

North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)
Tuesday 19 November 2024
6.00pm start, Ros Crichton Pavilion

General Meeting Minutes

Voting Participants¹: MDS (Anzac Park); SW (Anzac Park); AA (Bay); PE (Brightmore); RM (Brightmore); KH (Euroka); LT (Holtermann); JC (Milson); MB (Milson); SM (Parks); SW (The Plateau); IG (Waverton)

Also present: Council staff - Community Engagement Specialist (SC NSC); Administrative Support Officer (SL NSC); Secondment Team Leader Parking Meters (MS NSC)

In attendance (Observers):

Apologies: JK (The Plateau); JB (Anzac Park/Co-Convenor); MdS (Harrison-Bennett); CC (Harrison-Bennett)

Co-convenor presiding: SM (CPC Co-Convenor/Parks)

The meeting started at 6.00 pm

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

SM (CPC Co-Convenor/Parks) opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and welcoming all attendees to the meeting.

- **Transport for NSW (TfNSW) responses to Infrastructure Subcommittee questions on Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade.**

TfNSW were unable to attend the meeting. They are continuing to work on answers to the questions, and these are currently going through technical review.

- **Council's response to Parking meter motion from CPC meeting 22 October 2024 (MS, NSC)**

ATTACHMENT A – Presentation Slides

The presentation covered the following topics:

- i. Review of selection process for NSC on-street pay parking provider
- ii. Financial Outcomes
- iii. Service Fee
- iv. Change Management
- v. Mitigation Measures
- vi. Improvements
- vii. Community FAQs

SM (Parks) – Q: How big is the contract? (in dollars)

A: I will have to leave that for SC (NSC) to get back to you on that one. I don't know if I can share that.

MB (Milson) – Q: In terms of criteria, where did revenue come into the equation in terms for consideration?

¹ Limited to two voting representatives per active Precinct Committee.

A: Over recent years, parking meter revenue has declined due to factors such as COVID-19, behavioural changes, and the transition to new payment methods. A temporary revenue drop was anticipated during the system changeover.

The bagging of meters during the transition led to a perception of free parking, further impacting revenue. Despite these challenges, revenue is now increasing as transaction levels rise. Approximately 50% of transactions are now processed via app-based or touch-and-go payments, aligning with broader trends. Digital payments allow users to pay for only the exact time parked, reducing overpayment but also affecting overall revenue.

RM (Brightmore) – Q: Do the parking meters in Paraween Street enable the half hour for free?

A: Yes, that was one of the requirements of the tender that the parking meters and parking meter network had the ability to have free parking.

JC (Milson) – Q: Will you be doing a full review of every lot of parking and signs? Some streets have four, five or six signs on top of each other and you cannot read or know what sign they should be looking at.

A: I can review the hours and the times of the restrictions. I can't change the signage because that's state government who stipulate that we have to have those signs.

SW (the Plateau) – Q: Could half an hour free parking be provided to rate payers based off your registration?

A: Pay by plates doesn't link directly to Council, it is run by the provider. So to do that there would be the question of how much information do you want this app to have? But what we can do is review the restrictions.

SM (Parks) – Q: So did Council actually agree to have two different types of meters side by side, one which had a surcharge and an app, and one which didn't have a surcharge or an app? Did they know they were agreeing to that?

A: Yes, it is more of a package that is being provided from the one provider. They are providing four different ways of paying.

PE (Brightmore) – Q: The half hour free parking is not available on the mobile app, it only brings up the pay option

Action: MS (NSC) to look into this.

AA (Bay) – C: I think there is an opportunity, because it's app based to investigate things where you might have a plus for the community, local community. The ability to give ratepayers some extra benefits, whether it's free half hour across the area or in certain areas. I think you shouldn't just at the flexibility to charge people, but to see how you can now give something back to the right place, and then I think people will actually be a great thing.

MB (Milson) – Q: Given this technology is reasonable cost effective to implement there are many streets that have very high visitation but no parking meters whatsoever. Is there a plan by Council to roll parking meters more deeply into the streetscape of the LGA?

A: There is no plan to extend the parking meter network into other areas. If demand is being effectively managed there than there's no requirement for them to be there. If we were asked to review it we would, but it is not in the scope of what I'm doing now.

PE (Brightmore) – Q: What percentage of meters have sensors underneath them? And can you enforce parking without having a parking officer present?

