

WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD **THURSDAY 13th October 2022** **COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: 12 people attended the meeting
APOLOGIES: 8 were recorded
PRESENTATION: SK – Member of Brightmore Precinct

COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 8th September 2022 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 9 in favour, 3 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Green Waste - pickup problems appear to have righted themselves.

W H Brothers Park – Precinct Chair, to arrange a meeting with SB with regard to refurbishment of the Memorial. RL to send email to suggest Tuesday 18/10 as a possible day for a weeding bee.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Council's Response to Precinct's September 2022 Minutes

There were no actions requiring Council's response, however there were two updates

MOTION: Precinct supports the Wollstonecraft Motion – Council has advised that the Precinct Committee's suggestion can be explored via the finalisation of the implementation Plan from the Precinct System Review.

UPDATE (11 October 2022)

Council at its meeting held 10 October 2022 considered a related Notice of Motion and resolved:
1 THAT in its consultative process with the community, including consideration of submissions from Precincts, on Council policy proposals, Council ensure, when voting from the community is requested, Council recognises the number of individual votes for and against the proposal, rather than consider that an individual organisation's majority vote be counted as a block of one vote for or against the proposal.

2 THAT at community group meetings where a consultation is requested by Council, it is made explicitly clear, through a prepared standard statement (agreed to by Council) read in the meeting, the individual vote numbers will be recorded in the consultation report to Council.

3 THAT for the purpose of transparency and to ensure the absence of 'branch stacking', the names and addresses of individual voters will be included in the report to Council on the voting outcome of the consultation.

4 THAT when voting is counted at Council, any individual person's vote is only counted once, whether it be as an individual or part of a group.

5 THAT the principle of "one person, one value, one vote" is included in the review of the Community Engagement Protocol.

Young Street / Grasmere Road Roundabout – Council's Director of Engineering & Property Services has advised that Council awaits a response from TfNSW on what they suggest is a suitable design to reinstate the roundabout.

UPDATE (11 October 2022)

Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that TfNSW has provided Council with the design parameters (not a finished design) for reinstating the roundabout. Council will now have to apply the parameters to the intersection in a detail design to establish impacts on parking (parking loss) – the cycleway reconfiguration – pedestrian access – bus access and overall cost. This process will take at least 6-8 weeks as Council's Traffic & Transport Operations Department is currently short staffed.

Precinct welcomes this initiative

- **Traffic Committee Meeting (14/10)**

- ❖ Nil

- **Council Meeting (12/9)**

- ❖ **Item 8.2** – 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference Motions

- **Council Meeting (26/9)**

- ❖ **Item 8.1** – Election of Deputy Mayor – Godfrey Santer

- ❖ **Item 8.6** – Customer Feedback & Complaints (Jan – Jun 22)

- **Council Meeting (8/10)**

- ❖ **Item 6.1** – Recruitment & Appointment of a General Manager

Therese Manns has been appointed General Manager and will commence on 21/11/2022

- **Council Meeting (10/10)**

- ❖ **Item 10.3** – Planning Proposal 6/22 – 1-7 Rangers Road & 50 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay

Council voted unanimously not to support the Woolworths Proposal. There had been 204 submissions from residents.

Precinct authorises Chair to write to individual Councillors and thank them for their vote and also to write to Council and thank them for the Report they prepared.

- **CPC Meeting (18/10)**
- ❖ CPC Meeting Agenda
- **Council Memoranda**
- ❖ 23 Sep – Public Exhibition of Planning Proposal 4/22: Prohibition of Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone
- ❖ 27 Sep – Precinct System Presentation to Japanese delegation – 20 October
- ❖ 4 Oct – Waverton Peninsula – Berrys Bay Draft Master Plan
- ❖ 7 Oct – Draft Amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013
 - St Leonards/Crows Nest Planning Area.

MOTION 1: Precinct supports Council’s Draft Amendment to NSDCP 2013 – St Leonards/Crows Nest Planning Area.

Motion Carried: 11 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

- **Other**
- ❖ 20 Sep – CPC Update on Woolworths Planning Proposal 6/22
- ❖ 25 Oct 6pm - Online Information Session Planning Proposals Overview for Precinct Committee Members

Video on Draft Amendment to the DCP concerning car parking rates in high density areas of North Sydney – on public exhibition until 13 December 2022.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

105-153 Miller Street North Sydney DA Plans (amended)
 114 Macpherson Street Cremorne DA Plans
 16 Ellalong Road Cremorne DA Plans
 44 Montague Road Cremorne DA Approved
 *12-14 Waters Road Neutral Bay DA Plans (amended)

***Precinct Chair to put in an objection to the amended plans of 12-14 Waters Road Neutral Bay**

Presentation: SK – Brightmore Precinct member

Planning Proposal 4/22: Prohibition of Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone

Planning Proposal 4/22 has been developed by the Council in response to community concerns, and seeks to reverse an amendment made (under the former Council) to the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan (NSLEP) on 30 June 2021.

What were the arrangements before 30 June 2021?

Prior to 30 June 2021, developers could not demolish houses in an R3 Zone to build residential flat buildings, which were, and continue to be, permitted in R4 and B4 Zones. These rules protected the character of our streets and promoted diversity of housing options in our suburbs, noting that we live in a very dense LGA (with 70% of dwellings in Cremorne being flats, according to ABS 2016 census data).

