community is polarised. MC is fearful that this is happening. Natural Grass at Bob Campbell group thanked everyone for their support. MC expects LCC to behave legally.</p> <p>If Council proceed (it will be a month into this before Christmas), it will be within the new Council's power to stop the project. If Rob Stokes releases his review, this would also be grounds to stop the project.</p> <p>Patricia Quealey proposed a 'Jack Mundy' style protest.</p> <p>Mary encouraged the community to sign up to the NGA group and talk about BCO with everyone in the Community.</p> <p>Tom Lawson commented that there is zero possibility of changing the mind of the current Councillors. But there are some points to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. work hard with the environmental solutions aligned to grass. 2. look to the next Council to overturn the decisions of the previous council. 3. BCO affects mainly people in East Ward therefore we need to persuade voters from the other wards and their candidates. <p>Mary Douglas confirmed that Natural Grass for BCO is currently following up all avenues including the young people of Greenwich.</p>	
(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage items within Greenwich 	<p>Some community members have raised issues about Heritage listed locations within Greenwich.</p> <p>Committee agreed that this discussion be taken on by the next LCC Committee.</p> <p>There is a property in Glenview Street where a public road can be incorporated into the property. This property has now been sold.</p>	
9.	General Business	None	
10.	Close	Meeting closed at 9.20pm	