

Chatswood West Ward Progress Association Inc.

Monthly Meeting 18th July 2013

MINUTES

1. The President welcomed 1 visitor to the meeting, along with 12 members present.
2. Apologies were received from Robert Orme.
3. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 20th June were confirmed with the addition that Cllr Saville had proffered her apologies.
4. The Correspondence for the previous month was circulated .
5. Matters arising from the minutes:
 - Explanation of State Electoral boundaries
 - There have been additional petitions regarding the Thomas St Carpark. These are being ‘drip-fed’ to Parliament. VPS provisions discussed.
 - Discussion re the implementation of the Beaconsfield/Ralston lights
6. The Hon. Treasurer presented his report. Still waiting for return of fixed deposit to local account. Slightly behind on monthly income/expenditure.
7. Cllr Saville provided a report of the last month’s issues.
 - A traffic study will be undertaken after Beaconsfield lights installed.
 - The Thomas St Carpark development may go to PAC in Sept or earlier. It will be the highest FSR in Chatswood. VPA discussed.
 - No progress on resolution of Fullers Rd problems. Many people upset that traffic counts are being undertaken on the quiet section of Fullers Rd
 - Proposed upgrades of local schools discussed. Many concerns about proposals for Chatswood High site.
 - It is hoped that with new Garbage Contractor that there will be a better (more comprehensive) service. Reminder that cost of service can be fully recovered Including additional loading) by Council Levy
 - The proposed Albert Ave Medical Centre will not be proceeding. Instead there will be a QUEST hotel and retail (DA 2012/437
 - Proposal to redevelop the Post Office site in Victor St has been withdrawn.
 - Report on Healthy Cities Conference. Health concerns for development over 12 storeys.
 - Review of Management of Crown Land underway
8. No Open Space Report, Police/Neighbourhood or Traffic General Business:
9. General Business
 - It was agreed that the President and Secretary should enquire of the Dept of Local Government and ICAC regarding the situation with Cllr Stevens
 - Discussion regarding Cllrs. and Officers going overseas on ‘Global Friendship’ trips. General mood was that needs to be demonstrated specific benefits to the community.

- Reviews by Graham Samson of Local Government being undertaken
- Discussion about likely candidates at the upcoming Federal election
- Kathy Vern-Barnett reported on the establishment of the 'Waverton Hub', an active ageing initiative for the Lower North Shore
- HeadSpace, a mental health initiative now operational at 30 Devonshire Street
- Money for GP Divisions now being re-directed to Medicare Locals
- Discussion regarding new suburb signage and the need for consultation regarding locations
- Discussion on EMR report.

10. Next Meetings: 15 Aug; 19 Sep; 17 Oct; 21 Nov: 12 Dec 2013