

Minutes of
Greenwich Community Association
Meeting
17th August 2011

Meeting opened at 7.45 pm

Apologies : Helen and Terry Jones, Alan Winney, Councillor David Brooks-Horn.

Present: As per attendance book.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Minutes of the previous meeting held 18 May 2011 were read and approved subject to amendments to Item 4 of Special Business and Item 4 of Councillor Palmer's report. *Moved Dion Weston/ seconded Pam Palmer*

Business arising from previous minutes: To be dealt with in Special Business.

Correspondence In:

Multiple DAs as per reverse Agenda

Letter dated 27 July 2011 from Shell Refining re public meeting

Lane Cove Bushcare Newsletter Winter 2011

Invitation to Lane Cove Art Award

Letter dated 27 June 2011 from Hon Joe Hockey re North Sydney Community Awards

Letter dated 4 July 2011 Lane Cove Council re Sunset in the Village

Letter dated 3 August 2011 Lane Cove Council re Sustainability Small Grants Program

Correspondence Out:

Letter to Wayne Rylands dated 4 August re GCA parking sub-committee

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was tabled and explained.

The report was accepted *Moved Denis Smith.*

Special Business

- 1 **Shell Terminal:** John May outlined the main matters discussed at the public meeting called by Shell for 15 August 2011 as follows:-
 - the need for clarity as to the relative volatilities of product currently unloaded/ product to be unloaded after closure of the refinery and the risks (if any) associated with the proposed change in product
 - the need for details of the emergency management plans for Gore Bay Terminal.John May advised that, in order to unload vessels more quickly, refined product will be stored in the tanks at Gore Bay. This has not happened on a regular basis while crude was the main imported product.
Shell has invited residents to join a working committee to plan for the change in use of Gore Bay. The following people were appointed to form a preliminary committee –

Alison Bird, Tom Lawson, John May and Peter Walton. The October newsletter of the GCA will call for nominations for additional members.

Tom Lawson is to advise Shell of the members of the initial working group.

It was resolved that the Fire Brigade should be invited to the October GCA meeting to advise on the risks and emergency plans for the Shell operation. *Moved Dion Weston/ seconded Peter Walton*

The initial members of the working group are to advise Shell of this proposal and request Shell to provide details of appropriate contacts.

Councillor Palmer will ask Lane Cove Council to send a representative to the regular Shell community representative meetings.

- 2 Shopping Centre Precinct Upgrade:** The powder coated barriers are the only significant outstanding items in the first stage.

It was noted that the noticeboard is not weather proof and not appropriate for display of items eg Library information, that need to be retained for some time. Discussion followed about alternative locations for another public notice board but it was agreed that the new board is in the best location.

It was resolved that the GCA write to Council to offer to pay for a glass cover to be installed on one side of the current new sign and to designate that side as a notice board for community groups / Council matters.

- 3. Greenwich Baths:** Tom Lawson advised that the Baths will open in September under the management of Bluefit. Tom Lawson and Ralph Pliner met with Todd Mc Hardy and Andrew Hungerford to discuss plans for the Baths and they welcome community input. It was suggested that the GCA ask for community members to nominate to join a group to work with Bluefit but Tom Lawson said this was not required as he has already recruited some local Baths users for this purpose. It was noted that this group is not intended to be a sub-committee of the GCA.

- 4. Email Contact list:** John Taylor has advised that 59 people have signed up as subscribers.

- 5. GCA Website:** Dion Weston has advised of a facility available on-line to determine lodgement of a DA within a defined perimeter – www.planningalerts.org.au/alerts/signup This information will be added to the GCA website.

It was noted that this differed little from Planning Alerts on the Council website except that it covers other Council areas.

- 6. Greenwich Library:** Jill Pain advised that patronage is declining. The Library Committee

feels that this may be due in part to lack of knowledge about opening hours. Discussion followed about signage and the use of Council notice boards to display information about library events.

Councillor Palmer is to raise with the GMCCA and Pre-school the possibility of erecting a clear sign outside the community centre. This is in addition to use of the new community noticeboard referred to in Item 2 above.

Discussion then followed about use of vacant space beneath the Hall and the Library. It was suggested that a Men's shed may be a good use of community space.

Councillor Palmer also pointed out poor access to Senior Citizens Hall for people in wheelchairs.

Sub- Committee Reports

- 1. Environmental Sustainability Sub-committee:** A draft of the report to Council about the Solar Expo held in April was tabled and handed to John May as Convenor of the ESS for his approval and sign off authorisation.

John May has advised Council that their newsletter distributor did not cover the Greenwich area and that this seems to be a regular problem.

Denis Smith noted that many Greenwich households have not received the Council booklet about Cameraygal and Councillor Tudge expressed concern about whether the expense of printing the booklets was warranted given its limited distribution.

- 2. Greenwich Shops Parking Sub-committee:** Peter Walton explained the details of the scheme proposed for angle parking on the East side of Wardrop Street.

The committee is to meet with Mr Peter Brown, Council's General Manager, and Wayne Rylands on Friday 19 August.

Councillor Palmer noted that some shop proprietors have requested 2 hour parking limits on Greenwich Road as far as Hancock Lane.

Councillors Reports

- 1. Councillor Tudge** reported that the DCP review is taking place and outlined main aspects of the review.

- 2. Councillor Palmer** raised the following matters:

- Council's proposed sale of foreshore land at end of Richard Street. The proposal has come to Council only once and an inspection will take place before the next Council meeting. The sale will require public notification.
The Association resolved to write to Council to oppose the sale of this public foreshore land. *Moved Jill Pain / Peter Walton*
- A proposal to redevelop the Shell site on Epping Road as a 25 floor unit development has been lodged and will be dealt with under Part 3A.
- The Waterbrook Hospital plan has been withdrawn but Council is now processing a plan for a large apartment development.
- Council is exploring the conversion of the top floor of the Community Aid building as an art gallery but estimated building costs have been higher than planned.

General Business

- Michael Coombs asked Councillors where the stone blocks in the kerb at the Greenwich Shops have gone. Councillor Tudge advised that they are probably being stored at Blackman Park.
- Michael Coombs inquired about the status of two trees outside the school in Greenwich Road.
- A Wine and Cheese night for the Isabelle Heim Fund is to be held on 10 September.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.