



1967 – 2017 Celebrating 50 years protecting Parkville’s heritage and amenity

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, 14 February 2017 held at Walmsley House, Gatehouse Street at 7.15pm

	Item	Action
1	Attendees	
	<p>Committee members: Rob Moore (RM) Rob Krelle (RK) Helen Weston (HW) Dave Collins (DC) Tom Agar (TA) Gerry Noonan (GN) (until 8.45pm)</p>	
2	Apologies	
	Anne Phefley Brenda Frok	
3	Conflict of interest	Noted
	None declared	
4	Minutes of meetings 11 October 2016 and 9 November 2016	
	<p>Motion: That the Minutes of the Meetings on 11 October and 9 November 2016 be accepted as accurate and complete records.</p> <p>Matters arising: All covered in other Agenda items.</p>	<p>1 RM/2 GN</p> <p>Noted</p>
5	Correspondence (not elsewhere covered)	
	<p>In – UCA Funds management newsletter</p> <p>Out – letter of invitation from RM to Lord Mayor Robert Doyle to be guest of honour at dinner in July to mark the 50th anniversary of the Association.</p>	Noted
6	Treasurer’s report	
6.1	<p>Report HW reported that the balance in the cheque account is \$11,498.84. Recent income from membership subscriptions and term deposit interest.</p> <p>The statement of Income and Expenditure for 2016 was tabled and approved in principle – minor discrepancy in figures to be resolved prior to AGM.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>HW</p>
6.2	<p>Draft Budget for 2017 HW tabled a draft budget for the Association for 2017 based on income and expenditure for 2016 and amended in accordance with various assumptions about activities and priorities this year.</p> <p>In discussion, DC suggested that an amount be included for procurement of heritage advice on policy issues – this may be appropriate in relation to planned exhibition of Local Heritage Planning Policy in March 2017 (see item 10.1). it was also suggested that the Association applies to City of Melbourne for a substantial grant</p>	Noted

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7	Governance	
7.1	Grant acquittal report to City of Melbourne Expenditure last year generally covered the items nominated in the Grant application. HW to prepare grant acquittal report.	HW
8	Parkville Association – the future	
8.1	Membership renewals Renewal notices to be issued shortly reflecting increased membership fees as approved at last year's AGM. in the face of rising costs in running the Association, Life Members will be asked to consider making a donation equivalent to the annual membership rate. Discussion around the potential for a 'corporate membership' category with an annual rate of \$120.	HW Noted
8.2	Communications issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results TA reported that there were about 35 responses to this survey conducted online late last year. The items of interest identified by respondents were generally consistent with what the Association is doing – heritage conservation, traffic and parking and protection of Royal Park. • Logo/letterhead HW suggested that there is a need to refresh/update the Association's logo and letterhead to a more contemporary imagery and to be available in electronic form for use in all social media platforms. In discussion, it was agreed that the 'cast iron' imagery should be retained as the basis of the logo and a request should be placed on Facebook and the website for design-savvy members to prepare a new logo with an honorarium of up to \$400 available if required. • Website It was discussed that the website software needs updating but it was agreed to wait until the outcome of the Grant application to the Public Records Office to digitise/prepare an app of the Walking Brochures is know by midyear. In the interim, Grace O'Mahoney will continue to make updates provided by the Committee. • Facebook Traffic has increased by 35% over same time last year. There is a need to capture the email addresses from Facebook users. HW to give TA copy of membership register to cross reference email addresses. Concern was expressed that there are some posts being made on behalf of the Association by individuals. Motion: That only authorised Committee members are to post items on the Facebook site on behalf of the Association. • e-Newsletter In the place of the printed newsletter, two electronic versions of an e-newsletter are to be produced this year and emailed to members and placed on website and Facebook. 	Noted HW/TA Noted TA/HW 1 RM/2 TA HW

