

# Greenwich Community Association

## Annual General Meeting

Held at GCMA Hall, Greenwich Road

19 February 2014

### Minutes of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

Present: As per the attendance book

#### 1) Welcome

Tom Gervay welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the Constitution requires that all members of the GCA are Greenwich residents however the Executive may approve membership of non-residents. The Executive approved the membership of Rod Tudge as a non-resident.

#### 2) Apologies

Apologies were received from Alan Winney, Peter Walton, Mayor Brooks-Horn, Councillor David Karpin, Councillor Pam Palmer, Jill Pain

#### 3) Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous GCA Meeting held 18 December 2013 were tabled.

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted. Moved by Liz Walton, seconded by Patricia Quealey and passed.

#### 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

The issue of the flyer and newsletter addressing the Draft Lane Cove Bike Plan was raised. The President confirmed that the meeting considered the issue of the Draft Lane Cove Bike Plan in detail and after considerable discussion a vote was taken. The subsequent flyer and Newsletter, both approved by the GCA Executive reflected the majority view of that meeting. The principal objection to the plan was to bike paths through bushland.

#### 5) Correspondence

Alan Winney, the current Secretary is away and Rob Hunter gave the report. The GCA has received the following correspondence:

- An anonymous letter on the shipping activities of Shell within Sydney Harbour and attaching a flyer, which makes a number of claims about the operations of the previous vessel Whitnavigator and the current vessel Destine.
- An email from Karen Macalister-Hohnen on parking issues in St Vincent's Road and Gore Street. It was noted that these issues would be discussed later in the meeting.

- A letter from the Better Planning Network requesting support. This will also be discussed later in the meeting.

6) Reports on activities of the Association during the preceding year

a) Treasurer's Report

The current Treasurer Peter Walton is overseas and Patricia Quealey presented the report. Patricia proposed a vote of thanks to Peter for his excellent work in the role. Copies of the balance sheet and audited accounts were circulated. They will be posted on the GCA website. It was noted that the GCA operated at a small surplus for the year.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved Tom Lawson, seconded John Southwood, and passed.

b) President's Report

Tom Gervay noted that the outgoing 2013 Committee resigns at this AGM and thanked them for their contribution during the year – Rod Tudge, Alan Winney, Peter Walton, Patricia Quealey, Allison Bird, Tom Lawson, Liz Walton, John May, Todd McHardy and Rob Hunter. He also thanked the Editorial Subcommittee for their excellent work on the Newsletter – Alan Winney, Liz Walton and Todd McHardy.

Tom also noted that the GCA has been operating for 70 years in 2014 and to mark the occasion John May and Jill Pain are preparing a brief history of the organisation in its various forms.

Tom outlined the activities of the GCA for the year which included addressing issues such as:

- Ongoing operations at the Shell Gore Bay site
- Bicycle paths
- The work of the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee
- Better Planning Network and the NSW planning legislation proposals
- A Greenwich version of the Waverton Hub
- Parking issues at Greenwich shops, Innes Road etc
- Greenwich Wharf cleanliness
- Lane Cove Community Alliance

7) Election of Office Bearers and the Appointment of the Auditor

All office bearers stood down and Merri Southwood took the chair for the purposes of conducting the election of office bearers for 2014.

a) Minutes of Previous AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held 20 February 2013 were tabled and summarised.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted. Moved Rod Tudge, seconded Patricia Quealey and passed.

## b) Election

Merri Southwood thanked the outgoing committee for their contribution especially noting the improvements to the Newsletter and the establishment of the Bag Share Scheme.

All positions were declared vacant. All voters were asked if they were financial members of the GCA and all indicated that they were. The election then proceeded and the following people were elected.

Name	Position	Nominator	Second
Tom Gervay	President	John May	Rod Tudge
Rod Tudge	Vice President	Patricia Quealey	Libby Hunter
John May	Vice President	Tom Gervay	Denis Smith
Rob Hunter	Secretary	Tom Lawson	Liz Walton
Patricia Quealey	Treasurer	Meg Gervay	Rod Tudge
Brian Bird	Auditor	Rod Tudge	Liz Walton

Nominations for seven committee members were called and 15 were duly nominated and seconded. The Executive was required to make a decision on the method of voting and decided on a paper ballot with each voting slip listing the seven names chosen by the member.

In addition it was decided that each of the candidates be given the opportunity to speak for approximately two minutes in support of their candidacy. This was done and each candidate addressed the meeting. Proposers spoke in the case of candidates who were not present at the meeting.

