

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
21 August 2013.

Meeting opened at 7.35pm at GMCA Hall, Greenwich Road.

Apologies: Peter Walton, Tom Lawson and Councillors David Karpin, David Brooks-Horn.

Present: 15 members as per the attendance book

Minutes of previous meeting: Issue raised by Kris Rosen that the attachment for the inclusion of points raised by 'Friends of Gore Bay' re Shell, was not attached to the draft minutes as indicated would be in the Minutes.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: The issue raised by Kris Rosen has been addressed and the 'Friends of Gore Bay' comments have now gone up on the GCA website as an attachment to the Minutes.

President's Report: President Tom Gervay congratulated editorial members for the production of the latest newsletter.
Comment was made by Kris Rosen that the Shell content in the newsletter was too heavily slanted towards Shell's stated position and did not include the concerns expressed by 'Friends of Gore Bay'.
It was agreed that the 'Friends of Gore Bay' will provide copy re their issues pertaining to Shell's change of operation, to be included in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, Peter Walton, a financial report was submitted to the meeting and is attached.

Secretary's Report: Reconfirming that the letter to the various local community organisations was sent out, generating one response.
The letter will be again sent out to the organisations prior to the next production of the GCA newsletter. It was also agreed that GCA should contact representatives of these organisations.
Still no response from Councillor David Karpin to original correspondence and subsequent follow-ups regarding parking issues in Innes Rd, Crowther Ave, Ronald Ave and Balfour St. Councillor Pam Palmer advised that Council will be undertaking work in Kingslangley Rd to address the problems with traffic issues outside the school.

Reports of Sub-committees:

- **Newsletter deliverers:** All areas accounted for.
- **Environmental Sustainability Sub Committee:** Successful launch of the bag share at Greenwich shops. Good coverage in the North Shore times. Many of the bags were given out but not enough are being returned. Need to produce more. Helen Smith to submit a proposal to Lane Cove Council for funds to enable GCA to produce more bags. In the meantime, GCA to authorise Treasurer Peter Walton to outlay \$1000, for production of more bags. Proposed by President Tom Gervay.
Update to proposed NSW Govt planning changes: Proposed regulation changes not in accordance with the White Paper.
The proposed planning changes to be submitted to Parliament in mid-September 2013.
- **Wardrop St Parking Sub Committee:** School was supportive of the proposed changes but subsequently changed their mind. Given the withdrawal of support from the school, the initiative is now closed.
- **Shell Gore Bay Reference Group:** Issue re points raised by Penny Mabbutt in the Minutes for 'Friends of Gore Bay' re key health concerns to residents with the proposed changes to Shell's operation. Minutes now up on GCA website.

Reports from the representatives of Community groups:

- **Friends of Gore Bay:** As already covered
- **Lane Cove Alliance:** Nothing to report.
- **Greenwich Library:** WiFi now available, password required.
- **GMCCA:** Councillor Pam Palmer updated the meeting on the pre-school with Kindergarten Union undertaking renovations to the general areas.
Accessibility issues for the Senior Citizens Hall. Renovations would require a budget of \$250,000.
Suggest that GCA should become more actively involved and should provide a representative.

Councillor's Report:

Councillor Pam Palmer reported that the proposed development at the Northwood Centre had resulted in a large number of NOs to the proposal.

The Shell Service station on Epping Road had been rezoned by the NSW Govt to allow for a 25 storey development on the site and the new owner is asking for some of the planning controls to be relaxed.

Council have gone out with building tender for Little Lane carpark with more parking and 9 stories.

Council's major project opened, Stokes Street Community facility with 6 apartments, community centre, child care and pre-school.

Lane Cove Plaza upgrade.

Greenwich Baths, construction of a new pathway.

Greenwich Road closure for the Naval Review, Council to be contacted by GCA to avoid the issues relating to access to the point and parking issues for residents, that arose with the road closures on New Year's Day.

Councillor Pam Palmer to look into the issue of a resident regularly driving onto the park area next to Greenwich tennis courts, at 5pm on Fridays.

Other Business:

Karen Macalister-Hohnen raised the issue of problems created by the substantial increase in traffic along Gore St and St Vincents Rd.

Cars parking on both sides of St Vincents Rd now means this has become one lane.

The on-going issues of traffic and parking in Greenwich has resulted in the need for a sub-committee to provide a stronger focus on these issues to be raised to Council.

The sub-committee will be Karen Macalister, Alan Winney Tom Gervay.

Liz Walton was unable to locate the benches that were donated by GCA and the Tennis Club as part of the Greenwich Public School's Heritage Path. Need to follow up with the school and to feature benches in the next edition of the GCA newsletter.

Liz Walton also raised her concerns re a number of traffic issue at the intersection of Greenwich Rd and River Road.

One in particular of drivers ignoring the only turn right lane going south at the intersection with drivers proceeding directly down Greenwich Rd

The must turn right sign is not prominent enough.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 23 October 2013