

GREENWICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006 AT GREENWICH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE 46 GREENWICH ROAD

Apologies: John Gebler, Nicola Khoury, Sally Dowling.

1. **Opening**

After determining that a quorum was present the meeting commenced with Pam Palmer presiding.

Pam advised that Councillors were attending another meeting and apologized that they would be arriving late.

2. **Minutes of Meeting 18 August 2006**

The Minutes of the meeting 18 August 2006 were tabled and accepted (*moved Pam Palmer; seconded Peter Walton*).

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes 18 August 2006**

- The Lane Cove Heritage Conservation Review is ongoing and there is no Council report yet.
- The FOGS BBQ raised \$350 - \$400. Attendance was poor due to clash with other functions. A community BBQ has been purchased. The principal of Greenwich School is leaving at the end of the year.
- Pam sought information from Denis Smith about Neighbourhood Watch. Denis advised that no decision has been made yet as to the status of Neighbourhood Watch. If Neighbourhood Watch funds were to be transferred to the GCA, the GCA would attract a higher rate of interest (but this may affect the tax liability of the GCA and would need to be monitored).
- Pam advised that Rob Starling is currently overseas so there was no report on the GMCCA.
- Denis Smith reported that the Naming of Australia Ceremony was successful.

4. **Correspondence In**

- Miscellaneous DAs. Denis Smith advised that the Historical Society is looking at the plans for 9 Carlotta Street.
- Invitation to *Paths to Resettlement* at Willoughby Council 25/10/2006.
- Information on Lane Cove Action Plan for Disability Access including a questionnaire.
- Council advice re determination of "Billy Blue" application.
- Information about North Sydney Community Awards from Joe Hockey.
- Letter from Lane Cove West Bowling Club re proposed development.
- Letter from neighbour of the proposed development at 1 Mitchell Street in support of plans. Pam is to reply reiterating support for developments consistent with a Heritage Conservation Area. General discussion re support of current listing.

5. **Correspondence Out**

Letter to Lane Cove Council re Billy Blue DA.

Letter to Council re demolition of 5 George Street. It appears Council gave the applicant incorrect verbal advice.

6. **Financial Report**

Peter Walton presented a report from 18/8/2006 as per attached. He noted that the balance is slightly down on last year due to printing costs – more members are needed. Interest rates at St George have declined markedly and funds have now been moved to Commonwealth Bank.

John Dowey requested that report reflect split in income between interest and subscriptions.

7. **Current Developments**

Lane Cove West Bowling Club

Pam reported briefly on current situation, highlighting that several parcels of public land have been reclassified recently including Austin Street (which will be subject to a 99 year lease) and Rosenthal Avenue (reclassified from community to operational land). There is also a proposed reclassification of Little Street carpark.

Lane Cove Council has voted to change the zoning of the Bowling Club land from open space to operational land and to allow development of units.

Billy Blue

The Billy Blue application was dealt with by Council on September 6 and the original proposal of 7 blocks was reduced to 5. The matter is now with the Land and Environment Court.

Waterbrook

Matter went before Council on 16 October. Major issue is that Council specified balconies were to have translucent glass but clear glass has been installed.

8. **Committee Reports**

Shell

There is major maintenance going on at present and refined product is being brought in in the interim.

No further reports.

9. **Councillors' Reports**

Councillor Lawson reported that Lane Cove West Bowling Club meeting had been aggressive. He reflected that Council rates are pegged and Council must look to means of raising additional revenue. He summarized the Bowling Club situation to date. Council had voted to put the draft LEP for the site on display for public consultation but he acknowledged that the community mood was probably to leave the property as it is.

Councillor Lawson asked about management of the Greenwich Community Hall. Pam advised that due to Rob Starling's absence she was unable to give detailed response but she understood that there were ongoing discussions re cost sharing between the community and KU.

Councillor Tudge advised that all Waterbrook changes had gone through. He expressed concern that changes had been approved so readily.

He advised that mayoral elections had taken place and that councillors had attended a local government conference.

Councillor d'Amico apologized for his late arrival but said he felt the public meeting had been valuable. He felt that the Council's open space policy should be confirmed. He will be a voting member at the local government conference.

Pam asked Councillor d'Amico about reaction to Resident Parking Permits.

10. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm for supper.