

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Greenwich Community Association
20 February 2013**

Meeting opened at 7.50pm

Apologies: Tom Gervay, Michael Coombs, Peter Walton, John and Judith McMahon

Present As per the attendance book

Minutes of the previous meeting: Tabled and accepted with change to PMC being P & C, moved by Patricia Quealey, seconded by Merri Southwood

Matters arising from previous minutes:

John May update re Wardrop Street parking.

Proposal is to move current bus stop around the corner into Chisholm Street adjacent to the School. P & C currently does not support this proposal as they say the bus has to be able to stand for some time and the pavement in Chisholm Street is not wide enough to accommodate the children, whereas the wide pavement in Wardrop Street is suitable. Still to be negotiated with the P & C and the School is the option to stage the children in the Goosh Centre, before boarding the bus in Chisholm Street.

Merri Southwood raised the question as to what has happened re Council committed funds for the proposed changes to Wardrop Street?

Cnr Pam Palmer felt money is still being retained.

Re Cnr Pam Palmer's recommended a pedestrian crossing in Wardrop Street, and it is proposed to have a traffic survey look at this and other traffic issues.

Cnr Pam Palmer discussed the issue raised by Michael Coombs regarding the storm water pipe at Greenwich Baths, and Council is looking at a structure to prevent children being able to access the pipe.

GCA newsletter needs to be sent to Lane Cove Council and to the 3 East Ward Councillors.

Reports on activities of the Association during preceding year.

Interim President's Report: Attached and to be posted on GCA website

Past President's Report: Merri Southwood to post report on GCA website

Treasurer's Report; To be posted on GCA website

Auditor's Report: To be posted on GCA website

Reports of Sub-Committees:-

ESS: - John May provided an update on the Bag exchange at Greenwich Shops with funds being allocated By Lane Cove Council. This is to be along the same lines as those being implemented at Lane Cove Shops.

Better Planning Network: - As GCA representative, Merri Southwood provided an explanation and update on BPN.

BPN, with more than 280 community groups, will be providing feedback to the NSW State Government on its proposed Green/White paper.

Of particular concern in the Green/White paper, is that the community will have little opportunity for input into future developments in their neighbourhood. BPN has developed an excellent website.

GCA NewsLetter deliverers:- New newsletter deliverers are vital to the ongoing success of GCA, and continued community support is needed.

Reports on Community Groups:-

Lane Cove Community Alliance Group:- Merri Southwood as GCA representative said group under Bill Henningham are currently mainly dealing with excessive developments in Lane Cove West, with over 2500 units.

GCA Library:- Jill Pain has indicated a need to replace Maureen Ackerman following her resignation from the library committee. Liz Walton has agreed to take her place, meetings twice a year, objective, ensure the library remains open.

GMCCA:- The Hall is managed by Annabel Burley, with Greenwich Preschool Being run by KU, who have recently signed the lease with an increase in rent. Maximum of 20 pack-away functions can be held per year.

Shell Gore Bay Reference Group:- Tom Lawson inaugural meeting of group Nov 2011, has 10 members and its next meeting will be held in Feb 2013.

Minutes of meetings can be accessed via Lane Cove website, but Tom Lawson has requested that the link from the GCA website be reinstated.

Shell study group on noise and danger expect to submit DA to State Government late March 2013.

John May mentioned that the EPA is delayed by community issues.

Tom Lawson highlighted smaller tankers stay longer, increasing the noise issue. Pumps on deck rather than below as with larger tankers, create more noise.

John Southwood said that the pipe between ships and shore needs to be modified to increase flow and overcome a bottleneck, and this needs to be included in the DA.

A question from the floor was raised about whether the current licence permit allowed for an increase in noise levels?

Cnr Pam Palmer advised that the current licence does allow for differing decibel levels of noise between day and night.

Merri Southwood said that EPA is responsible for all noise factors, whether it's on the ship or shore. She also proposed that GCA should provide a forum for discussion on all aspects raised by the various groups involved in the Shell Gore Bay Terminal operation.

Moved by Merri Southwood seconded by Tom Lawson

Tom Lawson requested that the community be informed of the availability of the Shell Gore Bay link in the next GCA newsletter, as well as including a link to the EPA website.

