

# Greenwich Community Association Annual General Meeting

Held at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road  
17 February 2016

## Minutes of Meeting

**The meeting opened at 7:40pm**

**Present:** As per the attendance book

### 1) Welcome

President Tom Gervay chaired the meeting and welcomed Councillor Pam Palmer and all members of the Greenwich community attending.

### 2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Susan Robinson and Don Murchison.

### 3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the GCA General Meeting held 9 December 2015 were tabled.

**Motion:** The minutes are accepted.

Moved by Garry Draffin, seconded by Libby Hunter and passed.

### 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes were discussed during the meeting.

### 5) Report on the Activities of the Association

#### a) President's Report

The President thanked all the outgoing office bearers and Executive Committee members individually for their outstanding contributions during the year. He also thanked the Greenwich community members who attended the General Meetings during the year for their interest and contribution to the discussion and the many issues that GCA addressed during the year. These include assisting with the establishment of the Greenwich Hub, the Stop the Chop campaign, the St Leonards South Draft Master Plan, the input into the St Leonards South Master Plan on Bicycle and active transport issues, the many issues around the Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal, The Greenwich Baths Liquor Licence application, the Loftex Tower application, Council ward boundaries, the sale of RNSH land, the Greenwich Shops upgrade, the Bagshare scheme, the GCA social media initiatives. The GCA continues to be a member of and support the Better Planning Network and the Lane Cove Alliance. The GCA also supports Carols by Candlelight, Santa at the Wharf, the Greenwich Arts Trail and in 2016 the Greenwich Village Games. The GCA has 255 paid up members, some individuals some families in a total population of about 2000. This is a larger

membership than any other community group in Lane Cove. Overall it has been a good and successful year. The death of John May during the year was a loss felt by all.

### **b) Secretary's Report**

The Secretary thanked Tom Gervay for his work as President for the last three years noting his leadership and contribution in working through the many complex and challenging issues, which confronted the community during the period. Tom was always a calm presence in meetings, which were challenging on occasions but were always successfully managed. Tom kept us on track and focused. Much was achieved during his presidency.

Since the General Meeting held on 9 December 2015 the following correspondence has been received:

| <i>Date</i>      | <i>From</i>   | <i>Subject</i>   |
|------------------|---|--|
| Summer 2015-2016 | Lane Cove Bushcare                                  | Newsletter – Golden Whistler   |
| 12 February 2015 | James Goodwin A/Manager<br>Sydney Industry, NSW EPA | Acknowledgement of receipt of GCA Supplementary Submission dated 15 January 2016 |

The following correspondence has been sent:

| <i>Date</i>      | <i>To</i>   | <i>Subject</i>   |
|------------------|---|--|
| 11 January 2016  | Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel   | Planning Proposal 205/2015 for 1-13 Marshall Avenue, St Leonards |
| 15 January 2016  | Head Regulatory and Compliance Support Unit, NSW Environment Protection Authority<br>Email:<br>poeo.licensing@epa.nsw.gov.au<br>Copies to Greg Sheehy and Alex Bowlay | GCA Supplementary Submission 9 to EPA Review of Licence 661      |
| 25 January 2016  | Ms Poppy Papadopoulos, Viva Energy Australia  | Viva Energy Gore Bay Terminal                                    |
| 11 February 2016 | The General Manager, Lane Cove Council  | Foreshore Path Rectification Work                                |

### **c) Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Patricia Quealey proposed a vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditor, Brian Bird for his work in auditing the Balance Sheet of the GCA for 2015. The full Financial Statement will be uploaded on GCA website and a copy is appended to these minutes.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2015**

Total number of subscriptions received in 2015 was 274 – a record number. A total of \$5255 was received in subscriptions during the year.

The breakup of payment methods was as follows:

- 35% via EFT
- 42% in cash via the box in Pharmacy
- 23% in cheques

There is a positive trend in the decreasing number of cheques received (which we are charged to deposit) and reinforces the popularity of recently renovated Deposit box in Pharmacy.

