

Minutes

Chatswood West Ward Progress Association Inc.

Monthly Meeting Thursday 20th February 2014

- 1 The President spoke of Pat's contribution to Willoughby. A minutes silence was held in recognition of the **passing of Mayor Pat Reilly**. It was moved and agreed unanimously that the Association sent a letter of condolence to Beth and Sophie Rielly and that a \$50 donation be made to the nominated charity
- 2 The President welcomed 30 people who had signed the **attendance** book.
- 3 **Apologies:** 11 apologies were noted including .Clr.Saville (written report submitted); Kay Freudenstein-Hayes; Dick Orchard; Jo & Jeff Weekes; Bob Lawrence; Anna Blakeney, Robert Orme, Hemen Ghosh; Shirley & Andrew Errey and Zussana Karfied.
- 4 **Confirmation of Minutes** of Meeting of 13th December 2013 – the Secretary advised that due to an oversight the minutes were unavailable.
- 5 **Correspondence:** The Secretary advised that there had not been any significant correspondence in or out.
- 6 **Matters arising from Minutes** and Correspondence (handled below)
Meeting days/times for 2014 same as this year i.e 3rd Thursday at 7:30PM. It was agreed to defer the AGM until April to allow a "Meet the Mayoral Candidate" session at our March meeting.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Acting Treasurer Jim McCredie reported that the associations balance was \$5,921.30. **Annual Membership** can be paid by direct deposit. However we still need you details either by Membership Form or email.. Plus please place your surname in the direct deposit reference box.
8. **Councillors' Report:**
 - **The IGLU student accommodation** (Albert Ave) opened 2 weeks ago adjacent to the station I am very impressed with the facilities and interior design There is a reception and good management team.
 - **Hawthorn pathway:** residents have approached council not to proceed with path plans preferring to protect the rock formations and vegetation. I will support them
 - **Hotham St steps:** residents have approached council re planned sandstone steps preferring concrete path
 - Ward councillors have a meeting on Monday 5.30 PM re the **Kenneth Slessor park** plans
 - Out of hours work and noise has occurred at the **Meriton site**.
 - Following discussions with Rob Wilson about increased plantings along the highway (similar to section near Help St) I have a motion coming to council on Monday re **safety on Pacific Highway** and seeking state govt support
 - Chatswood Community Nursing *Home* still operational but closure is planned. Residents have been advised. Heritage Building sold to developers
9. **Open space Report**
 - **Chatswood Golf Club lands** (Clr Saville to be asked to provide an update). A representative of the Golf Course spoke and advised that they had come to agreement with Council regarding some of the proposed 'rights of way' across the golf club land but still negotiating on an access across Council owned land.
10. **Traffic Report**
 - **Greenland Rd study and report** under way on impact of Beaconsfield lights and

Dalrymple/Coolaroo 'rat run' – there were a number of people who came to the meeting to discuss this matter. It was not possible to capture every comment. (Clr Saville be asked to advise on timeframe for consultation). One of the main suggestions was that the Right Hand Turn ban from Beaconsfield Rd into Mowbray Rd be removed. It was agreed that if interested residents formed a sub-committee both Kathy Vern-Barnett (Traffic Convenor) and Terry Fogarty (Secretary) would support the group.

- **Fullers Rd** – it appears that the majority of people see the lane markings as operating successfully. However, there are also a number of people who feel disadvantaged by the changes. Comments in relation to this matter can be read at: <http://cwwpa.org/2014/01/15/fullers-rd-2/>
- Work continuing of developing safety refuges on **Mowbray Rd**. Council has promised consultation. A comment we received in relation to this matter was: *The "Pedestrian Safety" refuges are an accident waiting to happen. I don't think they provide any increased safety for pedestrians - I wouldn't like the children to be using them) and a danger for traffic as they are too close to parked cars and bus stops.*
- **Fullers Rd Speed camera** - proposal to bombard the Office of Public Safety with request for speed camera not yet implemented. We are awaiting some additional information before launching this campaign.
- **Review of Parking** within the city – report deferred.
- **Speed hump Centennial Avenue**: Comment: The speed hump in Centennial is the most "aggressive" and dangerous one I've ever encountered and needs immediate modification.
- Clr. Saville has proposed that the RMS **audit safety on the Pacific Highway** plus seeking improvements to streetscape, amenity and footpaths on Pacific Highway

11. **Police & Neighbourhood Watch** it is planned to have a Police representative address the Association in the next few months

