



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, **18th April 2007** commencing at 8pm
Greenwich Community Centre, 46 Greenwich Road

AGENDA SUMMARY

Apologies, Minutes, Matters arising
Updates and discussions on current major Development Applications
Councillors' Reports, Committee and Office Bearers' Reports

All Welcome

Note: Meetings start at 8.00pm and conclude at 10.00pm for supper.

NEW GCA COMMITTEE FOR 2007/8

At the Annual General Meeting in February, the Committee was returned with just two new members. We extend a warm welcome to locals Liz Gill and Stan Fitzroy-Mendis.

FOGS WINDING UP

The Friends of Greenwich School (FOGS) was originally formed to ensure a future for the Greenwich Rd school site. With financial viability a major concern, the annual FOGS Fun Run was initiated and became a popular fundraiser for the school. Now departmental policy changes and increasing enrolments appear to have assured the future of the school. FOGS has therefore decided to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting at 7.30pm on 18th April, immediately before the GCA meeting, at which a decision will be made about winding up the organisation.

LIBRARY Open Day - Saturday 5 May

There will be a special Open Day at the Marjorie Propsting Memorial Library in Greenwich from 9am to 1pm. Enjoy morning tea, children's storytime at 10.30am and borrow CDs, DVDs magazines and books.

TESROL ("Billy Blue") DECISION

Background

The developer, Tesrol, came to Council in 2005 with plans to subdivide the rear garden into 7 housing lots. Council allowed time for residents to comment while it gathered more information about the proposal.

Finally, in September 2006, it decided the subdivision should go ahead but only if the developer would agree to just 5 new lots. Council reasoned this would provide a better outcome - more open space for both the new houses and the existing hostel while improving the amenity for the immediate neighbours. Tesrol rejected Council's decision preferring instead to let the Court make a ruling.

Land & Environment Court decides

The hearing date was set for March. Meanwhile, in January, Tesrol offered the Court a compromise plan with 6 new lots.

The GCA and neighbours attended the Court hearing on site and were able to present their views. However, our concerns about traffic were dismissed! In the end the Court ruled in Tesrol's

favour and now the development, with 6 new housing lots, will go ahead. The hostel will remain but with the tennis courts and chapel demolished.

Our thanks go to all Councillors who rejected the original plan as an overdevelopment. In particular, we relied upon the votes of our East Ward Councillors Tom Lawson, Rod Tudge and Rick D'Amico.

EAST WARD VOTE RESTORED

This month sees the return of Clr Rick D'Amico who was suspended from Council for six months upon a decision of the government's Pecuniary Interest Tribunal. During this time our ward's representation has unfortunately been reduced from 3 to just 2 votes out of 9.

PUBLIC LAND SALE

As reported previously, Council had planned to sell off a sporting ground and adjacent parkland to fund other major projects. Residents argued that this placed in jeopardy all our areas of open space. Could they also be rezoned for flats? With no new land likely to become available, there would never be a way to replace this lost parkland or create new sports grounds. Many will be pleased to hear that the Department of Planning have rejected

Council's proposal. It seems, for once, common sense has prevailed.

WATERBROOK

The list of our safety concerns grows:

- Huge articulated trucks with heavy loads turning in and out of Innes Rd with no signalman in sight
- Trucks illegally parked in Innes Rd forcing residents onto the other side of the road and into the path of oncoming vehicles
- The crane arm passing over neighbouring properties apparently without permission
- Concrete trucks using Wisdom Rd to make deliveries when this dangerous route was specifically prohibited by Council

Now, a workman is lucky to be alive after falling six metres through broken scaffolding on the site. The *North Shore Times* (3/4/07) reported that the site "has been served numerous notices about lack of safety"!

We continue to be frustrated by legislation which allows Private Certification (rather than Council inspection) of the site with no viable complaints process in place.

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