

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at Greenwich Community Hall

46 Greenwich Road, Greenwich.

On Wednesday 21 August 2019.

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

Present as per the attendance sheet.

1 WELCOME by Merri Southwood, President

Thanks to those members of the community who were attending a GCA meeting for the first time and look forward to their future participation.

Thanks to Frances Vissel and Andrew Zbik for their attendenc

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor Palmer, Annette Keon, Bev Bennet, Liz Gill, Penny Mabbutt, Patricia Quealey, Kerin and David Moorehead, Liz Walton.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 19 June 2019

Minutes available to be viewed online on GCA website.

Moved that minutes be accepted, John Southwood and seconded by Peter Dean.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING 19 June 2019

To be dealt with in other items, including Correspondence, Greenwich Hospital, Submissions, DAs, IPC.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Refer **ATTACHMENT A**

6 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

• **(a) Presidents Report**

Merri Southwood expressed thanks to the community for its support in the IPC process and for the quality of the community's submissions, together with the support at the Lane Cove Council meetings.

Also thanked members of the GCA committee for their ongoing support

(b) Treasurer's Report

John Southwood also highlighted the excellent support and quality of the community submissions to the IPC.

- a) Refer to the attached report **ATTACHMENT B**
- b) GCA will make a loss of about \$1200 unless able to get more members or donations during the year
- c) Increase in costs pertaining to SLS re property and corporate searches, production of posters, additional newsletter etc re IPC.
- d) Will email all 'old' GCA members to consider re-joining GCA

Don Murchison expressed thanks to John Southwood for all the work and research he undertook for IPC.

Moved that the Treasure's report be adopted

Moved Don Murchison seconded Peter Deane

5 REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Bicycle Plan presented by Don Murchison

GCA has submitted a comprehensive Bicycle Plan response to Lane Cove Council with regard to their proposed 9 Bicycle routes.

The proposed Bicycle routes are mainly utilising pathways and off road alternatives.

Of particular interest for Greenwich is the opportunity for a viable Bicycle route from Greenwich to St Leonards.

GCA does not support the proposal for traffic lights at Canberra Ave and has proposed an alternative option of an overpass from Wilona Ave to Berry Rd. In response to the GCA submission the Mayor Palmer has said there are difficulties with an overpass and has suggested raising the level of the road with an underpass.

GCA supports the proposal of a bicycle route from 266 Longeville Road to the entrance of Lane Cove Golf Club.

Proposal for a bicycle path alongside or over the proposed St Leonards Plaza over the railway lines. Funding for the Plaza already available from the developers.

GCA supports the bicycle/scooter racks outside Greenwich school.

Access to the full report will be downloaded onto GCA website in response to question from Tom Lawson.

6 COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Frances Vissel

Refer ATTACHMENT C

Merri Southwood recommended IPC and SLS be covered later.

Frances updated on amendment to the Greenwich Hospital DA plan that it had been reduced by one story.

HammondCare will hold meeting at the hospital for the community on 28 August.

Small Grant program \$5000 for Greenwich School.

Three tenders for Head construction of the concourse, grandstand and swimming pool.

Petition for extending Lane Cove Library opening hours

In the recent Lane Cove Council meeting the issue re use of Glyphosate was raised in view of a recent court case. Some Councils have already prohibited its use. Andrew Zbik pointed out Council resolved that glyphosate not be used near schools and protective clothing to be worn.

Councillor Zbik

Put forward a motion at Council meeting for:-

- DoP to work with Lane Cove Council regarding SLS
- Council to accept offer of DoP to work with Council regarding SLS, based on outcome of IPC advice
- Council to undertake community consultation with regard to review of SLS, in response to the outcome of the IPC report and to include residents of East Ward
- Council to withdraw the Planning Proposal for SLS during the review process.

The motion as defeated.

Andrew Zbik's motion for a proposal to be put to the Minister for a moratorium on any further planning proposals for the SLS area in view of the IPC report was unsuccessful at the Council meeting as it was deemed not to be urgent.

Merri Southwood

IPC report highlights that SLS is an overdevelopment and it is not needed for Council's housing target.

It was decided at the meeting we needed to write to Greater Sydney Commission to determine what the housing target is for Lane Cove as Council has SLS as its sole housing strategy.

DoP will enter into discussions with Council and will advise of the outcome prior to the LCC meeting.

As Councillor Palmer was unable to attend this meeting, Merri Southwood summarised the items she raised during the conversation she had with her on 20 August.

Merri Southwood raised the issue that the motion put forward by Councillor Zbik at the Council meeting which was to have a moratorium on residential planning proposals specifically for St Leonards South, separate from the moratorium for Lane Cove LGA, was rejected as not being urgent.