Update on Greenwich Baths:-

Presentation by Todd McHardy of Bluefit who manages the Greenwich Baths advised that he holds regular meetings with a group residents (Friends of Greenwich Baths).

He raised the issue re alcohol licence and said it is in discussion with Council and will also address the concerns of residents.

John Southwood said as the Baths are on crown land, this does not allow for an alcohol licence and this also applies to the Council Lease for the Baths.

Todd McHardy said that the nipper program has proven to be very successful as has the use by school groups.

Todd McHardy mentioned that he is keen on introducing more community events with the movie nights already proving to be successful.

Election of Office Bearers & Appointment of Auditor:-

All office bearers stepped down and Councillor Pam Palmer took the chair to conduct the election for new office bearers. After thanking Rod Tudge for having stepped in as the GCA interim president and acknowledging the excellent work by the committee, the meeting proceeded with the election of a new committee.

Position	Nominator	Secunder	Successful Candidate
President	Rod Tudge	John May	Tom Gervay
Vice President	Alan Winney	Patricia Quealey	Rod Tudge
Secretary	Rod Tudge	Helen Jones	Alan Winney
Treasurer	Patricia Quealey	Merri Southwood	Peter Walton
Auditor	Pam Palmer	Tom Lawson	Bryan Bird

Committee Members

Rob Hunter

Alison Bird

Patricia Quealey

Committee Members

Tom Lawson

John May

Todd McHardy

Liz Walton

Nominator Secunder

Tom Lawson Pam Palmer

Rod Tudge Pam Palmer

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Pam Palmer Rod Tudge

Tom Lawson Pam Palmer

Following completion of the election, Cnr Pam Palmer stepped down from the Chair, which was then occupied by the interim President Rod Tudge and the meeting resumed.

Rod Tudge thanked Cnr Pam Palmer and the GCA Committee.

Councillors Report

- Councillor Pam Palmer highlighted the issues that have arisen with the substantial developments taking place in Mowbray Road, necessitating the rangers having to visit 3 times a day with developers regularly contravening building regulations. Council have now banned excavation on Saturdays.
- New code of conduct for Councillors has been implemented.
- Councillors weekend away, budget process now under way at Lane Cove Council.
- Walk around the world – Rotary Fund raiser
- New development project at Carisbrook House necessitating construction of a new access road.
- Proposed new sporting complex at the Lane Cove Golf Course.
- Longueville Road Blaxland Corner 55 plus residential development, Lane Cove Council looking for residents input.
- Lane Cove car park, Council looking for expressions of interest

General Business

Manns Point New Year's Eve zoning review. Residents highlighted problems with parking restrictions that were imposed, resulting in some not being able to get into or out of their premises. The need to have the issue raised with Lane Cove Council was moved by Cnr Pam Palmer and seconded by Rod Tudge.

Priorities for the year:-

Wardrop Street parking, Shell Gore Bay Refinery , Problems with fishermen using Greenwich wharves, improvement to the GCA website, proposal to upgrade Newsletter. Move to new meeting room in the Browne Hall
Exhibition at Carisbrook.

Councillor Pam Palmer on behalf of GCA, gave a vote of thanks to Rod Tudge for having stepped in as the interim GCA president.

DA applications for Greenwich are available on the Lane Cove Council website:

78 Carlotta Street Greenwich	Ref No 223/2012
62 Ronald Ave Greenwich	Ref No 8/2013
22 Wallace Street Greenwich	Ref No 6/2013
7 Chisholm Street Greenwich	Ref No 155/2009
12 Wallace Street Greenwich	Ref No 152/2012
47 Gore Street Greenwich	Ref No 215/2012
6-8 Evelyn Street Greenwich	Ref No 216/2012
16 Ford Street Greenwich	Ref No 221/2012
10 Crowther Ave Greenwich	Ref No 211/2012
78 Carlotta Street Greenwich	Ref No 223/2012
15 ValleyView Crescent Greenwich	Ref No 34/2012
8 Bent Street Greenwich	Ref No 228/2012
19 Glenview Street Greenwich	Ref No 134/2011
26 George Street Greenwich	Ref No 140/2012
5 Innes Road Greenwich	Ref No 17/2013

11 Bay Street Greenwich
Meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Ref No 11/2013