

CATHERINE HILL BAY PUBLIC MEETING 19th February 2016

Welcome to Marc Desmond and Belinda Sharp from Lake Macquarie City Council by David Knock, Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association Secretary

Marc Desmond, Acting Transportation Planning Co-ordinator Lake Macquarie City Council:

Marc informed us that a LMCC Traffic Committee Report dealing with the traffic problems of Catherine Hill Bay was finally sent to Council.

The recommendation of the Committee to be approved by Council was for the "installation of speed cushions with kerb extensions."

A number of concerns were raised:

1. With the number of recent accidents that have occurred at the northern entrance to the village of Middle Camp the first devices should be placed such that a speeding car could be slowed before it enters the town. Cars lose control on the bend where the bus stop shelter and first houses are located, overcorrect and then crash into the first or second power pole, as happened this month requiring a new pole. So it was suggested by Marc Desmond that this first device could be outside the village, further north than planned, and be a speed hump as the noise generated by this hump would not impact on the residents. There was unanimous agreement.
2. The cushions might not be as useful as the brick level-topped devices that extend across the width of the road as had been proposed for years by the community during consultations. Trail bikes would of course simply ride between or around the cushions.
3. How long would it take for further changes to the plan? It would have to go back to the Traffic Committee and then again to a full Council meeting, ie months.

It was agreed that the LMCC Councillors be asked if they could pass the report with amendments, as the community has waited so long already (4 years) and we need Council to begin the installation of the speed calming devices.

Further changes could also be negotiated before the next financial year when a further set of speed calming devices will be installed in the first half of next financial year.

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1 Attendance- D Hawcroft, , L Goff, D Goff, C Winning, N Lambert, B Norman, S Whyte, M James, S Winning, P Myers, D Knock, L Smith, D Dearing, J Sommer, S Dunford, C Brown

Apologies—J Gartelmann, Ben Brown, B &K Vanden Hengle, C Johnson, C Norman, J Hill

2 Minutes of last CHBPA meeting held 11th December 2015 are on the website. Moved by David Knock that these be accepted; seconded by Carmel Brown

3 Treasurer's report

Given by P Myers

General Account	
Balance at 30 Nov 2015 (Last report)	\$3,179.25
Memberships income	\$30.00
Friends income	\$10.00
Donations income	\$539.40
Accountant audit expense	-\$280.00
Insurance expense	-\$555.00
Website expense	-\$359.40
Fair Trading expense	-\$79.00
Balance at 19 Feb 2016 (This report)	\$2,485.25
Total change for reporting period	-\$694.00

Heritage Account	
Balance at 30 Nov 2015 (Last report)	\$6,753.79
Balance at 19 Feb 2016 (This report)	\$6,753.79
Total change for reporting period	\$ -

4 Membership

Concern about the small number of attendees. This was put down to the short notice given concerning the change of venue, and the fact that email addresses have changed and quite a few members are not receiving the newsletter and notices.

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REMINDER: MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Please see attached form

5 Reports - .

- **Rose Group Development**
Community Liaison Committee meeting was on 16th Feb attended by community representatives, Sue Whyte and Damien Hawcroft.
Report given by D Hawcroft:
It will be May/ June 2016 before Montefiore St reopens which will require input and sign off by the RMS.
Stage 1 works to be completed by April 2016 for buildings to start in approximately 4th Quarter 2016.
There is still no IPART approval for Rose's sewerage plant.
- **Council Meeting on Flora:** Councillor K Fraser, A Stewart, B Collier, S Whyte and
D Hawcroft attended a meeting with relevant LMCC Officers. The objective of this meeting was to encourage LMCC to be active in encouraging the planting of native vegetation in / about the Rose Development to enable a flora and fauna

bridge between the State Recreational Park to the south and Wallarah NP to the north of this development.

Angus told of his research project with Sydney Botanic Gardens to gather seeds from attractive plants at Catherine Hill Bay and have them propagated at Mt Annan Botanic gardens .Great possibilities for everyone.!!

- **Catho Coastal Walk** – proposed by P Myors.
There is a problem for people who want to walk between the villages. The road is too dangerous and often the beach is not an option.
A coastal route on land between Flowers Drive and the coast would be suitable. A few steps would be necessary but the lookout which would be included provides fantastic views (see circulated drawing). The walk could join up with the Coal & Allied proposed bicycle/walkway at Graveyards Beach. It could branch off to the oval and Bowling Club.
This would be a worthy endeavor as our next heritage project.
Need to involve our local MP Yasmin Catley and NPWS (who own the land).
- **Trail bikes on C&A land** - Complaints were made about bikes behind houses east of Flowers Dr. Letters were sent to residents nearby only. Scott and Lyn both rang Geoffrey Rock to let him know this is not a significant problem, most people respectful. GR said most feedback was the same.
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- **Tennis Club**– report by C Brown
Australia Day tennis and BBQ was a great social day and thanks to all who helped and came, and Lindsey for her cards as appreciation gifts. AGM held and exec re-elected. Over a thousand dollars in the account now. Garry said white ants seemed to have gone - fence was down and in water for months after April storm. Committee will look at needs e.g. tank connected to sink. Hoping to have Anzac and Mothers Day events.
- **Landcare**- report by C Brown
2016 plan available - continue as is. Landcare sessions are the first Saturday's 10-12 noon, meeting in the carpark at Graveyards Beach. Green Team dates for this year are Monday 2 May on Pat Slaven Reserve slopes, then at Graveyards, Monday 18 July and Monday 12 Sept.
- **Clean Up Australia Day**
Sunday 6 March - Steve Winning agreed to register and coordinate this day.

General Business–

Mr and Mrs Winning gave detailed explanation as to why they want the gate at the public lookout locked every evening for their security and reducing rubbish. Concern was expressed regarding locking off of public land and if locking a gate was the best solution to the problem. Mr Winning put a motion asking for support of the Association, which was passed 8 to 7. This will now be referred to Yasmin Catley MP.

Meeting closed.