

MINUTES

General Meeting
Chatswood West Ward Progress Association
Dougherty Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood
7:30 PM, Thursday 18th October 2018

Meeting to commence at: 7:30 PM

Welcome: The President welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Acknowledgement to country: The Chairperson: *"I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to their elders past and present"*.

Declarations of interest: Nil

Members Present: Fourteen as recorded in the attendance book.

Apologies: Kay Fruedenstein-Hayes, Alistair Bennet, John Hayes, Diana Pryde, Clr. Saville, Jim McCredie, Clr. Campbell.

Any matters for General Business? (Properties in Orchard St)

Minutes: The Secretary tabled the Minutes of the September meeting. They were moved seconded and carried with the correction that the telephone transmitters being installed by TPG are 4G.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer tabled his **monthly report** (attached) and spoke to it highlighting that we are still in profit with a reserve of \$7,166 and 55 paid up members.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Council Saville

- Councils assets projects are on time, and within budget, including stormwater re-linings/replacement (infrastructure levy).
- Chatswood Bowling Club has hosted some very well attended community events recently

Apart from the major projects in the CBD, including the de-commission of the Chatswood Epping rail, causing disruption, there have been continuing complaints, concerns about the following:

- litter in the CBD and around the ward generally. Supermarket trolleys continue to be left in streets within 800 metres CBD
- Metro dive site and spoil, and truck movements causing problems locally
- Metro associated construction activities in soldier streets in Artarmon causing concern to to vegetation removal. Need for improved environmental controls
- lack of maintenance to council verges and at traffic roundabouts/traffic calming devices.
- Risks to the original fabric and unique architectural features of significant heritage building, 9 Centennial Ave. Windows have been left open and flimsy plastic sheeting provides inadequate protections. Continual requests made to council officers to secure the building from inclement weather, and from intruders.
- need for improved communications from council generally
- traffic gridlock in Chatswood generally
- erosion of heritage conservation areas from high rise in CBD. Planning proposals etc.

- community concerns re northern beaches tunnel and destruction of bushland (with excellent plant regeneration and healthy wildlife populations) in section of Flat Rock reserve.
- Council has plans to floodlight both OH Reid and Greville Street ovals. As yet community have not been formally notified or consulted.

Heritage church corner Pacific Highway & Mowbray Road for sale again (LCC). The Sydney Coastal Councils Group is now hosted by Northern Beaches Council. The new executive Officer and staff have made substantial submissions re the Sydney Marine Park, new coastal legislation, and are working on collaborative projects with other councils & universities.

GOVERNANCE

Community Advisory Committees: Council resolved to refer the Consultant's report and the Officer's report to the committees for comment. It is also open to the Progress Association to lodge a submission..

Charter for Public Participation: Letter sent to Council suggesting that they adopt the Charter as the basis for their citizen engagement policy and programs. Letter sent to the Federation requesting that they support our call on Council. Federation subsequently supported our position.

Resident satisfaction survey: Letter sent to seeking comparative results from prior surveys. Council advised that since a new scaling system had been adopted it is not relevant to compare current results to past results.

FEDERATION OF WILLOUGHBY PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

Meeting 6th October: Apologies given for Charles Gowing and Andrea Austin.

Council Advisory Committees: Federation to write to Council refuting comments ascribed to PAs representatives as. Supported CWWPA call for copy of Terms of Reference.

Station Link: impact to be re-assessed after school holidays.

Charter for Public Participation: Federation supported CWWPA motion asking for a Council response.

MAJOR LEGISLATION CHANGES

Proposed Eddy-De Villiers Conservation Area: Awaiting advice on date of information meeting.

OPEN SPACE

Chatswood Skate Park: Revamp of park on public exhibition until 26th October. Submissions can be made on the 'Have Your Say' website. It was reported that there are few other spaces designed for recreation for pre-teens

Sports facilities action plan: Changes to usage of sports field. Clr. Campbell has undertaken to raise a Notice of Motion that neighbours be consulted when changes of sporting use on a ground are proposed. **Clr Campbell still planning to raise this matter with Council.**

OH Reid lights: Proposed lights at Bales Park in Willoughby have been shelved. Expect push for lights at OH Reid. Proposal for a leaflet drop to local residents advising them how to mobilise and inviting them to our November meeting was adopted. Subsequent actions required. Clr. Campbell had suggested check the status of the Greville St Reserve in relation to lighting. bClr Saville raised this matter in her report. **The Secretary to communicate with members local to both locations advising them of the situation.**

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Beaconsfield lights: Current status unknown.

