

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Greenwich Community Association**  
**19 June 2013**

**Meeting opened at 7.40pm at GMCCA Hall, Greenwich Road.**

**Apologies:**

Councillors David Brook-Horn and David Karpin, Peter and Tara McAlister.

**Present:**

19 members as per the attendance book.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Tabled and accepted by Patricia Quealey and seconded by Liz Walton

**Matters arising from Minutes:**

: Update on the first edition of the GCA newsletter in the new A4 format. Thanks to the newsletter committee for their work in the production and to Bluefit for their considerable input and cooperation.

Tom Gervay brought to the attention of the meeting the brochure put out by NSW Govt 'A Fresh Approach' to the new planning system.

**Correspondence:**

Booklet from the Greens re the new NSW Govt Planning System.

**Reports on activities of the Association:**

**President's Report:** Contact the North Shore times to create awareness of the launch of Greenwich Bag Share.

BPN meeting summarising current Lane Cove Planning code that has been developed over 30 years, being reviewed by NSW Govt. Resident will not be informed when major building changes go up next to them.

**Secretary's Report;:** No response from Councillor David Karpin to the letter sent from GCA, at his request, re parking issues in Innes Road, Ronald Ave, Crowther Ave and Balfour Street. **Alan Winney To follow up.**

**Treasurer's Report:** GCA fund stands at \$17,214. Still waiting for a cheque from Council for \$1950, being for Bag Share funding. **John May to follow up.** Expenses incurred, part payment for supply 630 yellow shopping bags, and printing for the notice of BPN meeting.

## Reports of Sub Committees:

**Newsletter deliverers:** Need a deliverer for River Rd east of Greenwich Road. Merri Southwood offered to do this run.

**Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee:** John May advised that the launch of Greenwich Bag Share has been postponed until 27/28 July. As John May will be overseas, Helen Smith will coordinate, Will have approximately 600 bags.

**Update on proposed new NSW Govt Planning changes:** John May updated on BPN Forum attended by Govt representatives including Brad Hazzard. . BPN has approximately 400 community organisation in NSW.

White Paper proposing current zones will no longer apply, all will be classified as residential. Greenwich Heritage will no longer be applicable.

80% of developments approved by Private Certifiers.

Community response to Govt White Paper by 28 June 2013

Merri Southwood highlighted that community consultation will be available but will be affected by overall Govt structure which is more economic development driven rather than eco/social

**Councillor Pam Palmer update:** Commented that councillors had a private meeting with Planning Minister Brad Hazzard. Discussed proposed planning changes, particularly issues pertaining to over shadowing, privacy and view loss. These are main DA problems in Lane Cove so requested complying development be limited to one-storey only, which would avoid these problems. Two-storey developments would then need to be merit-assessed by Council.

**Wardrop Street Sub Committee:** Bus stop not being moved into Chisholm Street as not being supported by Council as not on their agenda.

**Shell Gore Bay Reference Group:** Tom Lawson said there is one more meeting scheduled for September. Residents will need to respond to DA's when they are on display for the public.

Council to act as a facilitator with approvals probably not before 2014.

## Reports from Representatives of Community Groups.

**Friends of Gore Bay;** Presentation by Penny Mabbutt and Merri Southwood. Details of their presentation are attached.

After their presentation the point was made that the issue of mercury in Botany Bay from Orica has resulted in EPA undertaking a review of what Orica has been doing.

Friends of Gore Bay request that LCC have a similar independent panel to review changes to Shell's operation.

Sally Dowling suggested that residents maintain diaries of issues pertaining to noise, smell etc.

**Lane Cove Alliance :** Nothing to report  
**GMCCA:** Room down below was to be renovated now no longer on LCC's plan. Access for the Seniors still a problem.

**Councillors report:**

**Councillor Pam Palmer:** 28 June Planning review to consider amalgamation of Local Councils. LCC will not support the amalgamation.  
New Fence for the Greenwich Baths.  
Greenwich tennis court area, residents have expressed concern at the impact of the proposed changes to the children's play area.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Next Greenwich Community Assoc meeting 21 August 2013

**Friends of Gore Bay (FOGB) – Minutes**

- The Friends of Gore Bay is a community group formed last year to ensure the health, safety and amenity of the Gore Bay area. Representatives of FOGB presented to the GCA summarised the key health concerns relating to the changes Shell implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 and the plans Shell will soon submit to the authorities to expand their operations and allow the storage of more volatile products, including petrol.
- The FOGB have raised concerns with authorities over the importation and pumping of petrol almost 24/7 and the ability for Shell to store petrol once it completes its planned expansion. Shell refuse to commit to writing that it will store petrol. The building of a second berth will enable it to increase its productive capacity for competitive and economic gain at the expense of the local community. It will be able to rent capacity to other companies in competition with the Vopac terminal. Shell insist that it will apply risk management to ALARP principles (As low as is reasonable practicable) as opposed to ALARA (As Low As is Reasonably Practicable). FOGB also raised concerns over the ability for emergency response given Shell's location and their ALARP vs ALARA mentality. Since the changed operations last October Shell have been fined for numerous breaches of their EPA licence and there was a petrol leak on site, which was detected and notified by a resident to Shell.
- The AMA made a recent submission to a Senate Enquiry on Air Quality stating that the Australian Standards for harmful particulates and air monitoring requirements lag behind those in Europe and the United States urging Government to impose stronger standards. Shell are not required under their EPA licence to monitor air pollution and have previously said they would not install them as they do not know where to place them and they are too

expensive. Allowable noise levels also exceed those recommended for night time human exposure by the World Health Organisation.

- FOGB have lobbied the authorities to extend the upcoming exhibition period of Shell's DA from 30 to 90 days and the formation of a truly independent panel of subject matter experts to assess Shell's DA which is expected to be long and complex. The DA & EIS will contain very complex technical data and run to over **1000** pages.
- If Planning gets over 20 submissions to the DA and the EIS, it must refer the proposal to the Planning Assessment Commission which offers a far more independent means of assessment.
- To join the FOGB or get links to relevant information send an email to [fogbcg@hotmail.com](mailto:fogbcg@hotmail.com)