A: Zero. Parking officers will continue to be out on the street chalking tires and they can scan for the pay by plate using software. There is no ability to administer a fine without a parking officer.

- **Minutes of 22 October 2024**
 - To check the spelling

MOTION: The minutes of the general meeting held on 22 October 2024 were confirmed as read and correct.

MOVED BY: MDS (Anzac Park), SECONDED BY: KH (Euroka)

CARRIED

For	Against	Abstain
Anzac Park x 2		
Bay x 1		
Brightmore x 2		
Euroka x 1		
Holtermann x 1		
Milson x 2		
Parks x 1		
The Plateau x 1		
Waverton x 1		
Total: 12	Total: 0	Total: 0

- **Council’s Reply to Previous Minutes (Summary of Actions)**
Taken as read
MB (Milson) - Still need Councillor bios and photos on the website
- **Co-convenors Report**
- **Council Update (SC, NSC)**

ATTACHMENT A

SC (NSC) advised:

- i. **New Years Eve**
 - All the latest information can be found on the Council's website:
<https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/NewYearsEve>
- ii. **SOA Status – Closed for Council subcategories**
Proposed the following subcategories for the Closed for Council status:
 - a. Sits outside of Council’s controls
 - b. Response given by Council and awaiting Precinct’s reply
 - c. Project/issue addressed
 - **Action:** Council to incorporate these into SOA as a trial
- iii. **Electronic Direct Mail**
 - Range of software available, but none that would allow separation of information between Precincts.
 - Mailchimp has a free account option but it's only up to 500 contacts.
- iv. **Current/upcoming consultations (taken as read)**
 - [Community Transport Review](#) – closes 6 December 2024
 - [Traffic & Parking Surveys:](#)
 - Aubin Street, Neutral Bay – No Parking (closes 20 December 2024)

- Rosalind Street, Cammeray – Proposed raised pedestrian crossings (closes 20 December 2024)
 - Sophia Street, Crows Nest – Proposed continuous footpath treatment (closes 20 December 2024)
 - Yeo Street, Cremorne – Notification of tree removal and proposed upgrade to raised pedestrian crossing (closes 20 December 2024)
 - Alexander Street, Crows Nest – Proposed parking changes (closes 11 February 2024)
 - [NSW Government Housing Reforms](#) – ongoing
 - [Mapping Queer North Sydney](#) – ongoing
- **General Business**
 - a. **Proposed Motions** - Nil
 - b. **Discussion Items**
 - i. **Alfred St North turnoff closure** – JC (Milson)
 - A notification was delivered to letterboxes yesterday regarding the long-term temporary closure of the Alfred Street North Sydney Exit.
 - Closure is set to begin this Friday night and last for nine months (until August 2025).
 - Only 16 days' notice was given via email.
 - The community was given just five days to submit feedback before the closure.
 - Concerns raised about how meaningful feedback can be assessed in such a short timeframe.
 - This closure was not included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
 - Other road closures, such as Mount Street, were communicated months in advance, making this short notice highly unusual.
 - Military Road toll still being enforced, even though it was previously free when Alfred Street has previously been closed

Action: That Milson draft a letter for the chair to send on the issue

MOTION: To write a letter to Council, a letter to Transport for NSW and a letter to the Minister copying in the local Ministers on the Alfred Street North turnoff closure.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), **SECONDED BY:** SW (The Plateau)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Bay x 1		
Brightmore x 2		
Euroka x 1		
Holtermann x 1		
Milson x 2		
Parks x 1		
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Waverton x 1		
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- ii. **Transport Holding Authority** - IG (Waverton)
 - Proposed trial of last mile distribution depo at
 - Already a similar depo in Goulburn Street Sydney

- EOI closing in December
- 18 Month Trial

iii. Grosvenor Lane Car Park – PE (Brightmore)

- Undergrounding of Carpark
- DA up in with Planning Proposal from Arkadia that outlines two 12 stories buildings, one 11 stories and one 8 stories.
- **Action:** Brightmore to email information to all Precincts

iv. Clean Up Australia – KH (Euroka)

- Sunday 2 March 2025

v. Twilight food fair

Action: What are the dates for Twilight food fair and why it didn't start in November as it traditionally does.

9. Other Items – Nil

10. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 18 February 2025

Meeting closed at 7.35pm