## **OPERATING FUNDS as at 31.12.15**

At 31 December 2015:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Cash in bank   | \$4717.07   |
| Term deposit rolled over on 14 December 2015 for 4/12 at interest rate 2.45% | \$12,235.18 |
| Interest earned in 2015 (which is below threshold for tax return)            | \$251.64    |
| Interest earned in 2015 from CBA cheque account                              | \$0.44      |
| Total assets for GCA as at 31 December 2015                                  | \$16,952.25 |

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Total of membership fees for 2014 was \$2920, which was a record.

Total for 2015 of \$5255 was a great effort by committee and shows increased level of community support as well as increased subscription fee.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2016**

Subscriptions received up to the date of the AGM total 32.

## 6) Notified Business

### a) Proposed Council Merger

Tom Lawson addressed the meeting:

- The State Government is forcing the proposed amalgamations on local council throughout NSW. It was initially described as voluntary but now is compulsory.
- In its submission to the State Government Lane Cove Council established that it was financially viable but missed out on the undefined criteria of capacity and scale. The KPMG report commissioned by the Government on which the cost benefit of the government policy is based has not been released.
- Lane Cove Council have debated the issue at five meetings and there is much detail on the Council website. Lane Cove proposed a Joint Regional Authority with Hunters Hill and Ryde, which gives the State Government 90% of what it says it wants, but it was rejected out of hand.
- The State Government held a public meeting to receive community feedback on the Lane Cove, Hunters Hill, Ryde amalgamation, 300 people attended and 100 spoke. Final written submissions from the community are to be submitted by 28 February. Details are on the council website. However it is expected that the amalgamations will proceed.
- The process of amalgamation is only a guess but it is thought that all Councillors will be dismissed by July 1 and administrators appointed. Elections would be at least one year later, given the upcoming Federal election. Lane Cove will probably have only three Councillors in total, one for the East Ward. Council offices will probably move to Ryde. Staff will be terminated and some rehired.
- The State Government web page quotes a \$86 million saving which equates to a saving of about \$26 per person per annum. The chief gainers will be the State Government and property developers; the losers will be the community. The termination and relocation costs will be underestimated. It will be harder to speak to council staff. Ryde has a huge backlog of infrastructure while Lane Cove is reasonably up to date, so much of the expenditure will go to Ryde. Spending on bushland will be downgraded. Lane Cove Community Aid will be downgraded.
- Do we care? Individuals can make submissions to the Council Boundary Review by 28 February. There is also an Extraordinary Meeting of Lane Cove Council on Monday 22 February to determine Council's response to the proposed merger. Members of the community should attend. Also people should write to Anthony Roberts MP stating their views.
- Tom proposed that the GCA form a subcommittee to campaign against the amalgamation and link with others including the Lane Cove Alliance in doing so. In the eighties a very effective campaign helped stop the Second Harbour Crossing, which would have decimated Greenwich. The surplus from funds which were raised at that time form part of the current term deposit held by the GCA.

**Motion:** The Greenwich Community Association opposes the forced amalgamation of Lane Cove, Hunters Hill and Ryde Councils as proposed by the State Government and the GCA will actively campaign against it.

Moved Tom Lawson, seconded Tom Gervay and passed unanimously.

Given the short timeframe, a formal sub-committee to manage the GCA amalgamation campaign was not seen as optimal. Rather, it was agreed that Tom Lawson would convene a working group in this regard.

This matter was further discussed in General Business.

#### **b) Loftex Tower, Marshall Avenue St Leonards**

The increase in height of the Loftex Tower residential development in Marshall Avenue from 65m to 95m is now before the JRPP again and they will consult with the community. There has been no sign of this consultation to date. Nothing has changed since the original application. The VPA for this change in the DA will give Council \$8.6 million.

The Council has applied to the Department of Planning for the LEP change and the JRPP hearing to occur simultaneously.

The JRPP now comes under the control of the new Greater Sydney Commission.

#### **c) Berrys Bay Marina**

This proposed project is outside Greenwich and Lane Cove but is important as it relates to foreshore uses. The project is a marina and the issue is that many people consider the scale of the proposal put to North Sydney Council excessive. Public submissions close on 26 February 2016 and details can be found on the website [saveberrysbay.org.au](http://saveberrysbay.org.au).

### **7) Report of Subcommittees**

#### **a) Gore Bay Terminal Subcommittee – Merri Southwood, Convener**

Merri thanked the members of the Subcommittee for their enormous effort during the year and also to Tom Gervay who attended some meetings and who conveyed a balanced view at meetings especially with external parties.

