

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Greenwich Community Association**  
**16 May 2012**

Meeting opened at 7.40pm

**Apologies:** Tom Lawson, Peter Walton, Alan Winney

**Present:** As per the attendance book

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes of meeting held on 15 February 2012 were approved.

*Moved by Garry Draffin and seconded by Liz Gill.*

**Business arising from the previous minutes:**

To be dealt with as per the Agenda

**Correspondence in:**

Not available - Merri Southwood to email to attendees after meeting

**Treasurer's Report:**

No report as Peter Walton on leave

**General Business:**

**Community Noticeboard**

- Discussion as to whether noticeboard adjacent to crossing should be enclosed
- Merri Southwood advised that Anita Ng of Council has said that noticeboard in bus shelter will be replaced with enclosed section to be used for GCA and other community organisation notices and unenclosed panels either side for general use
- Pharmacist has offered wall to right of pharmacy as location for noticeboard
- Dion Weston agreed to contact owner of pharmacy premises to confirm availability of wall adjacent to pharmacy and to explore improvements to existing noticeboard near crossing to avoid untidy appearance caused by weather exposure

**Declaration of Alcohol Free Zones**

- Lane Cove Council is seeking submissions in relation to a proposed declaration of parks etc as alcohol free zones for New Year's Eve
- The meeting suggested that the restriction should apply for all special events when other councils have declared alcohol free zones
- The Meeting agreed that a letter to this effect be sent to Council

**Reclassification of Drainage Reserves and Easements**

- Lane Cove Council proposed to reclassify some land from community land to operational land to allow for sale of unused land. A reserve at the rear of properties in Ronald Avenue is included in the proposal
- A Public Hearing into the reclassification proposal will be held on 31 May

### **Greenwich Village Games**

- Christine Kirkwood, Secretary of the Greenwich Village Games committee, advised that the Games will be held 8-10 December
- Some of the teams are looking for captains
- The review is to be held on the Gore Creek Oval

### **Shell Terminal at Gore Bay**

- Shell has submitted a Scoping Report for the Gore Bay Terminal changes to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- Authorities including Lane Cove Council have responded to the report with their requirements for an EIS
- The timing of the EIS submission is not known
- Merri Southwood advised that Shell will be required to engage in community consultation before and after submission of the EIS. She commented that the scope of consultation by Shell so far is inconsistent as invitations are sometimes extended to large numbers of people and at other times they are limited to a smaller group
- Merri has advised Ben Scott of Shell that the GCA will not facilitate the community discussion that Shell must do as part of the EIS process as she felt that this was Shell's responsibility
- The emergency procedures exercise held on 29 March was poorly attended
- Liz Gill questioned whether the existing emergency services infrastructure could manage an emergency in a changed operational mode at the terminal
- The GCA is to write to Council to seek information from the Minister of Emergency Services as to the emergency plans for different scenarios especially in the light of the findings after the Buncefield incident
- John May advised that the Shell Gore Bay Reference Group was to meet the next week
- Discussion then followed as to the zoning of the Shell site and the provisions of the current LEP. If the proposed altered operation at Gore Bay is deemed to be changed so significantly as to constitute a change of use, the facility may be non compliant with the current LEP
- It was noted that the NSW government has two facilities for unloading of hazardous materials at Port Botany
- It was agreed that individual residents are entitled to pursue their own investigations in relation to the Shell site and shall not purport to represent the GCA in such investigations

### **Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel**

- Merri Southwood advised that the Council resolution to change the planning assessment process .was approved by Council without any community consultation
- Rules of conduct and appointment of Panel members are at the discretion of the General Manager
- Councillor Palmer suggested that two community members should be appointed to each panel. She is to put a motion to the next Council meeting to hold a public information session to explain the IHAP
- It was unanimously agreed that the Association should write to Council in support of this motion

**Sub - Committee Reports:****Environmental Sustainability Sub-Committee**

- Liz Gill advised that the design of the containers is still being settled
- Merri advised that she has not yet sent in the paperwork to obtain the financial grant – she was to delay until clear that plans would be progressing. She will check with Council as to final date for release of the grant

**Councillors' Reports:****Councillor Palmer**

- Pam outlined the details of the Little Street carpark development
- Funds are to be spent on Greenwich Baths in anticipation of its centenary in 2016.
- Wardrop Street carparking funding is included in budget forecasts
- There is no active program of fox control

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18 July

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.