



# Scotland Island Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

- Date:** March 10, 2013  
**Venue:** JR house  
**Present:** Judy Readman, Bill Gye, Betsi Beem, Cass Gye, Jon Maxim, Sue Dickson, Alan Gaines, June Lahm, Tim Turpin, Graeme Crayford, Colin Haskell, Ian Souter, Ruth Gaines, Carol Floyd  
**Apologies:** Debbie Cordukes  
**Opening:** Meeting opened at 10:10 am  
**Observers Welcomed:** Susan Muranty, Sharon Kinnison, Paul Smith, Shona Forsyth, Jenny Cullen

### OPERATIONS

**Meetings:** SIRAC meetings should be driven by Sub-Committee and Working Group reports. Hierarchy of decisions: some to be approved by SIRAC, minor decisions can be responsibility of teams. Dissatisfaction voiced about excluding residents from Sub-Committees. Submissions or ideas can be communicated directly to Sub-Committees.

**Proposal:** that residents can be invited to join Working Groups. Moved GC; seconded BG. Meeting agreed.

**Previous minutes:** February minutes accepted

#### Outstanding Action Points:

1. **Emergency Water Supply:** Sydney Water considering pressure reduction.
2. **Action: W&W to follow-up with Sydney Water ONGOING**
3. **Unregistered Vehicles:** Conditional Registration to be addressed as part of R&D Traffic Management Plan.
4. **Community Pontoon-TUG:** A spare pontoon has been secured at Tennis pending its removal by PWC. **Action: TUG to follow-up**
5. **Community Pontoon-TUG:** It was noted that each TUG member must also be a SIRA member (insurance and lease are covered by SIRA). **Action: TUG to follow-up and confirm**
6. **Charters:** AG expressed disappointment that not all charters had been received. **Action: Sub-Committees and Working Groups to submit charters to JR by March 15**

#### Church Point:

After three meetings with senior Council staff, several phone calls and two letters; agreement to reduce license fees from proposed \$285 to \$210; insurance and license issues to be resolved; Council sign recently vandalised; misinformation on limit of licenses; cannot deny residents access to their homes. Solution: if necessary, CPPOM Commuter Wharf part implementation of Stage 2 which provides additional fingers on the Wharf.

**Motion:** that SIRAC does not support a limit on licenses. Moved: BG; seconded JR. Meeting agreed. **Action:** CPPOM Sub-Committee to follow up licenses

**Seawall Report:** Awaiting geo-tech report which will offer various pricing and design options; community consultation to advise results.

**Management Issues:** SIRAC should write to PWC to suggest: 1) re-establish previous parking restrictions above Holmeport; 2) reverse pay and display parking restriction changed to 7 days, previously 3 days; 3) request Waterfront Café comply with seating allocation approved in DA. Note: we should request ideas from the whole community on how better to manage parking.

#### **Roads and Drainage:**

Report noted. Charter submitted. Council requested section of road on Thompson Street, intersection of Hilda Avenue, be closed for 3 weeks to allow it to cure and harden; also this section of road to be one-way due to steepness of gradient. Proposal: letter of thanks to PWC for works and acknowledging Council staff; **Action:** R&D notice to go in PON; draft thanks letter

#### **Communications:**

Notice was placed in PON and BaysNews advising reduction in Commuter Wharf fees; to draft one notice for all Working Groups calling for volunteers, instead of each group individually, once charters are agreed and published. **Action:** Comms draft notice and send to Team Leaders

#### **Financial Report:**

(Verbal) 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter BAS lodged; EW Term Deposit rollover early March; Interest received \$1,733.95; February accounts paid. Report delayed due to computer problems. **Action:** Report to be sent asap

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Hall:** Meeting scheduled with Council to discuss new kitchen; suggestion industrial dishwasher or sterilizer; upgrade of power requirements for Café equipment; new lease not signed and should commence from July 2013. **Action:** Hall to discuss these at PWC meeting

**TUG:** John Berry, PWC advised engineer not satisfied with walkway **Action:** TUG to follow up

#### **Community Vehicle:**

Report noted. Vehicle usage halved over last four months; not a revenue issue but suggests more vehicles on the Island; Traffic Management policy is needed; awaiting response to broker an arrangement for water taxi service, advanced bookings only; **Action:** CV team to followup

### **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

**Island Vision:** Submission received for discussion. **Action:** RG to discuss her submission with JM

**Community Engagement:** Charter submitted; subject to changes in Pittwater 2025. Noted: upcoming PWC meeting to discuss changes.