The vote was then taken. The elected committee members are:

Name	Nominator	Second
Helen Smith	John May	Patricia Quealey
Liz Walton	Tom Gervay	Rod Tudge
Merri Southwood	Rod Tudge	Susan Robinson
Todd McHardy	Liz Walton	Libby Hunter
Liz Gill	John Southward	Penny Mabbutt
John Southwood	Liz Gill	Ian Mellor
Penny Mabbutt	Bill Karambalis	Ian Mellor

Following his election, Tom Gervay took the chair and thanked Merri Southwood. He congratulated the successful committee members and thanked the unsuccessful

candidates for their contributions and participation. He also reminded the meeting that there were many opportunities for others to participate in the GCA Subcommittees and invited people to volunteer.

#### 8) Report of Subcommittees

##### a) Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee - Helen Smith

The Lane Cove Council funded Bag Share Scheme was established during the year and is running well. Bags are checked, washed and replaced on a regular basis.

Liz Gill noted that there is another round of Council funding available for a new project if one can be identified.

##### b) Update on the Better Planning Network - John May

Over 430 organisations have now joined the BPN, which is currently seeking more funding to address the issues around the revised legislation, which is expected to be resubmitted to Parliament shortly. It is expected that this revised legislation will still contain issues that BPN will want to oppose. GCA has donated \$500 to the BPN. Individuals can also contribute and are encouraged to do so.

##### c) Newsletter publication and delivery - Liz Walton

MaryEd Hartnell organises the deliveries of the Newsletter and is looking for more volunteer deliverers to cover absences of the regular deliverers. BlueFit has provided support with the layout and printing of the newsletters. Two thousand copies are printed of each issue and delivered. Liz Walton was congratulated on her work on the Newsletter and lifting it to a new standard.

##### d) Bicycle Subcommittee - Rod Tudge

Rod Tudge is chairing the Bicycle Subcommittee established following the GCA meeting of 18 December 2013 and is calling for volunteers with appropriate expertise to serve on the Subcommittee. The heads of consideration of the Subcommittee are noted in the Newsletter. The Subcommittee when formed will develop specific proposals for presentation to Council for inclusion in their plans.

#### 9) Reports from Representatives on Community Organisations

##### a) Lane Cove Alliance

The Lane Cove Alliance continues to liaise with Lane Cove Council on behalf of their seven constituent associations including the GCA.

##### b) Greenwich Library

No report

##### c) GMCCA

No report

##### d) Gore Bay Reference Group

There will be one more meeting of this group after the Shell DA is released to the public. Issues that have come to light since the last meeting include:

- The circulation of the anonymous material about the operation of the Whit-navigator and the Destine on Sydney Harbour
- Press reports of the sale of the Shell downstream assets that could impact on the Gore Bay facility.

The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 7:30pm at the Greenwich Senior Citizens Centre 46 Greenwich Road.

e) Shell Gore Bay Community Group

There was discussion on the need to reactivate this group.

Motion: To form a Subcommittee to explore the issues related to the operations of Shell at Gore Bay with the Terms of Reference to be determined by the new Committee. Proposed Tom Gervay, seconded Ian Mellor and passed.

10) General Business

a) Alcohol at Greenwich Baths

There is no application by BlueFit for the service of alcohol at the Baths during 2014.

b) Traffic and Parking in Gore Street and St Vincent's Road

Karen Macalister-Hohnen addressed the meeting on the current traffic and parking issues in St Vincent's Road and Gore Street that have been exacerbated by the increase in Greenwich Hospital staff parking on the street. The matter has been taken to Lane Cove Council's Traffic Committee which has removed on street parking on the east side of St Vincent's Road in spite of a residents request that parking on the west side be removed. One proposal is that the Hospital staff use the parking at Bob Campbell Oval and the Hospital provide a shuttle bus. Karen Macalister-Hohnen agreed to put her concerns and proposals in writing to the GCA.

Motion: That the GCA investigate the most appropriate parking solution in St Vincent's Road and Gore Street and communicate this to Lane Cove Council. Proposed Rod Tudge, seconded John May and passed.

c) Traffic in Canberra Avenue and Duntroon Avenue

The issue of traffic in Canberra Avenue and Duntroon Avenue and its impact in the safety of children in the area was raised. Council did not support an earlier request by residents for traffic calming devices. The resident who raised the issue was requested to write to the GCA setting out the issues and the suggested solution.

Motion: That Traffic, Transport and Access should be included under General Business on the agenda of future GCA public meetings. Proposed Sue Robinson, seconded Karen Macalister-Hohnen and passed.

11) Councillor's Reports

No Councillors present

12) Close

The meeting closed at 9:40pm