Highway traffic signals between Fullers & Albert: Safety issue considered by Traffic

Committee and referred to RMS. **Awaiting response.**

Station Link: Buses replaced trains between Epping and Chatswood on 30 September. As changes were implemented during the school holidays it may be too early to judge the impact. It was reported that the traffic situation has been worse since the school holidays and with rain, particularly in Help Street between 4:30 PM and 6 PM. No major problems observed on the station although the remaining width of the platform is substantially narrower.

Metro Dive Site post completion: Council resolved to continue to negotiate for social infrastructure (education and open space) to be included with any future development of the Sydney Metro Dive site.

Nelson St bridge: to be removed shortly.

Fran Channon Walk: to be closed shortly.

M40 bus service: There have been some changes to the types of buses being used. Now some standard buses which may have replaced the former red 'bendy' buses. It is likely that the service capacity has been reduced.

DEVELOPMENTS

Local environmental plan review for Greater Sydney Commission: It was concluded that it was concluded that Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Our Future Willoughby 2028 addresses all of the Actions of the North District Plan and The Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities.

51-61 Archer street, 34-34b Albert avenue and 30-32a Bertram street (diagonally opposite Centrelink): Council Officers have recommended that the application, with a variety of amendments, be forwarded to the Department of Planning for a Gateway determination.

54-56 Anderson Street (near Wilson St): The Willoughby Local Planning Panel concluded that the Planning Proposal is consistent with the strategic objectives of A Metropolis of Three Cities Greater Sydney Region Plan and the North District Plan, as well as the more detailed requirements of the Chatswood CBD Planning and Urban Design Strategy. The WLPP advice supports the extension of the CBD to include the subject site. However, the advice recommends that Council obtain further independent urban design analysis at Council's expense. The proposal is to be determined by the Sydney North Planning Panel.

282 – 284 Victoria Avenue (Neridah St) Council resolved not to forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking a Gateway Determination due to a number of significant non-compliances.

Planning Proposal for 1-13 Spring Street, 56-70 Archer Street and 35 Albert: Council resolved not to forward the Planning Proposal for 1-13 Spring Street, 56-70 Archer Street and 35 Albert Ave,

Planning Proposal for 58 Anderson Street (near O'Brien St): Status unknown.

Planning Proposal for 5-9 Gordon Avenue (Next to Chatswood bowling club on Gordon Street) – status unknown.

629 - 639 Pacific Highway, Chatswood:- awaiting Gateway determination

With Sydney North Planning Panel

475-501 Victoria Avenue –opposite RSL – 15 storey hotel – being assessed by Council

Chatswood Chase – being assessed by Council

65 Albert Ave – Mandarin Centre – registered with SNPP.

General: *Wind tunnel effect of development along Victoria Avenue:* Letter sent to Council. Awaiting response. **Status to be checked with Council.**

Notification of developments: There was discussion regarding ensuring the Association is notified about all major developments within the Ward. It is now also very difficult to track the status of developments. **Charles Gowing and Terry Fogarty to review the current problems and make appropriate recommendations to Council.**

Chatswood Golf Club: It was reported that a 'development application' has been submitted to the State Government for the redevelopment of the Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chatswood Library refurbishment: Proposed to award the Tender for a lump sum value of \$404,429.19

9 Centennial Ave: Proposal for heritage listing now on exhibition. Comments by Thursday 8 November. Details at <https://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/planning-proposal-9-centennial-avenue>. **The Secretary to email Council of the Associations support for the listing.** Subsequently, the Secretary established an account on 'Have your Say Willoughby' and lodged support.

Club Willoughby: Work is progressing on plans for a brand new Club and Seniors Living precinct.

Chatswood Education Precinct: The Project Reference Group have not scheduled any public consultation, however, you can make a comment at: **schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au**. Plans available on the website.

It was also reported that the long term Principal of Chatswood Public School, Tim Dodds, is retiring after seventeen years service.

Newsletter and WWBytes: Still require Assistant Distribution Co-ordinator and Advertising Co-ordinator and a graphic artist for a one-off review of materials design

Animated awning sign in Chatswood Mall: A sign outside the Orchard Tavern may affront Council codes. A member is investigating.

Heritage nomination in Fullers Road: A member raised the fact that he had nominated a house in Fullers Road as a Heritage item but had not heard anything back from Council. **Clr. Campbell undertook to investigate.**

Women's Shelter: Clr. Saville raised the need for a women's shelter in Willoughby. The Officers provided a detailed report on the matter emphasising that Council plays a community development role in the response to domestic abuse through active participation in the lower North Shore Domestic Violence network.

Properties on Orchard Road: Properties in Orchard Rd between Mowbray Rd, Nelson St and the rail corridor have been approached to sell to a developer. One of the owners sought advice on the best response in such a situation. A number of opinions were put forward.

Correspondence OUT/IN

Next meeting: Thursday 15th November 2018.

Meeting closed at: 8:35 PM