It was then put to the meeting that GCA should support Councillor Zbik's motion with a letter to Lane Cove Council and to the DoP with the following resolution:-

"That the Greenwich Community Association requests Council to place on the agenda for its next meeting the following motion:-

'Council to seek an amendment to its request for a Moratorium on Residential Planning Proposals in the Lane Cove Local Government Area (Per Council Resolution 138/2018) to have a moratorium applied to the area subject to the Planning Proposal to implement the St Leonards South Master Plan (Planning Proposal No 25) as a matter of urgency, following the recent advice from the Independent Planning Commission, for a period of two years to allow Council time to properly assess the outcomes of the Independent Planning Commission advice and properly consider future plans for the area' "

Moved John Southwood seconded Ian Thomas.

Tom Lawson put to the meeting a suggestion that GCA should change its approach to Lane Cove Council and be more conciliatory with the Councillors. Merri Southwood responded by pointing out that GCA in its communications with Councillors had always been conciliatory and not been antagonistic. Peter Deane proposed that GCA write to the Minister to establish a process whereby we can implement the content of their letter to Council. GCA should also follow up with the DoP as the minutes of the Council meeting suggest that Council has not taken up the offer of the DoP to work collaboratively with it following the iPC review.

Meeting closed 10.05

**ATTACHMENT A
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

SENT

Date	To	Subject
20/06/19	HammondCare	Meeting
20/06/19	Dept of Planning	HammondCare response
7/06/19	HammondCare	Meeting
1/08/19	LCC	Cancellation of SLS
9/08/19	LCC	Community Land PoM submission
12/08/19	LCC	Bike Plan Submission
12/8/19	DoP	Meeting status of SLS
14/08/19	Dept Fair Trading	Annual Summary
18/08/19	C Clarke	KU lease

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Date	From	Subject
20/06/19	K Bissett HammondCare	Meeting
21/06/19	K Bissett HammondCare	Meeting
01/07/19	M McDonald DoP	Decline meeting with Min Stokes
4/07/19	LCC to GCA	Bike Plan Submission notice
9/08/19	LCC	Comm Land PoM ack
13/08/19	Lane Cove Bushcare	Winter Newsletter
18/08/19	C Clarke	KU Lease
20/08/19	LCC	33 Greenwich Road DA notice
	LCC	DA 201/2017, 85/2019,95/2019, 174/2018,171/2015, 85/2019, 79/2019, 65/2019, 177/2017.

Filing Fees	100
Refreshments	200
Total	1,800

Comments

Membership drive necessary (60 members min. required to break even – unlikely). An email campaign to prior year members who have not renewed is being organised but a loss of approx \$1,200 is forecast due to SLS costs.

John Southwood

Hon Treasurer

ATTACHMENT C

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR VISSEL

Have your say.

Customer Experience Strategy

Council is currently consulting with the community on a draft Customer Experience Strategy.

Lane Cove's Customer Experience Strategy has been developed to respond to emerging trends around the increased complexity of customer interactions and touchpoints resulting in more multifaced customer experiences.

The ultimate goal of the Strategy is to improve service quality, promote transparent and efficient interaction, enhance the level of public trust in government and drive better community outcomes.

Details and background information can be found on Council's website under Have Your Say.

Funding for Greenwich School

Council recently gave notice that it proposed to give \$5,000 in financial assistance to Greenwich Public School under Round 17 the Sustainability Small Grants Program of Council's Sustainability. Submissions closed 25 July.

The Annual Lane Cove Festival

Begins Friday 30th August with Launch Plaza Party at 3.30 pm and Opening of the Art Show and Art Awards at Gallery Lane Cove at 6 pm. The Festival ends with Rotary Fair on 13th October. The Festival programme can be downloaded from the Council website.

Proposed Aged Care Facility - Northwood Shops

You may recall that the above proposal was refused by Council on 18th June. Council's response called to rezone the site to B4 Mixed and a reduced built form.

On August 1st, the Department of Planning (DoP) requested to meet with Council and applicant to discuss previous Planning Proposal. Council re-iterated the points in its resolution and the DoP is now considering the next stages in the finalisation.

Greenwich Hospital Planning Proposal

Greenwich Hospital has revised its Plan in response to community comment and has organised an Information evening to be held in Pallister House on 28th August.

Update Lane Cove Swimming Pool and Grandstand replacements

Five tenders were received. Negotiations to take place with three of the Contractors before a final decision is made.

Request to Extend Library Hours on Sundays to 5pm

A petition was received and a Report included in Council's Agenda of Council meeting of 19 August. As you will no doubt recall Council has recently extended Library hours.

It was decided that no further changes to Library opening hours be made at this time, but that Council consider extending the Library closing time to 5:00pm on a Sunday after completion of The Canopy (Rosenthal Avenue site).

Rescission Motions at Council Meetings

I was asked if I could look up rules for Rescission Motions and agreed to do so and report back at next meeting.

South St. Leonards

Merri Southwood will give update on this issue.