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9	Events and community issues	
9.1	<p>AGM The AGM will be held on 14 March at 7.30pm at Trinity College Chapel with guest speaker, Professor Chris Kilpatrick, CEO of the Royal Children's Hospital (and Parkville resident). HW to liaise with Rev Samuel Dow (Chaplain) to finalise arrangements.</p>	Noted HW
9.2	<p>50th anniversary of establishment of the Parkville Association in 2017 RM reported that the letter of invitation to the Lord Mayor had been received and was under consideration. Princes Park was suggested as a potential venue for the 50th anniversary dinner in July as it affords easy car parking. Some research is needed on original Committee members – to be checked with Margaret Dean. A 'Banner' re 50th anniversary is to be put on all communications during 2017.</p>	RM Noted
9.3	<p>Relationship with Melbourne Zoo Rather than make a donation to the Zoo (given the other demands on the Association's funds), it was agreed that the Association should encourage local residents to join the Friends of the Zoo.</p>	Noted
10	Heritage and planning issues	
10.1	<p>Planning policy submissions – none pending Notice has been received from the City of Melbourne about the exhibition of Amendment 256 – Local Heritage Policy Review to the Melbourne Planning Scheme will go on 6 week exhibition from March. The Committee will review this material when available and assess if professional assistance is required in the preparation of a submission.</p>	Noted
10.2	<p>Policy for objecting to permit applications HW and DC to discuss/refine further for discussion at April meeting.</p>	DC/HW
10.3	<p>Planning applications – update on decisions/objections/appeals 28-30 Morrah Street After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed works that would be visible from both Fitzgibbon and Morrah Streets would not be in keeping with the heritage character and inconsistent with the applicable local heritage planning policy in clause 22.05 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme. Objection along these lines to be prepared and submitted. It was also agreed that contact should be made with the owner to discuss the application and the Association's view.</p> <p>18-20 Fitzgibbon Street Permit issued.</p> <p>188-198 Gatehouse Street (former church hall) Council's Planning Officer advised that the Heritage Adviser has made comments (some unfavourable) so it's with the applicant to respond to the issues raised.</p>	HW HW Noted Noted
11	Traffic and parking issues	
11.1	<p>Meeting with City of Melbourne traffic engineers/planners RM, HW and BF attended a meeting with Haig Poulsen and other Council Traffic Engineers on 10 February 2017. Items discussed</p>	Noted

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	<p>included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - results of the 2016 parking surveys (refer to November meeting's presentation by Ross Goddard). Council to check if parking sensors have been installed in Parkville – not needed in Residents Only parking areas. Some local changes to parking restrictions will be considered to ensure consistency with adjoining streets, for example, 2 hour limit on Royal Parade, introduce restrictions on Sunday in Wimble Street and other streets as appropriate. - traffic volumes and speed surveys – noted that apart from Gatehouse Street, increases in traffic volumes generally moderate. Concern re traffic speeds – Council to mention to police need for periodic enforcement on residential streets. Discussion re localised works to reduce speeds and/or 'rat running', for example, from Park Drive northbound to Degraeves Street by extending and widening median in Degraeves Street, means to control wrong way traffic entering Wimble Street from north and speeding from south (Child Care Centre related offenders) - potential to narrow entrance from Morrah Street. Approval for construction of roundabout at Park Drive and Bayles Street next year. Gatehouse Street volumes increased slightly but speeds holding. Council very strong on not adjusting signals on Gatehouse Street or removing parking in front of Ronald McDonald House – calming measure and needed for hospital visitors. DC unhappy with this position by Council and the Committee's support of this position as previously discussed and agreed. - Melbourne Metro – University and Hospitals want Grattan Street closed permanently. Potential for change in station design and location of entrances. Closure for construction likely to be from later in 2017 after preferred contractor is announced. - Western Distributor – Council is concerned about the increase in traffic in North and West Melbourne and CBD because of inclusion of Dynon Road link - 'super' tram stops along Royal Parade – no solution evident from Yarra Trams. 	Noted
11.2	Other traffic and parking issues	
11.2.1	<p>Roundabout at Park Drive and Morrah Street This is under construction and completion anticipated in 6 weeks.</p>	Noted
11.5.2	<p>Signage at new roundabout at Park Drive and Story Street Council has limited opportunity to reduce the number and location of signs because of legal requirements for various signs for safety.</p>	Noted
11.5.3	<p>Buses using Gatehouse Street Awaiting action by AP.</p>	AP
12	General business	
12.1	<p>Obituary for Julieanne Bell RM reported that an extensive obituary was included in The Age today.</p>	Noted
12.2	<p>Request for venues for home recitals A request has been received about a proposal seeking home owners in Parkville willing to host home recitals for solo and small ensemble music. Agreed that request will be placed on website and Facebook (but not with Association endorsing the scheme).</p>	Noted
	Meeting closed at 9.55 pm	
	Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Tuesday, 14 February 2017 at Trinity College Chapel, Royal Parade	
	Next Committee meeting – 7.15 pm, Tuesday, 11 April 2017, Walmsley House	