

Linden Citizens Association
Minutes of Meeting
held Thursday 10th September 2015
at the Linden Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Road, Linden.

Opened: 19:37 hours

Vice President Jon welcomed all and thanked everyone for their attendance, particularly our ward Councillors.

During introductions, resident Brian Coyne mentioned a video of interview with Rev Bob Evans and Rev Eugene Stockton to be shown on website www.catholica.com.au

Apologies: Trish Doyle MP, Barbara Gow, Jane Grundy.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes were displayed in the noticeboard and on the LCA website www.lindencitizens.asn.au.

Minutes confirmed, moved Kenvyn Davies, seconded Christine Davies.

Business arising from minutes: Evangelista delivery still outstanding.

Hazelbrook Public School – enquiry if Linden gardens could join in their garden festival
Danielle Wilding Forbes is the contact (also at Mid Mountains Community Centre).

Presentation:

Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative Community Cultural Development Worker, Phoebe Coyne said she has been in the position since June. Interested in helping out LCA. The neighbourhood centre runs various events such as Science at the Local and programs for seniors, and children. They would like to get a sense of what's important to communities and how the neighbourhood centre can assist. Collaboration to grow community spirit.

Correspondence Outwards:

12/08/15 BMCC (Suzan Mehmet and Rhett Hahn) Email – invitation to next meeting to discuss road safety in Linden.

12/08/15 Trish Doyle MP Email – invitation to next meeting.

17/08/15 BMCC Ward Councillors Email – invitation to next meeting.

20/08/15 Trish Doyle MP, Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative (Phoebe Coyne), **BMCC** (Suzan Mehmet and Rhett Hahn, ward councillors) Email – notification of change of date for next meeting to 10th September.

29/08/15 Linden Residents – Dates for your diary. Avachat 04/09/15 and LCA meeting 10/09/15.

08/09/15 BMCC (Rhett Hahn) phone call – left message enquiring about attendance at next LCA meeting.

08/09/15 Trish Doyle MP office (Suzie van Opdorp) phone call – checking outcome of Trish's talk with Council regarding 40km/h speed limit. It is thought that Trish wrote to RMS.

10/09/15 Linden Residents MailChimp Email – meeting reminder.

Correspondence Outwards endorsed, moved Greg North, seconded Jeremy Leather.

Business arising from Correspondence Outwards: nil.

Correspondence Inwards:

- 29/07/15 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative** (Phoebe Coyne) Email (and earlier phone call) – confirmation of attendance at next meeting.
- 02/08/15 Mid Mountains Community Centre** Email – newsletter.
- 04/08/15 Blue Mountains Greens** (letter and earlier phone call) – seeking support in opposing the proposed airport at Badgerys Creek.
- 12&17/08/15 Trish Doyle MP office** (Suzie van Opdorp) Email – confirmation of date of next meeting. Trish unable to attend as parliament will be in session.
- 18/08/15 BMCC**(ward councillors) Emails – will be attending next meeting.
- 20/08/15 Trish Doyle MP office** (Suzie van Opdorp) Email – Trish unable to attend meeting on revised date as parliament will be in session. 40 km/h speed limit in Linden to be raised with Council.
- 20/08/15 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative** (Phoebe Coyne), **BMCC** (Clr Annette Bennett, Clr Romola Hollywood) Email – confirmation of attendance at next meeting for revised date.
- 1&2/09/15 Linden resident** (Tracee Bradshaw) Emails – list of concerns and links to articles regarding proposed Badgerys Creek Airport.
- 03/09/15 BMCC** (Clr Chris Van der Kley) Email – confirmation of attendance at next meeting for revised date.
- 04/09/15 Mid Mountains Community Centre** Email – newsletter.
- 06/09/15 Community Action Alliance** Email – proposed Badgerys Creek Airport.
- 08/09/15 BMCC** (Rhett Hahn) phone call – no one from Council will be attending LCA meeting. Correspondence was not sent but will follow shortly.
- 08/09/15 Graffiti Removal Day** Email – on Sunday 18th October. Register at <http://www.graffitiremovalday.org.au>
- 09/09/15 Trish Doyle MP** Email – I am uncertain as to when/if the last representations were made to the Minister (by previous Member?) nor aware of the RMS response you refer to. However, I can write to the Minister about this matter on your behalf, should you wish me to?
- 09/09/15 Trish Doyle MP office** (Tom Harris-Brassil) Email – submission portal for speed limit reviews: <https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx> Trish will write to the Minister today with the request.
- 10/09/15 BMCC** (Tony Moore) Email – No Council staff will be available to attend LCA meeting. Speed count on Glossop Road indicated 43.8 km/h 85th percentile. ‘Slow Down in my Street’ and ‘Fatality Free Friday’ programs continue. Other ideas encouraged.
- 10/09/15 Linden Resident** (Barbara Beale) Email – seats in Kings Cave park for meeting agenda.

Correspondence inwards received, moved Greg North, seconded Janet Fraser.

