

Chatswood West Ward Progress Association
MINUTES - Monthly Meeting
Thursday 16th July 2015
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre – 7 Victor Street – Chatswood

Chairman's welcome: The President and Vice-Presidents being absent, the Secretary assumed the Chair and welcomed members.

Attendance: Eight members (quorum achieved) as recorded in the Attendance Sheet

Apologies: Clr. Saville, Richard Lambert, Shirley Barrie, Peter Hayes, John Southgate, Clr. Rutherford, Mayor Giles-Gidney, Kathy Vern-Barnett, Jim McCredie, Bob Lawrence

Declarations of Interest: Nil

SPECIAL ITEM: Passing of Geoff Weekes. Ian Tanner spoke about Geoff's life and contribution to the local community. Further details available on our website. A minutes silence was held in respect.

Any matters for General Business? Nil.

There being no meeting in June, the **Minutes** of the May meeting were adopted. Matters arising from minutes are treated below. Actions resulting from the meeting are ***shown in bold italic***.

Treasurer's report: Cash balance \$6,867.82.

Councillor's Report: No Councilor present. However, Clr. Saville had left a petition against forced amalgamations for members to consider

OPEN SPACE REPORT

OH Reid Off-leash dog area: Ian Campbell reported on his efforts to remedy the conflict with private schoolboy AFL games restricting access to the oval. The Mayor has agreed to a meeting on-site.

TRAFFIC REPORT

Western Mowbray Precinct: No date yet for promised public meeting. Mowbray Public Schools request for a Crossing Supervisor has been refused by RMS.

North West Rail Link – Council supports the installation of new underground stations at Artarmon and St Leonards. Full report on Council's website under meeting agendas. It was noted that bus congestion around the western side of the Chatswood Interchange will be problematic during works being undertaken for many months on the Epping to Chatswood tunnel being closed.

VIVID Road Closures: Appear to have gone reasonably well. There were reports that the rerouting of buses caused some problems.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Proposed Optus Tower at Chatswood Golf Club: No update.

815 Pacific Highway: It is proposed to redevelop the block from Help St to McIntosh St. Council does not support the redevelopment.

BMA Building Albert Avenue: Clr. Saville has pointed to DA2015 noting non compliance with Willoughby LEP, traffic congestion, and height overshadowing school playground, Memorial Rose Garden, and western park. Council officers do not support this DA.

GENERAL BUSINESS

VIVID: Many people expressed the view that VIVID in Chatswood was rather underwhelming and that it did not live up to the promises in the marketing hype. People thought that The Concourse display was excellent. There were noise issues for CBD residents with events up to midnight. It was suggested it should close earlier. There was also a suggestion that VIVID Chatswood should only run for one week (like VIVID Sydney University).

Amalgamations: Council voted to propose that it not be merged with adjoining Councils. Council had commissioned extensive public consultation. 62.3% of people surveyed favoured some form of amalgamation with most preferring that Willoughby, North Sydney and Lane Cove be merged. Only 32% of those surveyed wanted Council not to merge. This is the second time that the current Council has not heeded the sentiments of the electorate (the first being the imposition of a high rate increase).

Membership Drive: John Hayes and the Secretary have developed a flyer that could be used for this purpose. Seeking approval to spend \$71.50 for 600 flyers that Peter will hand deliver by knocking on doors. The meeting approved the proposed expenditure of \$72.00. The Treasurer undertook to mail out to unfinancial members.

Advertising in West Ward Bytes: Issue to be carried over.

Rubbish in vicinity of The Interchange: The area around the station appears a bit cleaner. Transport NSW have installed some additional bins and Council has undertaken to install some bins in surrounding streets.

Incorporation: The Association is reviewing details of its Constitution. Members asked if summary pertinent information such as membership due dates and the like be provided.

Newsletter: Proposal for next newsletter to be considered at next meeting.

Correspondence OUT/IN – treated in main agenda.

Meeting closed: 8:30 PM

NOTE: The next meeting: Thursday 20th August