What changed on 30 June 2021?

A significant amendment was made to the NSLEP which allowed developers to demolish houses and townhouses in an R3 Zone to build residential flat buildings (apartment blocks).

When the amendment was considered in a Council meeting on 24 August 2020, 5 of the 10 Councillors (in the former Council) – Crs Gibson, Drummond, Gunning, Keen and Barbour, voted for the amendment. It was passed after Cr Jilly Gibson (former Mayor) used her casting vote to approve it. The motion was passed despite the fact that the amendment wasn't required to meet our LGA's housing supply targets.

What is the impact of the June 2021 amendment?

Within weeks of the June 2021 amendment, a new DA was lodged on 9/8/21 to demolish 3 Federation houses in Holt Avenue, Cremorne (located in an R3 Zone) to construct a 16 unit 3 storey apartment block. It also involved destroying established gardens and 20 mature trees. There were over 70 objections from the community. These houses have since been confirmed by a comprehensive assessment undertaken by independent heritage expert, GML Heritage Pty Ltd, to be items of local heritage significance to Cremorne and the North Sydney LGA.

The June 2021 amendment will result in more houses being demolished by developers. This will lead to reduced housing diversity, and loss of open space, trees and wildlife habitats. The amendment will lead to changes in our built form environment that will erode the character of our suburbs and result in the loss of items of heritage value.

January 2022 resolution by new Councillors to reverse the June 2021 amendment

In January 2022, in response to community concerns about the June 2021 amendment, Cr. James Spenceley raised as a matter of urgency, a motion to commence the process to reverse the June 2021 amendment. The motion was passed unanimously by Councillors.

Subsequently the Council prepared a Planning Proposal (that sets out the changes to the NSLEP required to reverse the June 2021 amendment) which was then submitted to the Dept of Planning.

Planning Proposal 4/22 is now on public exhibition

On 12 August 2022, the Minister for Planning granted Gateway Approval, allowing the Council to place the Planning Proposal on public exhibition. The Council is now inviting residents to make submissions by 5pm on Monday 7 November 2022.

MOTION 2: Precinct supports Planning Proposal 4/22 and is seeking to preserve the character of the streets in and around the R3 Zone.

Motion Carried: 11 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

GENERAL BUSINESS

WH Brothers Park

1 A resident whose property backs onto the northern boundary of Brothers Park has requested Precinct ask Council to remove a pine tree from Brothers Park because soil is being washed from the base of the tree into the back yard of the resident's property. RL to liaise with Council staff as the embankment will need to be replanted to be stabilised and to maintain privacy if the tree is removed.

2 Precinct requests Council upgrade the pedestrian entry to Brothers Park as it is currently a trip hazard and not safe for wheelchairs or walkers. Precinct also requests Council inspect the timber fence adjacent to the entry to the park. Timber sections have rotted and are not safe.

Ernest Street Upgrade

Ernest Street ramp gives access only to and from the tunnel not the Bradfield Highway.

15 Richmond Avenue Cremorne

This part-constructed property is now for sale.

Precinct requests Council to advise whether:

1 Development approval has been given for the construction of two swimming pools as is being advertised.

2 Council's financial position with respect to payment for loss of street trees and damage to Council property (footpath etc) is protected in the event of the sale of the property.

16 Ellalong Road (Development Application)

A Precinct member raised questions regarding insufficient soft landscaping which could lead to possible flooding / stormwater runoff in the event of prolonged wet weather.

Wonga Road / Young Street Issues

A Precinct member has raised the following for Council's consideration:

No. 1 Wonga Road – a boat trailer has been there for a long time. **Precinct asks Council to arrange for a Ranger to inspect and commence impounding action.**

Precinct further asks Council what is the current situation regarding boat trailers and what is the current modus operandi for Rangers when complaints are lodged.

No. 45 Wonga Road – a sinkhole has appeared. **Can Council ask Sydney Water to repair (presuming Sydney Water is responsible for repairs).**

No. 139 Young Street – there is an abandoned car. **Can Council arrange for a Ranger to inspect.**

No. 143 Young Street – footpath blocked by vegetation. **Can Council please trim or ask property owner to trim.**

Feeding of native birds including magpies

A Precinct member has received a flyer from the Bushland Management Coordinator requesting that local residents stop feeding the birds and other wildlife and contact Council if those responsible are

known to you, “so that more targeted education can be undertaken.” Precinct members feel the “dob in your neighbour” approach will upset residents. Local distribution of a leaflet explaining why it is best not to feed birds and wildlife would be more appropriate.

Council Meeting (10/10) NSOP Review

Council voted 10:2 to do a Review, effectively an audit on the North Sydney Olympic Pool project.

Request to Chair to ask for Minutes to be printed “double-sided”

A Precinct member asked Chair to ask Council if this could be done.

Sausage Sizzle on Sat 15/10/22 Learn about the Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (NSOOS) Project

A Precinct member reminded Precinct this was taking place at Quakers Hat Bay, Bay Street, Mosman, from 9 – 12 noon this coming Saturday.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 10 November 2022.

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