Business arising from Correspondence in:

Seats in Kings Cave Park – Barbara Beale said that Linden residents physically built the park including at least two seats so people could rest. One in the shade and one in the sun. When Council replaced the seats they were both in full sun by the play area. Barbara suggested that if Council won't do it that LCA put a seat in the shade in the spirit of the one that was originally erected in the park. Not everyone visits the park to supervise children in the play equipment area. LCA to write to the three ward councillors asking for a third seat in the park in the shade. Barbara would like to be consulted about its placement.

Reports

Treasurer:

Sydney Credit Union accounts:

S1 Premier Business account contains: \$2110.45

S8 Motivator Savings account contains: \$2697.25

Treasurer's report received, moved Phil Moss, seconded Greg North.

Linden Rural Fire Brigade: Jenny Anlezark reported that this weekend is Get Ready weekend.

Three letterbox drops have been made. The Brigade is going out on the streets.

10:00 Martin Place, 11:00 Caley Lane, 12:00 Dryandra Place, 1:00 opposite park for free sausage sizzle in the park.

Sent for last meeting but missed due to email misdirection:

Of concern to the brigade is that someone in Linden has contacted Council complaining that the brigade would not allow the LCA to use our station for the recent Vine and Verse event. Whilst we expressed concerns, we did not say that the event could not happen at the station. Unfortunately the complaint was passed on to District Office who contacted the brigade. When Colin explained the nature of the event, the Fire Control Officer confirmed that such a gathering would not be a permitted use of the station building. Because it has now become official the brigade has no option but to deny the LCA use of the building for any future events involving the service of alcohol.

Catch-up & 'avachat Club: Jon Rickard gave a positive report about the eleven residents that attended the first meeting that occurred last Friday at Springwood Sports club designed for residents who have some unstructured time. Another one to be scheduled before Christmas. It is a friendly, social function that is separate for any LCA business. Jon is looking forward to it continuing. Barbara Beale suggested the Transit Cafe in Woodford as a possible next venue.

Neighbourhood Watch:

A man in his twenties has been opening unlocked cars at night looking for money even when well off the street. At least three cases in East Linden.

Moving Safely Around Linden:

Jeremy Leather took over chairing the meeting

Jeremy said he is concerned about the 15% of people who don't keep to the speed limit. He and Ann are often out walking when many residents are leaving for work and sometimes they are fearful for their safety.

Jon Rickard explained the 85th percentile as what is used to determine the recommended speed limit. The 85th percentile quoted in the Council letter would suggest a 40km/h speed limit.

Clr Chris Van der Kley revisited some of the history of the 40 km/h speed limit. It is not Council that regulates speed limits. It is the RMS. There is a criteria for speed limits. Linden doesn't fit in to any of those criteria. Council can only make recommendations, as they have in the past.

Jon Rickard said the issue began 8 years ago. The Moving Safely Around Linden sub-committee was set up and the first survey was done. A new survey was undertaken recently. Results were tabled. There were 72 responses.

Clr Chris Van der Kley – Council staff did investigate but were limited by state legislation. Two things can be done. Request a review of present signage through the local traffic committee. Write to ward councillors requesting a further representation to lower speed limit to 40km/h. If Council supports that then staff would have to follow up.

Clr Romola Hollywood – RMS is where attention should be focused. High pedestrian activity and traffic calming measures must be in place to fit the RMS criteria. Lobby the RMS to change the speed limit through writing and inviting them to a meeting. They need to change their criteria.

Council or Council officers are not against the idea. They are restricted by state legislation overseen by the RMS. Start with local traffic committee but target the RMS. Footpaths – Council doesn't have enough resources for footpaths everywhere. At the present rate it would take 75 years.

Pedestrian and mobility access plan. Normally concentrated on township areas but expanding to feeder roads. Its public exhibition time is coming up. LCA should make a submission to get the issue on the priority list.

We need to set up a new criteria for the RMS.

Clr Annette Bennett – it is obvious that many streets in the Mountains are not standard streets. A new criteria is required.

Some other 40km/h speed limit areas exist which don't fit the RMS criteria. Some precedents exist.

LCA needs to inform residents that it is a RMS issue and not a matter for Council.

Representation to RMS through Trish Doyle is the best way to proceed.

Jon Rickard moved that we approach the local traffic committee for review of signage in east Linden. Seconded by Phil Moss. Carried.

Work with Ward councillors to work on the issue of criteria for 40 km/h speed zones in residential areas to put to the RMS. Seconded by Phil Moss. Carried.

Make a submission to the Pedestrian mobility access plan when it goes to public exhibition.

Seconded by Phil Moss. Carried.

Make representation to Trish Doyle regarding a 40 km/h speed limit criteria. Seconded by Phil Moss. Carried.

Jeremy thanked councillors for their attendance and input.

General Business:

Proposed airport at Badgerys Creek. Council is officially opposed to the airport. Jeremy Leather moved that LCA write to Minister Greg Hunt for an extension of time for submissions for EIS for Badgerys Creek airport. Seconded by Kenvyn Davies. Carried.

Tracee Bradshaw is strongly against it, mostly on UNESCO grounds regarding World Heritage area.

The airport would endanger the Blue Mountains World heritage listing.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19/11/15 at Fire Station.

Meeting closed: 21:31 hours.