All the DA/EIS data, which was expected to be released as part of that process, is now no longer to be made available with the withdrawal by Viva of the DA. This was announced at a neighbours meeting not a community meeting. Along with access to that data the improvements to the facility that were to be part of the DA works are now also lost.

The Subcommittee will now focus on the regulators and their areas of responsibility. The boundaries between them are not clear and each agency is limited by its own statutory powers.

The change in the ownership of Viva may impact on its commitment to the community. Their contact with the community is limited to its immediate fence line neighbours and the GCA has been excluded from the meetings.

The experience has been that letters do not generally work and there is a need to rethink the communication. Patricia Quealey noted that in a recent conversation with EPA officers in relation to her complaint about odour from the terminal they stated that Viva had told them that generally there was a low level of interest in the community about issues relating to the terminal. This is at odds with the level of interest expressed at GCA meetings over the years.

Report attached.

**b) Environmental Sustainability**

The Bag Share scheme is operating successfully at the shops but some new bags will be required in the future.

**c) Bicycle/Active Transport Subcommittee – Michael Ryland**

The Subcommittee has evolved over the year. The emphasis is now on looking at all methods of transport as alternatives to motor vehicles. The Subcommittee is now looking to contact the community directly through the website and in the future social media.

Some recent events:

- The narrow path on River Road from the school to the Golf Course had some safety issues through a rock fall earlier in the year. The Lane Cove Bicycle Committee is seeking to have the narrow section of the footpath widened.
- Encouraging riding to and from school is a topic of discussion with the Principal.
- The Greenwich Village Games are looking at alternatives to the running and cycle relays.

**d) Newsletter – Liz Walton**

Contributions to the Newsletter are always sought and welcomed.

Pam Palmer will draft a message from the Hub for each Newsletter.

Liz Walton will investigate the printing of a small number of A3 size copies to use for display on notice boards.

More newsletter deliverers are required. Anyone interested should contact Mary Ed Hartnell who coordinates deliveries.

It was generally agreed that the Newsletter has no advertising.

**e) Social Media – Michael Ryland**

A lot of work has been done but has now slowed down. It is hoped that the work on the Greenwich Village Games will help to move things forward.

## 8) Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members

Pam Palmer took the chair to conduct the election.

All positions were declared vacant.

Nominations for Office Bearers were called. All were elected unopposed. There were no nominations for Treasurer, which was left vacant for the Executive Committee to appoint at a later date. The following people were elected.

| <i>Name</i>     | <i>Position</i> | <i>Nominator</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Merri Southwood | President       | Tom Gervay       |
| Tom Gervay      | Vice President  | Merri Southwood  |
| Alan Winney     | Vice President  | John Southwood   |
| Stuart Warden   | Secretary       | Tom Lawson       |
| Vacant          | Treasurer       |                  |

Nominations for seven Executive Committee members were called and seven were duly nominated. All were elected unopposed. The following people were elected.

| <i>Name</i>    | <i>Nominator</i> |
|----------------|------------------|
| Liz Walton     | Tom Gervay       |
| Penny Mabbutt  | John Southwood   |
| Liz Gill       | Garry Draffin    |
| Michael Ryland | Tom Gervay       |
| Rod Tudge      | Pam Palmer       |
| Susan Robinson | Karen Coleman    |
| Piet de Jong   | Ian Meller       |

Following her election Merri Southwood took the chair and thanked Pam Palmer. She also congratulated the successful candidates.

The School P&C have been asked to nominate a representative to the Executive Committee and was agreed that when the nominee is known then they will be invited to become an ex officio member.