12. General Business

- **Mayoral Election** (Nominations close 12th March; Election 12th April). John Owen from West Ward is standing with Beth Reilly's support
- **Newsletter** distribution weekend 5/6th April
- **Proposed rate increase deferred**. 43% FOR; 51% against Asset Mgt Report - 20yr funding gap \$108M (could it be higher over 25/30yrs?. Asset value is \$793M)
- **Tribute for the Mayor**. Views were sought regarding an appropriate lasting memorial for Mayor Reilly. The most supported option was for some sort of 'Naming' suggestions a room) within the Concourse. Other suggestions included a statue or sculpture
- **Mowbray School** update: Waiting for final decision on proposed plans.
- Future dangers at **Chatswood Station**. were discussed. Based on SMH report that only 50% of commuters alighting from a NW Rail Link Metro train would be able to board the next train to the city – resulting in dangerous crowding on the station.
- **Clr. Stevens** back at Council? There is still confusion and concern regarding Clr Stevens protracted absence from Council and the detrimental effect this has for West Ward representation. We understand that Clr Stevens attended the first formal meeting of Council for 2014 for a time then left the meeting early. The Minutes of the meeting record that Councillor Stevens requested and was granted further Leave of Absence for the meeting of the 24 February. This motion was put by Clr Mustaca, seconded by Clr Saville and adopted unanimously. It was resolved that the Association write to Councillors (with a copy to the General Manager) as follows: 1. Noting that West Ward has been affected by a

lack of full representation for an inordinately protracted time that, 2. we request Councillors and Council to advise how they can remedy the situation.

- **Thomas St Railway entrance.** A concern was raised with the security/safety of Train Station entrance in Thomas Street. As a disabled driver I use the parking and enter from the lift in Thomas St. and find the pedestrian tunnel and paths to the ticket office a bit of a concern for a lone lady on a walking stick, even in daylight. Cllr Saville has already been contacted and is progressing the matter via the access committee. There was also the question - Do you know what is the update on shops going into this precinct? (Cllr Saville has previously advised that this is likely to occur within the next 6 months)
- **Wurlitzer Fiasco.** It appears that the organ restoration project is running out of funds
- **Air quality monitor (Mowbray School)** It has been advised that the monitor will be relocated to Artarmon. It appears that the school has not been advised. Cllr. Saville to be requested to intervene.
- **Train communication towers:** There was discussion regarding the proposal to replace existing analogue towers with digital versions.
- **Australia Day** – there were no recipients of awards from within West Ward. Traditionally the Association has nominated people for Citizen of the Year.
- **Public Art** – the Secretary drew the meetings attention to a new ‘Horse’ monument in Railway St. Some consideration is being given to compiling details of the Public Art of West Ward.
- **Swaines Creek Flood Study** The information on the web site for the Swaines Creek Flood Study is quite detailed and given the implications that could arise it is important that this information is presented accurately and at this level of detail. The original letter that went out to residents regarding Public Exhibition of this Study was done on the 18 November 2013 with a closing date of the 24 December 2013. This closing date has since been extended to the 14 February 2014. A public meeting was held on the 26 November 2013 to discuss this study and it was attended by only 2 residents. A further meeting may not improve on these numbers. As detailed on the bottom of the last letter Council staff are more than happy to explain to residents the major impacts of this Study and how it may affect their properties residents may contact

If you wish to have an issue added to the agenda please advise the Secretary prior to the meeting - email: seccwwpa@gmail.com

Next meeting: Thursday MARCH 20th 2014 - 7:30 PM, Dougherty Centre, Victor St. Chatswood

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Dear Councillor Saville,

Thanks you for your written report for our meeting of 20th February.

Arising from our meeting there are a number of actions we would like you to take on behalf of your constituents:

1. Can you provide an update on the progression of the lease agreement between Council and the Chatswood Golf Club. In particular, Council previously advised that the lease would not progress until arrangements were in place to allow public access across various land within the golf course.
2. Can you please provide an update on the likely times for public consultation in relation to traffic on Mowbray Rd and the Greenlands/Coolaroo/Dalrymple etc 'rat run'
3. Can you please take action to intervene to insure that Mowbray Public School is consulted prior to any removal of the Air Quality Monitor at the school.

Many thanks in anticipation of your speedy action and response.

Terry Fogarty
Secretary
Chatswood West Ward Progress Association

Dear Councillors,

At the last meeting of the Chatswood West Ward Progress Association it was moved and adopted unanimously that noting that West Ward has been effected by a lack of full representation for an inordinately protracted time that:

- we request Councillors and Council to advise how they can remedy the situation.

Yours sincerely

Terry Fogarty
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