

Linden Citizens Association
Minutes of Meeting
held Thursday 17th March 2016
at the Linden Rural Fire Service Station, Burke Road, Linden.

Opened: 19:38 hours.

Apologies: Barbara Beale, Bob & Olive Young, Jeremy Leather, Barbara Gow, Clr Annette Bennett, Clr Chris Van der Kley.

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 Charles Leonard.

Business arising from minutes: nil

Correspondence Outwards:

23/11/15 Ward 2 Councillors Email – follow up of additional seat in shade in park.

23/11/15 Faulconbridge Fruit House (Paul Todarello) Email – thanks for offer of fruit and vegetable basket for Christmas raffle donation. Kenvyn to collect 12/12/15.

30/11/15 BMCC (Jeff Allwood) Email – park use and hold harmless forms for Christmas party.

30/11/15 Linden Residents Flier, MailChimp Email, Facebook – Family Christmas party.

06/12/15 Avis Henning Phone call – thanks for gift of hand-made rug for LCA Christmas raffle.

06/12/15 Faulconbridge Fruit House (Paul Todarello) Email – thanks for fruit basket donation for raffle. It was won by Peter Bradshaw.

22/12/15 BMCC Email – Road Safety in Linden – East Linden signs, Burke Road, West Linden speed limit signs.

04/02/16 Linden Residents MailChimp email – Community Conversations invitation 23/02/16

08/03/16 BMCC online request – dumped rubbish in upper Tollgate Drive. Transaction Reference SR-17754, Transaction Date/Time 8/03/2016 12:37:03 PM.

12/03/16 Linden Residents – meeting reminder flier, Mailchimp email and Facebook invitation.

15/03/16 BMCC (Clrs Van der Kley, Hollywood & Bennett) Email – follow up on seat in park.

Correspondence Outwards endorsed, moved Greg North, seconded Marilyn Pride.

Business arising from Correspondence Outwards:

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7/11/15 Linden Resident Email – <http://www.clearbluesky.info/#!blank/weg4y> BMCC Western Sydney airport website.

02/12/15 BMCC (Jeff Allwood) – Park use permission for Christmas party.

03/12/15, 03/02/16, 07/03/16 Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre – e-newsletter.

23/12/15 BMCC (Judith Jones) Email – A Customer Service Request has been raised on your behalf to address these issues (contained in Road Safety in Linden letter of 22/12/15).

29/01/16 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative (Phoebe Coyne) Email – Community Conversations event 23/02/16.

02/02/16 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative (Phoebe Coyne) Email – Community Conversations event flier.

09/02/16 Mark & Sarah Gee Email – new residents in Boronia place subscribe to LCA email list.

23/02/16 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative (Phoebe Coyne) Email – Science at the Local 2:30pm 13/03/16, Drawing classes in Faulconbridge on Tuesdays from 15/03/16, Kids Zumba in Blaxland from Friday 29/04/16.

- 24/02/16 Springwood Neighbourhood Centre Cooperative** (Phoebe Coyne) Email – thanks for participation and contributions to Community Conversations event. Summary statement to follow in mid-March.
- 09/03/16 BMCC** (ranger) phone call – reported dumped rubbish collected the day before.
- 12/03/16 Barbara Beale** Email – apology for non-attendance and request to chase up Council over seat in the shade in the park.
- 15/03/16 BMCC** (Clr Chris Van der Kley) Email – will see what he can find out about seat in park.
- 17/03/16 BMCC** (Andy Turner via Clr Chris Van der Kley) Email – seat in shade in park. Ornamental trees scheduled for summer planting will now be planted during this winter season. Since Council must maintain a restricted number of assets due to budget limitations, no further seating is appropriate. Council will investigate whether relocating one of the existing seats could be beneficial. It is also understood that LCA may be willing to contribute financially to secure this outcome.
- Correspondence inwards received, moved Greg North, seconded Janet Fraser.

Business arising from Correspondence in:

Seat in the park in the shade: Romola Hollywood said she was disappointed by Council's response. Romola will make representations on our behalf.

LCA will consider providing the difference in price between the cost of moving a seat and installing a new one. The seats were placed without consultation. Council has dropped the ball. Planting Linden trees might be more appropriate than the suggested claret ash tree and two Japanese maples.

Clr Hollywood will request on LCA's behalf that Council:

- plant trees as promised – preferably Linden trees rather than those suggested.
- install a third seat in the park in the shaded spot (under direction from Barbara Beale), since the seats were placed without consultation and there has been a delay of two years.

Road Safety in Linden – East Linden signs, Burke Road, West Linden speed limit signs.

Suggested that next letter say we are disappointed and concerned that you have chosen to take no action in relation to the ...

Has it been referred to local traffic committee?

Moved Janet Fraser, seconded by Marilyn Pride. Carried.

Rubbish on upper Tollgate Drive. Barbara Gow.

Charles Leonard moved that LCA write to Council complaining about their lack of follow up when the matter was reported twice. Council should look at systems to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Thanks for apology from ranger. Seconded by Phil Moss. Carried.

Reports

Treasurer:

Sydney Credit Union accounts:

S1 Premier Business account contains: \$2314.45

S8 Motivator Savings account contains: \$2730.26

Total \$5044.71

Phil moved that LCA pay expenses for Christmas party to Jon Rickard in the amount \$250.12 including a Santa suit. Seconded Charles Leonard. Carried.

Treasurer's report received, moved Phil Moss, seconded Christine Davies. Carried

Linden Rural Fire Brigade: No official report. The brigade have been busy involved in a search for missing person in Medlow Bath. Participation in hazard reduction.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Hole punched in perspex cover on east Linden noticeboard. Marilyn moved that LCA pay to replace perspex. Seconded Christine Davies. Carried.

Phil reported graffiti on wall beside highway to RMS. No action yet. Phil has covered it from view.

Moving Safely Around Linden: Jon Rickard

Committee members needed as well as a date for the first meeting with ward Councillors to develop "40km/h in residential areas". Lobby RMS to review 40km/h criteria.

Community conversations: Jon Rickard attended Springwood Neighbourhood Centre's event on Tuesday 23 February.

Christmas party:

Raffle results:

1st Travis Bedding.

2nd Megan Ebbeling.

3rd Peter Bradshaw.

4th Kathy Winchcombe.

Total raised from ticket sales: \$210.00

Thanks to raffle donors: Two Furlongs Mudgee Winery, Kenvyn & Christine Davies, Todarello's Fruit House, Avis Henning.

General Business:

Market event for Linden: Fleur MacDonald and Janet Fraser. A fund raiser for LCA for local artisans to sell their wares.

In the past Kathie Winchcombe has run markets as part of the RFS open day. This might fill the void. Fleur moved that LCA work towards having a market. Seconded by Janet Fraser. Carried.

East Linden traffic issues: Marilyn Pride. Petition to Police, Council and RMS to install a speed camera on west-bound approach to Martin Place. The intention is to make it safer for particularly right turns from Martin Place onto the highway.

There has been a suggestion of a working bee to cut back vegetation near intersection of Martin Place and Great Western Highway.

Clr Romola Hollywood said that many complaints have been received about the stretch of highway. Council carried a Mayoral minute for a safety audit along that stretch of the highway. The RMS has refused an audit. Council has resolved to undertake their own safety audit to produce the evidence for RMS to act. The section is one of the oldest parts of the highway. State MP Trish Doyle is working to have shadow minister inspect the area.

LCA supports the people of east Linden and their petition to have a speed camera erected to protect them when turning out of Martin Place.

Moved Phil Moss, seconded by Marilyn Pride. Carried.

http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/nominate_black_spots.aspx

Bus Timetables: how are they "known"/distributed? <http://www.bmbc.com.au/public-timetables>

Mid Mountains Timetable:

Route 685H Springwood to North Hazelbrook via Faulconbridge, Linden, Woodford and Hazelbrook.

Route 690K Springwood to Katoomba via Faulconbridge, Linden, Woodford, Hazelbrook, Lawson, Wentworth Falls and Leura.

App: Trip View and their web site.

Contact company to find out how they are advertising their timetable.

Western Sydney Airport: Susan Templeman said she is opposed to plans for the airport. No curfew, really loud noise. Lower Mountains will be most affected in the short term. In the medium term plans will see flight paths centred around this (mid-mountains) area. World Heritage effects in EIS very poorly covered, employment for the west is doubtful – probably will be built with 456 visa foreign labour. RAWSA Facebook and website. <http://www.birdsnotboeings.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/residentsagainstwesternsydneyairport/>
We all need to fight this to protect our lifestyle and environment. The Blue Mountains is Sydney's lungs. World Heritage status could easily be affected with parts being withdrawn from the area. Labour hasn't "landed" on a position on the airport. At the very least it needs a curfew and different flight plans. Jobs versus the environment.
There may only be ten years of silence left in Linden.

Gift for Bob & Olive Young: Executive to discuss and to be presented to Bob & Olive next meeting.

Hazelbrook Woodford Garden Festival: Phil Moss has been corresponding and a meeting is to be held 22nd March to decide if Linden Gardens will be included.

Charles Leonard leaving 15th April for Ulladulla. Jon thanked Charles and Margaret for their input into the Linden community through the LCA and RFS. We value their contribution over a long time and wish them well in Ulladulla. Carried by acclamation.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19/05/16 at Fire Station.

Meeting closed: Jon thanked all for coming, especially Clr Romola Hollywood and Susan Templeman. Closed 21:25.