**Water and Wastewater:** Sydney Water advised delay in producing proposal for water connection; options to go to Community as some residents do not want sewerage or water; no water supply, no sewerage. **Action:** W&W followup Sydney Water

#### **Parks and Reserves:**

Report noted. Charter submitted; draft notice submitted; PWC contractors have bush regeneration contract for most Reserves; obtain schedule from PWC. **Action:** P&R to request schedule

Notice about driving through Catherine Park should be general advice to discourage this activity; noted that parking above Hall difficult and dangerous; vehicles should not go through grassed area, only drive on pathway; septic trench and swale being compromised by this activity.

**Action:** Communications work on re-drafting notice

#### **Waste and Recycling:**

New tender 2013: PWC meeting to discuss options for waste management; hard surface at Cargo for vegetation and clean up; cyclone fencing as barricade; investigate possibility of large skips to avoid material being tipped on ground; notice on skips stating fines for illegal dumping. Suggestion: larger skips at Wharves to replace waterfront collections; Western Foreshores receive waterfront garbage collections as well as recycling. **Action:** W&R to investigate; draft letter collection fencing and skips

Waste Calendars: important information inside pamphlet. **Action:** W&R to send PWC redesign

**Proposal:** that there should be notice thanking Contractor for success of vegetation and cleanup. Meeting agreed. **Action:** W&R draft notice for PON

#### **Wharves and Marine:**

Cargo Pontoon: no further progress; awaiting update from PWC ; cost blow out renovating pontoons as a result of resident's legal action and requests.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Pasadena:**

1. DA sent to some residents and Offshore and Onshore Associations
2. Flyer in mailboxes giving residents a guide for DA responses
3. Proposal: that we respond particularly with extreme concern about parking; request a stakeholder consultation.
4. Obligation to view DA in the context of CPPOM; existing use of Pasadena; establishment of Waterfront Café not compliant with approved DA. Submissions to be received by March 18.
5. Issues of noise and parking; should also include encroachments into Thomas Stephens Reserve; proposal in previous DA to provide parking spaces was rejected by Land and Environment Court on grounds of the history of carpark usage.

**Actions:** IS to draft response; JR forward to SIRAC for email responses asap; JR send letter to PWC advising submission being prepared; request extension. JM draft notice for PON supporting flyer; announce SIRA making submission.

#### **Conflict of Interest:**

The meeting minutes December 16, 2012 were referenced:

**Church Point:** BG and IS attended Church Point Design Group (CPDG) meeting; BB attended as representative of Church Point Friends; BB does not advocate any design but wants to raise the issue of management of the area not just infrastructure; the issue of perception of conflict of interest raised and discussed. **Action:** BB to consider whether to step down as SIRAC VP or continue as CPF representative.

BB disclosed that she is a member of Church Point Friends; her future involvement with CPF is contingent on SIRAC's position; nothing in Constitution about resignation being required under these circumstances; her main concern is about managing demand at CP; will continue on both SIRAC and CPF if resignation not required by SIRAC. JR/BG: this is not about resignation, but a matter of determining if there is a conflict of interest and, if so, what action should be taken.

**Note:** Betsi Beem left the meeting prior to further discussion of the matter due to prior commitment. Visitors we asked to leave meeting due to confidentiality of discussion.

**Motion:** that we request a position statement from Church Point Friends before taking vote. Moved BG; seconded CF. For: important to manage perceptions and this will be more transparent; Against: public record of previous advocacy by CPF for particular plans, in conflict with SIRAC and the broader community, is sufficient evidence of their position; would make no difference and delay decision.

**Lost: 3 For, 11 Against**

**Motion:** that SIRAC determine that there is a perceived conflict of interest in Betsi Beem being involved with CPF. Moved JR; seconded AG.

**Proposed Amendment:** that SIRAC determine that there is a perceived conflict of interest in Betsi Beem representing CPF in formal meetings. Moved BG; seconded CF. JR accepted amendment.

**Final Amended Motion:** that SIRAC determine that Betsi Beem's disclosure of involvement with Church Point Friends is a conflict of interest, as noted in the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 Number 7 Section 31, if she represents Church Point Friends in formal or public meetings. Moved JR; seconded CF. **Carried: 8 For, 5 Against**

Meeting closed at 1:20pm

**Next meeting: April 21, 2013 10 a.m. Venue Community Hall**