

Chatswood West Ward Progress Association
MINUTES - Monthly Meeting
Thursday 8th December 2016
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre – 7 Victor Street – Chatswood

Meeting commenced at: 7:37 PM

Chairman's welcome: The Chairmain welcomed attendees.

Acknowledgement to country: I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show my respect to their Elders past and present.

Becoming a member: Membership fee are due of 1st January. We respectfully request that visitors attending our meeting and receiving our West Ward Bytes consider becoming a member of the Association. To join, please see the Treasurer after the meeting or send \$10 and your name to 032-090 54-8083 plus send your name, address and email to cwwpa.org@gmail.com

Attendance: 14 persons as recorded in the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Dave Hancy, Deborah Bassett, Brigit Miall, Kay Freudenstein-Hayes, Alan Hall-Watson, Jennifer Lee, Peter Hayes, Lyn McCloskey and Basil Laszynski, Ian Campbell,

Declarations of Interest: Nil

Any matters for General Business (if not already in agenda)?

The **Minutes** of the November meeting were tabled, moved, seconded and accepted with a clarification that in relation to 130-138 Archer St the text reported came from the Council Officer's report.

Treasurer's report: Net projected surplus for 2016 of \$150.70 9 and cash balance of \$5,973.85 (subject to \$525 outstanding receivable) with 87 paid up memberships. Adopted.

Councillor's Report: included in minuted items.

GOVERNANCE

Amalgamations: Still in abeyance awaiting outcomes of court cases. Council has requested a copy of the revised Delegates Report. Court cases will not be heard until the 3rd April with a decision hoped for by June. There is still confusion as to when next Council elections will be.

CWWPA Boundary: Eastside Progress Association contacted with the suggestion to re-align the CWWPA boundary with the West Ward boundary. Eastside PA have indicated that they do not have a problem with adjusting our boundary. **Council to be contacted to revise boundaries map.**

Federation of Willoughby Progress Associations: Meeting this Saturday to consider a range of Governance issues for Associations.

Shorelink Library: Council is proposing to leave the Shorelink Library Network. **It was agreed that members would like to see Shorelink continue and that it seems extraordinary that Council would so move at this time given that this is one a few successful Council co-operatives.**

OPEN SPACE

Currey Park: Clr Saville to follow up.

View Street Park: Proposed playground improvement plan in progress. **You can make submissions using 'Have You Say, Willoughby. CWWPA to make a submission requesting a seat in the park.**

Chatswood Golf Club: No change in status. It was discussed if there are any implications from the recent court case regarding Crown land reserved for public recreation that might impact?

OH Reid: Council requested to install a seat. Attention drawn to a broken shackle on a swing in the playground and that bins in the area are often overflowing. No response to date.

Crown Lands: Decision handed down regarding Talus Street Reserve that may have implications throughout the state and the city. **Clr Saville is seeking further details.**

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Parking Strategy: Charles Gowing has produced a summary of proposals (attached). It should be noted that some items will need to be approved by the Traffic Committee.

Metro South: Responses to EIS now being considered by Department of Planning. **It was agreed that we should start considering the best use of the Dive Site post construction.**

Parking across driveways: Federation informed we support providing Councils with greater enforcement powers but not to support slowing residents to park across their own driveway.

Coolaroo/Dalrymple speed humps: Report to go to Council meeting on Monday night. Appears reasonable

Beaconsfield Lights: No update. Clr Saville reported that Council has agreed to pursue this matter directly with RMS.

New Strata legislation - Parking Control: Scheme to start in July 2017. Council responded that *due to workloads associated with amalgamation it does not have the time to respond to all community needs.* Mayor and Federation copied back about the Council responses with concern that it is more likely this situation is because of staff cuts. **Council to be advised that this situation is unacceptable.**

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Greater Sydney Commission: Drop in day attended by a number of Association members. Reports? New District Planning Commissions have been established. GSC Districts North and East have the same chairperson (in line with the GSC 'three cities' directions). New Planning Panels have been established to replace the JRPP.

DA-2014/510 - 654 - 666 Pacific Highway, 1 Freeman Road, 2a Oliver Road Chatswood: Council Officers have recommended that the Sydney Planning Panel (North) approve Development Application 2016/18 for demolition of existing structures the construction of a mixed use development comprising 75 shop top housing units, commercial floor space, and basement car parking

688-692 Pacific Highway: Clarification sought from Council regarding if the proposal would be considered by Council before going to the Planning Panel North.. The short answer is that it will probably be considered by Council. There is not a requirement that it be considered by Council but all previous JRPP matters have been considered (note, that Greater Sydney Commission Panels have

been established to replace JRPPs). The district plan itself is strong on rhetoric, weak on detail.

Draft Chatswood CBD Plan: To go on exhibition. It includes economic and urban design studies. The meeting expressed the view that other CBDs should also be considered.

Draft Industrial Lands Plan: To go on exhibition

Submission regarding the revised low rise medium density housing code as complying development: Council Officers have raised the following concerns –

1. The unplanned and unpredictable nature in which housing is proposed to be provided under the Code is contrary to the principles of good strategic planning;
2. The use of the Complying Development Approval mechanism is inappropriate noting that medium density development cannot be described as low impact/low risk;
3. The Private Certification mechanism should not be extended to more complex forms of development noting the extensive problems currently experienced with this system; and
4. The proposed code contains multiple drafting errors, contradictions and is confusing in interpretation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dougherty Apartments: Cllr. Saville has been appointed to the Board. Uniting Care have withdrawn from the project. They will need to be replaced.

Newsletter. Quotes are being obtained for revamped newsletter.

Proposed telephony communications tower in Felton Street. Proposal has been withdrawn. Congratulations to the group who so fervently pursued this matter.

On-line Development Applications/Planning Proposal Register: *Clr. Saville undertook to look into this matter.*

Ian Tanner: Ian suffered a fall in the city and broke his jaw. Likely long recovery.

Correspondence OUT/IN – treated in main agenda.

Next meeting: **Thursday 16th February 2017**

Meeting closed at: