

Minutes of General Meeting of the Basin Villages Forum, held Monday 18 Feb, 2008 at 7.30 pm, at the St Georges Basin Community Centre, Meriton Street, St Georges Basin.

Welcome. Present 28 people.

Apologies: Maureen & Norm Webb, Rebecca Rudd, Ross Clifton, Jim Brown-Sarre.

Minutes of previous general meeting read by David. One "Matter Arising":
Indian Mynahs. Ron Tomlinson advised that he'd heard an interview on radio, regarding Ryde Council and humane traps. Forum to ask Rebecca, for information on mynah traps. Forum possibly to contact the Ryde City Council for information on these traps.

Minutes moved John Burns. 2nd Robert Doust.

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT

Summary read out by Pam Wells, in Maureen's absence.

Treasurer's Report; presented in Jim's absence, by Christine.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Kevin Dunn (minibus driver in bay & basin area) gave overview of many traffic problems in the Anson, Old Voss Drive, Maxwell Ave, areas.

He and affected residents have drafted a petition to be presented to Council, to have Voss drive closed off, as well as other suggestions; based on practical observations by the residents.

These areas are designed only for local traffic, but in reality, heavy vehicles and extra traffic are using these streets as short cut to the bypass.

LETTER to S.C.C: request speaker from Council, to address a Forum general meeting, specifically on all traffic related issues in e.g. Anson, Maxwell, Voss drive areas, and roads related to Island Point Road.

2. Laura read out a letter from Council, and gave an overview of development & improvements to streets, pedestrian access & parking - planned and/or completed - over the past 12 months: part of \$160 allocation by Council to the Sanctuary Point CBD.

LETTER required to Council supporting the proposed works still to be completed.

3: Strong representation from shopkeepers/business operators based in Island Point Road, St Georges Basin.

These people expressed concerns that the proposed multiple developments along Island Point Rd, mostly at the rear of the existing shops, will significantly, *negatively* impact upon the daily practical operation of their businesses. Plans available are a revision of a DCP dated 1998. New revised DCP became due for revision 6 Feb 08.

Example issues raised were: ongoing drainage problems; service vehicle access e.g. Armaguard will be unable to park close enough to the business to collect cash; complications to and/or loss of parking. There was particular concern over proposed median strip and the traffic congestion it could cause.

They felt that they would be disadvantaged, to the benefit of the developers, and had collected a petition signed by traders along Island Pt Rd, to be presented to Council.

The Forum committee urged these business-people to attend en-masse, a meeting at Council chambers the following Tuesday evening, & take up the opportunity of 5-minute presentations to Council about their multiple concerns; then to report back to the Forum, so that the Forum can send letters of support, and assist in organising a Resident's Briefing/public meeting, with speakers from Council.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm.