

Community Associations in City of Canada Bay

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 7th JULY, 2007 AT 10.00am IN THE PELICAN POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 164 BURWOOD ROAD, CONCORD,

PRESENT: Angela D'Amore – MP, Drummoyne
Barry Mealing, Cape Cabarita
Cheryl Craig, Pelican Quays
Jodi Cassidy, Pelican Quays
Annette Counsel, Pelican Point
Paul Zammit, Pelican Point
Dianne Foster, Pelican Point
David Richard, Abbotsford Cove
Jim Moye Abbotsford Cove
John Clarke, Breakfast Point
John Wurth, Liberty Grove
Andrew Meyer, Pelican Point
Kate Foot, Pelican Point
Barbara Wickenden, Pelican Point
Brett Bowman, Pelican Quays

APOLOGIES Bob Phillips, Cape Cabarita
Darryl Collins, Phillips Landing
Jim Walsh, Phillips Landing
John Small, Breakfast Point

CHAIRMAN Paul Zammit

MATTERS:

WELCOME

- Paul welcomed all attendees with special thanks to Angela D'Amore.
- Advised that unfortunately Mayor Angelo Tsirekas would not be able to attend.

FORESHORE LIGHTING UPGRADE:

- Paul read an email from Bob Phillips at Cape Cabarita advising that the Mayor had advised this week that Canada Bay Council would commit \$80,000 to restore lighting around Exile Bay from the Bushell's factory to the small bridge near the golf course.
- Jodi Cassidy tabled a letter which she had received from Mark Bunch, Director of Technical Services & Operations for Canada Bay Council, advised that \$80,000 is to be spent 2007/08 to begin upgrading the lighting from Bayview Park to Barnwell Park.
- Concern expressed in relation to apparent conflict and query as to just how much is available and where it is to be spent. Jodi will provide copy of letter to attendees and contact Council for clarification.

ISSUES FOR EACH ATTENDEE:

David Richard (Abbotsford Cove)

- Concern that there does not appear to be any overall Council Management Plan and no overall transparency of expenditure. Need transparency about where allocations from developers have been spent.
- Canada Bay Council runs at a surplus rather than deficit. Money should be available for maintenance of public areas.

Angela D'Amore (MP)

- Developers make deals with Council to get their DA's approved. Future residents are then obliged to pay for things for which they had no part in negotiating.
- The issues raised may cross over several Government Ministries – Planning, Fair Trading, Local Government.
- Clearly it is unreasonable to expect small communities to accept responsibility for maintenance of roads, lighting, foreshore walkways and other facilities to which public access must be granted.

Barry Mealing (Cape Cabarita)

- Originally the community was paying for lighting in Phillips Street. However, they have had some success with Council who have now agreed to meet costs of repairs and electricity.
- Concern that they have to maintain a sea wall and public jetty.

John Wurth (Liberty Grove)

- Playing fields are open to public access. Public often use their private tennis courts and pool and this is almost impossible to police.
- Interestingly, Liberty Grove management statement allows pedestrian access but not vehicular access.

John Clarke (Breakfast Point)

- Had approached Angela D'Amore in relation to the rating issue for community estates who honoured her commitment to take his concern to the relevant minister.
- Tabled letter he has received letter from Minister for Local Government advising that there exists the opportunity for differential rating to create varying categories and Council may apply differential rates for these categories.
- However, Council does not seem to understand this, and they believe they have no right to vary rating levies.
- Response from Minister for Local Government, confirmed no visibility of how/where Section 94 money is spent.
- Department of Lands runs the Community Management legislation.
- (Angela confirmed that a review of the Community Land Management Act and The Community Land Development Act, 1989 is underway. We have 3-4 months to provide submissions. This is the opportunity to have input and effect change.)
- Community Land Management Legislation – White Paper published on 13 June. This should be communicated to all community associations, but there is apparently no central data base of these associations.
- Queried how this impacts the September review.

Jim Moye (Abbotsford Cove)

- In light of \$2m surplus, he has queried transparency in relation to the Environmental Levy and whether it is audited.

Kate Foot (Pelican Point)

- Concern in relation to Section 94 contributions, that no Council is obliged to match income with expenditure locally.
- (Angela confirmed that there is no visibility of this pool and has requested the Local Government Minister to see if it is possible to get information in relation to Canada Bay Council funds.)

AGREED:

- To form association of community schemes in Canada Bay Council area, with a central contact database for representatives. (Eventually we may need to set this up as a legally constituted body.)
- Association to meet regularly, at approximately 6 weekly intervals. Time of meeting will be restricted to one hour.
- Each attendee to go back to their respective executive committees and confirm participation and representation on new body.
- At next meeting, set of criteria to be established.
- Angela D'Amore will be the nexus between various ministries and the new association.
- Angela sees the key issues at present are:
 - Private maintenance of public facilities
 - Visibility of how Section 94 money is spent
 - Different rates for different estates.
- Angela suggested a meeting with Linda Burney, Minister for Fair Trading, to get brief on current review.
- Paul Zammit is to register a name – Canada Bay Community Schemes Association (or something as close as possible to that).
- Representatives to be confirmed for all estates and cost of registration to be shared.
- Paul Zammit will donate cost of letterheads.
- Kate Foot was appointed Co-ordinator of the new group.
- Dianne Foster to contact other community associations not yet represented, to offer them the opportunity to participate. Other estates identified – Rhodes Waterside, Edgewater, Meriton Apartments, Nautica at Chiswick, Kendall Inlet.

Meeting closed at 11.20 am