



Greenwich Community Association Inc

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MINUTES GCA PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.30 pm
Greenwich Sailing Club, O'Connell Street, Greenwich

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION TOPICS		
	WELCOME:	PD welcomed everyone on a very cold night.	
1.	APOLOGIES:	Tom Lawson, Sue Yelland	
2.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 19Apr2023	Moved: Alan Winney Seconded: Karen Macalister-Hohnen	
3.	CORRESPONDENCE:	Letter from Cr Bennison in regard to GCVAG re the Sports & Rec project.	
4.	REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION: details below		
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT:	PQ tabled a mid-year report as being: Outgoings of fixed costs each year almost \$2,000. We need approximately 150 annual membership fees to cover this cost. Cash in hand: \$6867 Renewed the term deposit for 3.95% Donations are welcomed.	
6.	NOTIFIED BUSINESS INCLUDING COUNCILORS' REPORTS:	Present: Cr Merri Southwood; Mayor Andrew Zbik and Cr Roenfeldt	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCO Master Plan Update 	PD asked MS to share the most recent information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same info as previous minutes The objection to synthetic turf has been vindicated from a report submitted to council from the NSW Chief Scientist. Blackwell Park will be an interesting test case when the renewal of the turf comes up for approval. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 266 Longueville Rd 	PD outlined that this project is intertwined with the Sports & Rec project. The Developer is looking to change the DA. The SNPP are reviewing the DA change due to objections from many, plus legal opinions from the GCVAG. There is \$32 million sitting in the Council's bank account received from the Developer. Whilst the GM has assured Councillors that this money is secure, there is a risk that should the developer not have his DA amended and therefore must provide a new DA, this is likely to allow less built area and the developer may then argue his \$32M payment is too much. This money is needed for the S&R facility.	

		PStav mentioned that we need to be vigilant once negotiations recommence.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Hospital update 	The changes to the DA is in process and will occur at some stage.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport & Rec Facility Plan (including GCVAG) 	<p>Tenders are due to close at the end of June. PD outlined the dangers of dealing with only 3 different building contractors, if 2 do not tender. MS outlined that the LCC GM proposed that the demolition of the site needs to start on 30 June. MS will put a motion at tomorrow night's Council meeting to oppose this proposal. This action should not occur until the Tender Review Panel has finished its work.</p> <p>PStav and PD stated that the \$75 million is not the issue, rather, being able to complete the project within the existing budget, as the \$75M is a gross all up budget and the construction budget is somewhat less as it excludes contingencies, etc.</p> <p>JS asked Mayor AZ about how much should we expect Council to receive from an operator running the facility? Mayor AZ replied that Council expects to receive \$310,000 plus \$145,000 Management Fee = \$455,000 per annum and that this was a conservative estimate.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonard's Over Rail Plaza 	<p>Scheduled to open in July 2023.</p> <p>DM asked Mayor AZ about the SUP which appears to be very sharp and dangerous. The location is more for the elderly, children and families to walk around rather than being an SUP.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gore Bay Terminal 	Ongoing discussions between Viva and Council. The crane is to do with refurbishment of the site.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Baths Lease (User Group input) 	The lease has expired and LCC is putting out an EOI in June.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCGardens Sub-Committee 	<p>JS outlined the existing plans as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site: most appropriate is the St Giles green space. The Church has approved the proposal, with conditions. Next steps is to approach LCC for a grant to develop the garden. LCC would need approval for spending money on Church/private land. Ongoing costs will need to be funded by other grants such as Community Grants, although the aim is to be self sufficient. Public Liability insurance needs to be investigated. Current quote from Garden Club Australia was very reasonable. A membership fee to be part of the Community Garden is proposed at being \$75 per member per annum. Hughs Park is opening this weekend – they received funding and is on Council land. Cr MS outlined that funds are available from Ward funding, but subject to review of application. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manns Point 	Ongoing discussions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenwich Wharf Plans 	Awaiting confirmation from Transport NSW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Transport sub-committee 	Not meeting at the moment. DM made comments about local SUPs.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickle Ball 	Cr MS made comment that Pickle Ball is very noisy. No proposal developed to date.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUP pathway along the River Road cliff face 	<p>LCC has applied for grants (for design only) from NSW Government grant process – but it was rejected and would need to be considered for the 2024-2025 budget.</p> <p>GCA believes that Council should budget for this in any case as the footpath is extremely dangerous as mentioned many times by DM. Cr. Zbik stated he would like to see works completed to coincide with S&R facility completion at the latest.</p> <p>\$7million is budgeted for bike pathways in Lane Cove.</p> <p>DM challenged Mayor AZ (as a Labour Mayor) and on behalf of GCA to do something about getting funds to complete this project.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSL 	<p>St Leonards South have formed a action group called “SLS Co-ordination Unit”. LCC asked all the Body Corporate representatives, all the developers; East Ward councillors, plus LCC regulatory officers to a co-ordination meeting.</p> <p>It was reported to be a fantastic meeting and will prove to be very active for processes during demolition and construction. The access to Canberra Ave has been difficult due to construction vehicles.</p> <p>Notes, that whilst Park Road residents were not invited, some attended and were welcomed.</p>	
7.	GENERAL BUSINESS:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New members and renewed subscriptions needed 	GCA needs 150 active members on an annual basis to cover costs. The drive is scheduled for 22/23 July and will be publicised accordingly.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other matters 	<p>Cr Roenfeldt commented on the update and administration changes to DCPs, plus the Residential and Waste Management.</p> <p>KMac asked Cr Roenfeldt about organic recycling. Mayor AZ answered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions currently ongoing with all local councils and a rollout of waste management is soon to be approved. - Red bin waste – organic matter will be collected from low density dwellings only (as now proposed) - Question about including it in the existing Green bin – contamination issues. <p>PQ outlined a waste initiative in Melbourne. Bins contained a strip of clear perspex that showed the contents of a bin.</p>	
8.	EXTRAORDINARY MEETING	<p>19 July 2023 Special Presentation by Aboriginal Heritage Office on the history of Greenwich and surrounding areas.</p> <p>JSharp outlined this free presentation. Karen Smith, Education Officer at the Aboriginal Heritage Office (at Freshwater) will talk about the different indigenous groups within our area, bush food, white settlement and much more.</p>	
CLOSE	Meeting closed at 9.00pm	NEXT PUBLIC MEETING 16 August 2023	