



Greenwich Community Association Inc

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MINUTES GCA PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS	
1.	WELCOME:	PD welcomed everyone. He also invited everyone to pick up a Greenwich Village Arts trail promo fliers
2.	APOLOGIES:	A late apology received from Councillor David Roenfeldt
3.	GUEST SPEAKER - Julie Dowsley (Bush Care in our Neighbourhood) - Last Special Meeting 19 July – Aboriginal Heritage Office Presentation	Julie was introduced to the group. PD thanked Julie for her excellent and informative presentation.
4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS: 21 June 2023	JS moved to accept the minutes. AW seconded
5.	CORRESPONDENCE:	This will be addressed throughout the meeting.
6.	REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION:	Reports will be addressed throughout the meeting.
7.	COUNCILORS' REPORTS:	Councillor Merri Southwood: MS complimented on JD's excellent presentation. Outlined and congratulated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024. Traffic Report: Bay St parking proposal in process; Greenwich Preschool safety parking solution – proposal to make Chisolm St one-way – this will go out for consultation. DM made comment about the difficulty of parking around the Kingslangly St school site. MS requested that traffic concerns be raised through the GCA which is in turn be raised with LCC – this would be the most affect way for action. PD commented that this is more a P&C issue and parents should take this up with the school. MS agreed to address other issues as they arise during this meeting.
8.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	PQ stated: Approximately 200 paid up members. Newsletter is emailed to approx. 2000 residents.

		Current costs are being covered by Membership fees and donations.
9.	NOTIFIED BUSINESS:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonard's Resident Action Group 	<p>PD welcomed Steve and Margaret Curley from the Northwood Action Group.</p> <p>Bill McGown is heading a new group which is busy dealing with the Canberra Ave proposed closure and SLS issues.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed closure of Canberra Avenue – serious concerns 	<p>This has to go before the Lane Cove Traffic Committee to be approved.</p> <p>There is unanimous support to wait until the development was completed to see what traffic issues might arise.</p> <p>On site meetings and community consultation has already occurred.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Campbell Oval Master Progress update 	<p>PD has consulted with the Natural Grass movement (Martin Cunningham) – two years will have gone by at the end of this year and no work has started on site.</p> <p>MC highlighted continued concerns about the lack of progress.</p> <p>MC is calling for more transparency and a formal explanation from the Council as to why it is going to take until 2025 for completion. (An update can be viewed on the LCC website).</p> <p>Members of Northwood Action Group agreed.</p> <p>PD will draft up a comment on behalf of GCA about this situation and the Mayoral minute requesting that the GM be given approval to drive the project forward, despite nobody knowing the detailed scope of works, specifications and programme.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackman Park – estimated resurfacing costs 	<p>\$2.5million to resurface the park with natural grass. Issues will arise as to what happens to the plastic refuse.</p> <p>This reinforces community concerns re plastic grass.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 266 Longueville Road 	No further action. Amended DA approved.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Hospital 	No updated news at this stage.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport and Recreation Facility Plan 	Project is underway. No one is totally aware of scope as negotiated by GM.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonard's Over Rail Plaza/Park 	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gore Bay Terminal 	<p>No updated news at this stage.</p> <p>TL explained that the purpose of the large crane is for refurbishing the tanks at the bottom of the cliff.</p> <p>TL also commented on the pipeline situated off Shell Park is currently under refurbishment.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Baths Lease 	<p>GCA received a period of community consultation, and the results of this consultation aren't available yet.</p> <p>TL outlined the three options for consideration for community consultation available on the LCC website.</p> <p>The consultation closes on 01 November 2023.</p>

		TL urged members to send Council an email if the standard questionnaire is inadequate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Community Gardens Sub-Committee 	JS outlined the current plans for the GCG. The site is still under consultation. Plans are in place for applying for grants and the community will be consulted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mann's Point 	No updated news.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Wharf update 	No undated news. PD noted that Huntleys Point is situated in a similar position to Greenwich and has been renovated in line with the environment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Transport sub-committee 	DM commented that there are no updates.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickle Ball 	No action taken.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership 	Membership is going well with good reception from our Newsletters. Membership must be maintained to cover recurrent operating costs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUP pathway along River Road cliff face 	TBC Must be completed prior to Sport & Rec Facility.
10.	OTHER BUSINESS:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial plaque for Ted and Jill Pain 	The GCA agreed to updating the plaque. LCC will be approached to refurbish the existing seat. JS to follow up.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy of GCA Newsletter at IGA 	The box has been re-installed at IGA and Newsletters are continually refreshed. MB suggested that the Newsletter also be put on the Notice Board – laminated.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Matters 	PD outlined that the meeting dates for 2024 will be reduced to 4 x Public Meetings a year, plus presentations. News can be disseminated via the Newsletters. TL commented that the new GCA external Presentations could be advertised on the website in an area other than in the Newsletter, and that meeting Agendas should appear on the website before meetings.
CLOSE	Meeting closed at pm 9.45pm	NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 13 December 2023