

## WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING

3 October 2023

### MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm at the Waverton Uniting Church Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Deborah Lloyd

Attendance: 26

### WELCOME AND APOLOGY

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies from KA.

IG noted that Zoë Baker, North Sydney Mayor will be in attendance and speaking at our November meeting.

### CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The confirmation of September 2023 was moved by DA and seconded by VY.

*"That the September 2023 Minutes be accepted".*

Carried unanimously.

### EXISTING BUSINESS

***The Northern Beaches Link Project:*** This project has been officially cancelled. As a result, there is no need for the clearing near the road at Cammeray Golf Club. There has been no official announcement as to what happens with this land now, but it is assumed it will remain a construction site for the time being.

***Milsons Point cycleway:*** IG confirmed to the residents that the Milsons Point cycleway will definitely be constructed with the Transport NSW design and is due to commence.

***New Park:*** IG said he had met with the project team for the Balls Head Park. To Transport NSW, this new park will offset the loss of public/recreational space at Cammeray. This compromise has been rejected by all precincts and Council.

We already know that there is a Masterplan but the details now are being determined. It is now running late. They are saying the second half of 2024 now, but that seems quite ambitious. The planners understand the community want to save Woodley's Shed but they have refused to provide both the Council and ourselves with the dilapidation report.

Transport NSW project team are also very aware that the community remains concerned about sediment at the slipway as it is heavy metals (lead, copper). We are aware that it does not drift

but we are concerned about public health and amenity if it gets churned up. Again, the project team know this but are not providing any response and this represents their general approach - they are not sharing anything with either the Council or with residents.

The old Quarantine Centre is currently open for people to look at if they wish to.

***Train noise and the Slovenian solution:*** This has been discussed in previous meetings. Unfortunately it is not a priority for the new State government.

**Waverton Bowling Club:** There have been no new developments on the Bowling Club site. The Aboriginal Land Council has been invited for a talk and walk around but there has been no response. As discussed in the last meeting, the Council has received the same response (five meetings have been cancelled). It was noted by a resident that the site has been boarded up, presumably to stop trespassers.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Important points from September's meeting:**

IG commenced with a summary of the previous meeting. There is pressure on North Sydney Council to permit many more new dwellings particular near the new Metro stations, Crows Nest, River Road area, and will likely include towers above St Leonards Station. The NSW State government is very likely to be pressing Councils for more dwellings along existing transport routes and hubs. The 2036 Plan is for 6,680 new dwellings in that area and it will be hard for NS Council as they cannot override it.

It was reiterated from the previous meeting that 2016 to 2021 called for 3,000 new dwellings and NS provided that many or close enough to it. We have not been told of how many new dwellings will be asked of North Sydney from 2024. It remains a priority of the Council to create and improve our green spaces, including pocket parks and perhaps an area around the old Post Office./ Post Office Square.

### **Noakes Floating Dry Dock update:**

It was pointed out that the FDD was removed from Berrys Bay at the fortnight mark – as planned. It has gone to Garden Island to be used by the Heritage Fleet to upkeep their vessels. A resident wondered why the FDD was permitted to arrive at Berrys Bay in the first place since the Land and Environment Court did not grant that permission.

Moved by VY, seconded by MP.

**“The Precinct asks the Council to contact NSW Maritime to remind them that the Floating Dry Dock has to be excluded from Berrys Bay as instructed by the Land and Environment Court.”**

Carried.

### **DA's:**

Two DA's have been received by Council.

A DA for 2 Woolcott Street, Waverton has been received to Council.

The proposal involves excavating the front garden of this Federation property, to build a partially subterranean garage. This application contravenes a specific Council restriction, which requires that any garages on Woolcott St have to be set back to the line of the house/ unit block. This rule has never been broken or an exemption granted. It was requested that the Precinct pass a motion to request that the Council reject this development application on the basis that it is a non-complying development based on the Council's own controls.

Moved by MP, seconded by DL.

**“The Precinct asks the Council to reject this DA based on that understanding of the 'rules' which apply to all residences in that specific street - a 'rule' which we support and would like to see continue to be the practice”**

Carried.

The other DA is for 25 Tunk Street for a 2 storey home to be built. Plans were circulated but did not bring any comment forth from any attendees.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### ***Frequent closures of Larkin Street:***

Residents living around the Larkin Street area pointed out that this road is closed frequently, approximately every fortnight or so, for film crews and photographers to use the end of the road for advertisement photography, filming, as well as car clubs and other organisations to use the vista without interruption.

It was pointed out that these road closures occur without any warning. No notice is provided at all, leading to regular inconvenience of this sudden and unexpected loss of amenity to local residents. It is requested that the Precinct ask the Council to locate the person within Council who approves these road closures to provide some warning, even if it is 24 or 48 hours notice.

Moved by BN, Seconded by VY.

**“That the Council identify the person within Council who approves the closure of Larkin Street for photography and filming use and asks them to provide local residents with reasonable notification of any road closure”**

##### ***Concern regarding the Coal Loader Market:***

The Coal Loader Market is a key community event, as well as one that offers all Sydney residents a chance to enjoy the Coal Loader site. It was noted that the September quarter event of the Coal Loader Market was very quiet, with some stall holders commenting to residents that they may not return on account of lack of sales.

Moved by DL, Seconded by KA

**“That the Council consider why foot traffic may be declining at the Coal Loader market, and what steps can be taken to address this. Whether those reasons are related to the lack of a change of stall holders to freshen the experience, the lack of a cafe, or the possibility of advertising wider or any other reason that can be identified, and that these be addressed by Council”.**

Carried.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7 2023 at the Uniting Church Hall, 75 Bay Road, Waverton. Our special guest will be Councillor Zoë Baker Mayor of North Sydney**