## 9) Councillor's Report

Councillor Pam Palmer reported as follows:

- Little Street Public Car Park (opposite Aquatic Centre and Civic Centre) opened in December with 200-space car park; lifts and entry foyer open for access. Community space and retail tenancy shell works are 80% complete with fit out proceeding in 2nd quarter. Apartments structure above is 100% complete. Internal fit out of apartment structure expected completion late 2016.
- Official opening for new Waterview Community Centre at 304-314 Burns Bay Road. Performance area, playground and landscape upgrade now complete and open to the public.
- New Blackman Park Hall and Amenities building opened (December).
- 266 Longueville Road - Senior's Living Development. In July Council resolved to approve the Development Model / Procurement Process outlined in the report which is to commence by calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced seniors living operators upon Gazettal of the LEP. The LEP was gazetted on 31 July, completing the rezoning and reclassification process. Bridge Advisory Group prepared the EOI documents and following the issuing of the EOI responses were evaluated and invitations sent to a short list of respondents for Stage 2 EOI which closed on 27 January.
- Rosenthal Car Park Redevelopment. The feasibility analysis has been completed with the outcomes and proposed way forward endorsed by Council in September. Now proceeding with finalising Agreements for Leases with major retailers and procurement of a Project Manager undertaken with tenders, now appointed. Stage 1 Concept DA lodged in December 2015. Capital Expenditure Review for the Project submitted to the Office of Local Government for their review.
- St Leonards Park and Plaza over railway. The cost consultant Rider Levett Bucknall has now completed a "Monte-Carlo" risk assessment on the budget estimate based on the developed design prepared by Aurecon / Architectus. Further consultant input is required to now finalise the response to TfNSW in accordance with their requirements.
- Next e-waste collection at Riverview, 16th April.
- NYE Alcohol-free areas have now expired so we are undertaking public consultation to have them re-instated for another 4 years.
- NYE road closures were a problem this year so the rules have been reviewed. NSW Police advised that from 2016 onwards, the traffic management arrangements will be as follows:
  - 5pm-8pm – Residents and their guests will be allowed to enter the road closure (with appropriate proof of address).
  - 8pm onwards – No access will be allowed into the road closure for anyone with the exception of emergency services.

- Vehicles will be allowed to exit the road closure at any time.
  - The TMP to be submitted to the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) three (3) months prior to the event.
  - NSW Police also advised that during the 2015 NYE event, it was observed that vehicles were parking in the middle of Chisholm Road approximately near 39 Chisholm Street to gain access to the park.
  - NSW Police recommended that in 2016, a 'No Entry' sign should be installed near 39 Chisholm Street for eastbound traffic. i.e. make this section of Chisholm Street one-way eastbound from the Greenwich Road/Chisholm Street intersection (southern side) up to 39 Chisholm St.
- Council amalgamations – to be announced 30 June so we are in caretaker mode.
  - Citizenship Awards now open for nominations.

## **10) General Business**

### **a) Lane Cove Historical Society**

Denis Smith reported that the Society is looking at resurrecting the jollyboat used in the Bicentennial celebrations. It is currently with the Sydney Heritage Fleet and the Society is considering displaying it in the Plaza for History Week and possibly another reenactment of the landing in Woodford Bay.

### **b) Forced Council Amalgamations**

There is only two months before decisions will be made so time is short. It was agreed that the setting up of a formal Subcommittee may be convened in parallel for work that needs to be done with a longer time frame. Tom Lawson will chair the working group, Tom Gervay will be the Executive Committee representative, Pam Palmer, Meg Gervay, Rod Tudge and Libby Hunter all expressed interest in being involved. Bill Henningham of the Lane Cove Alliance will be contacted. It was agreed that any public statements, correspondence etc would be directed through the GCA.

## **11) Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be held on a date to be fixed at Greenwich Memorial Community Hall, Greenwich Road.

## **12) Close**

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

## Appendices

GCA Audited Accounts 31 December 2015

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**GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

|                                   | 2015      | 2014       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                     |           |            |
| <b>CASH AT BANK</b>               |           |            |
| CBA Cheque Act                    | 4,717.07  | 3,446.24   |
| CBA Term Deposit                  | 12,235.18 | 11,962.88  |
|                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>               | 16,952.25 | 15,409.12  |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                     |           |            |
| Accumulated funds 1.1.15          | 15,409.12 | 16,967.98  |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for Year        | 1,543.13  | (1,558.86) |
|                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>      |
| <b>Accumulated Funds 31/12/15</b> | 16,952.25 | 15,409.12  |

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

|                                   |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                     |          |            |
| Subscriptions                     | 5,355.00 | 2,900.00   |
| Interest term dep                 | 272.30   | 339.05     |
| Interest cheque act               | 0.44     |            |
|                                   | <hr/>    | <hr/>      |
|                                   | 5,627.74 | 3,239.05   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                |          |            |
| Printing Newsletter               | 2,760.00 | 2,000.00   |
| Hub Survey                        | 0.00     | 1,108.80   |
| PO Box                            | 115.00   | 107.00     |
| Website/IT                        | 216.63   | 137.67     |
| Better Planning Network           | 500.00   | 500.00     |
| Refreshments/function             | 189.12   | 50.00      |
| Gifts                             | 159.60   | 83.96      |
| Public Liability Insurance        | 0.00     | 666.48     |
| Fee – Registration                | 53.00    | 52.00      |
| DFT change of constitution        | 45.00    | 0.00       |
| Petition expenses                 | 44.00    | 92.00      |
| Bank charges                      | 2.26     | 0.00       |
|                                   | <hr/>    | <hr/>      |
|                                   | 4,084.61 | 4,797.91   |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b> | 1,543.13 | (1,558.86) |

**AUDIT REPORT**

I have examined the Balance Sheet and supporting financial records of the Greenwich Community Association Incorporated in respect of the year ended 31 Dec 2015.

In my opinion, the Balance Sheet as set out above is in accordance with the supporting records as submitted and represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2015.



B E Bird FCA  
Honorary Auditor

Date: 31.1.2016

## Gore Bay Terminal Sub Committee Report



### **GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GORE BAY TERMINAL SUB-COMMITTEE (GBTSC) REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 February 2016**

#### **Background**

The rules of the Greenwich Community Association Gore Bay Terminal Sub-committee (GBTSC) were approved at a general meeting of the GCA on 7 May 2014.

The sub-committee was originally called the Greenwich Community Association Shell Gore Bay Terminal Sub-committee but its name was changed to the current name following objection by Shell to the use of the name “Shell” in a letter dated 16 July 2014.

#### **Objectives of the GBTSC**

The original approved objectives of the GBTSC were:

- 1. ensure that the operation of the Shell Gore Bay Terminal (which includes activities conducted on waterways adjacent to the terminal and infrastructure outside the boundaries of the terminal) is conducted and regulated by relevant authorities consistent with world’s best practice to ensure health and safety of the community and the environment of Greenwich and adjacent areas*
- 2. ensure that regulatory controls are implemented to prohibit the storage of petrol at the terminal*
- 3. engage with the owners of the real estate on which the terminal is located (‘terminal site’) and with relevant authorities to ensure that future development of the terminal site is compatible with the infrastructure limitations, character and amenity of the suburb of Greenwich*
- 4. seek advice from experts and other persons or authorities in order to implement its objectives*
- 5. consult with members of the Greenwich community and other communities adjacent to or impacted by the operation of the Gore Bay Terminal in order to implement its objectives*
- 6. health and safety of the community and environment pending exhibition of Gore Bay Terminal SSD.*

#### **Sub-Committee Membership**

The sub-committee members were:

- Jenny Bowen
- Karen Coleman

- Garry Draffin (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Tom Lawson (resigned 22/6/2015)
- Penny Mabbutt (Joint Deputy Chairperson)
- Ian Meller
- Stuart Warden (Secretary)
- Han Xiao
- Merri Southwood (Chairperson)

### **Meetings of the Sub-committee**

The sub-committee met on the following dates:

- 9 March 2015
- 15 June 2015
- 6 August 2015
- 7 October 2015
- 10 January 2016

### **Reports to GCA General Meetings**

Reports of the GBTSC were tabled at general meetings of the GCA held on:-

- 18 February 2015
- 22 April 2015
- 17 June 2015
- 19 August 2015
- 21 October 2015
- 9 December 2015

The report of the GBTSC to the AGM of the GCA follows.

I wish to acknowledge the continued tenacity of sub-committee members and their commitment to the objectives of the sub-committee. The focus of the group switched from preparation for the forthcoming DA and EIS for Gore Bay Terminal (until its cancellation in May 2015) to development of a better understanding of the role of the various regulators responsible for the site and to the drafting of a submission to the EPA in respect of the review of the EPA Licence for Terminal operations.

The review submission was a true team effort – each member took on responsibility for an aspect of the submission and all was completed in advance of the due date.

My thanks to all of you.

And thanks also to the GCA Committee for its support in advocating for the objectives of the sub-committee. Tom Gervay has been a strong spokesperson for the GCA at many meetings and Rob Hunter has been the most organised Secretary I have ever encountered – it is just very disappointing that he has crafted so many letters and had responses to so few. It is even sadder to note that I said this last year.

The reports that have been tabled by the sub-committee at the general meetings of the GCA provide a significant amount of detail about the focus and activities of the sub-committee during the past year.

It is not my intention to repeat this detail in this report.

This report seeks to highlight the issues that are the key areas of focus of the sub-committee at the moment.

### **Loss of access to technical data following the cancellation of the SSD for Gore Bay Terminal**

The Greenwich community understood, from August 2011, that a State Significant Development application was to be lodged for Gore Bay Terminal in conjunction with a change of product mix arising from the closure of the refinery at Clyde. This application would have offered the first ever opportunity for assessment of terminal operations by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Scoping Report for the development was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in January 2012. The project scope included works that would have enhanced the terminal site, such as removal of several tanks, in addition to upgrade of infrastructure to improve the efficiency of the terminal. Furthermore the exhibition of the application would have triggered the release of an EIS that would have granted the community access to data that has never before been required or made available.

Disappointingly, after three and a half years of community involvement at meetings and in reference groups convened by Viva, and assurances by Viva that release of the awaited technical data was just a question of time, Viva announced to a small gathering of residents in May 2015 that the development would not proceed.

This cancellation has meant that the long awaited technical data around risk profiles, emissions and other possible impacts will not be made available to the public after years of promises to do so. Nor does the community now have any commitment to the promised site improvements at the terminal, the carrot held out from 2012 – 2015.

### **Cancellation of the SSD represents a loss of an opportunity for a whole of government review of the terminal operations.**

**We are back to the silo effect of narrowly defined regulator responsibility.**

**We need to better understand the role of the regulators and the relationships between them in order to ensure community and environmental health and safety.**

Had the SSD proceeded, all regulators would have had input into the conditions of consent to works at Gore Bay.

Due to the SSD cancellation, there are no development consent conditions regulating the terminal operations, unlike operations such as the White Bay Terminal.

Furthermore, the 100% change in shareholder control of the terminal management and the changed approach to community engagement, has made it clear that we need to look to regulators to provide the controls that could have been sought as part of the SSD process.

Our challenge lies in identifying who these regulators are, what they are responsible for and where things seem to fall between the cracks. This is particularly the case when it comes to who must regulate what happens on the tankers and ancillary vessels and who must act when impacts of these vessels disrupt community amenity.

The sub-committee has identified that a key focus this year must be to forge better relationships with relevant regulators, to better understand their defined roles and to seek integration of controls in licences, permits etc related to the terminal.

**We must work with the EPA to secure as many health and safety controls as possible in the licence that governs the terminal operations but must recognise the statutory limitations of the EPA (real or perceived).**

**We must work with other regulators to supplement protection that cannot be offered by the EPA.**

The GCA made an extensive submission to the EPA in respect of the licence review in November 2015. The document can be accessed on the GCA website.

We understand that the review of the EPA Licence should be finalised in March but have no idea how many, if any, of our submissions will be adopted in the review.

We anticipate that the EPA will argue that some of what we have sought will be outside the legislative scope of the EPA, hence a focus on working with other regulators.

**Viva Energy has elected to discontinue communication with the broader Greenwich community by limiting its meetings to fence-line neighbours only and by refusal to invite a GCA representative to its fence-line meetings.**

**The GCA must continue to seek improve communication with Viva whilst adhering to the objectives of the sub-committee.**

From May 2015, Viva decided that the GCA will not be invited to attend its 6 monthly fence-line neighbour meetings. This marks an end to a long established pattern. It is hoped that Viva will review this decision, given the GCA's long history as a strong voice in the Greenwich community.

**The GCA must explore new avenues of communication, engagement with key stakeholders**

Letters just do not work if we want action. This is particularly the case when it comes to emergency management but applies generally to attempts to engage with regulators and relevant ministers.

The sub-committee requests the GCA to explore other avenues to ensure that the objectives of the sub-committee are furthered, particularly given the lack of engagement with Viva.

Merri Southwood  
President  
17/02/2016