

MINUTES: WAVERTON PENINSULA WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM VIA ZOOM ON 27 JULY 2021 AT 5.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Mutton in the Chair.

Staff: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
David Banbury, Landscape Architect/Projects Co-ordinator
Stephen Beattie, Manager Development Services (via Zoom)
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Citizen Members: Iain Bartholomew, Waverton Precinct (via Zoom)
Ian Grey, Chair, Waverton Precinct (via Zoom)
Bruce Donald, Waverton Precinct (via Zoom)
Sid French, Waverton Precinct (via Zoom)
Ken Robinson, Co-Chair, Union Precinct (via Zoom)
Mary Curran, Co-Chair Union Precinct (via Zoom)
Bernard Smith, Lavender Precinct (via Zoom)
Genia McCaffery, Edward Precinct (via Zoom)
Kevin Alker, Waverton Precinct (via Zoom)

Visitors: Tim Smith, Director Heritage Office (via Zoom)
Richard Hayes, Property NSW (via Zoom)

Apologies were received from Councillor Baker, Felicity Wilson - State Member for North Shore.

At the commencement of business (5.05pm) Councillors present were: Councillor Mutton in the Chair and Councillor Keen (both via Zoom)

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.
Voting was unanimous.

2. Matters Arising

Mr Donald requested the following correction to his statement in the previous minutes regarding possible tenure mechanism for the Sydney Heritage Fleet's use of Berrys Bay land:

From:

*Bruce Donald from Waverton Precinct stated that it is important that the title of the underlying land comes to Council, so there would need to be a structure whereby the operator of the lands had tenure, by way of some kind of an **assignment** or lease from the Council, whilst the underlying land remains a part of the Waverton Peninsula Reserve Trust, as a coherent part of the Waverton Peninsula to be managed in that context.*

To:

*Bruce Donald from Waverton Precinct stated that it is important that the title of the underlying land comes to Council, so there would need to be a structure whereby the operator of the lands had tenure, by way of some kind of **licence** or lease from the Council, whilst the underlying land remains a part of the Waverton Peninsula Reserve Trust, as a coherent part of the Waverton Peninsula to be managed in that context.*

The correction was confirmed.

4. Berrys Bay

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services updated the group on the following items:

a) *Land transfer.*

Council officers are continuing to work with Transport for NSW on a memorandum of understanding for lands impacted by the WHT project. They also continue to make representations seeking transfer of the Berrys Bay land to Council.

A Motion was moved that Council form a delegation of the Mayor and Councillors to seek a meeting with the Minister and the Premier to bring about firstly to expedite the immediate transfer of the land to the Council. and to bring about the immediate rezoning of the land appropriate for its retention for public open space within the Waverton Peninsula.

b) *Early public access to select areas (Woodleys shed, carpark) and around Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) site compound.*

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services and Council's Landscape Architect have met & discussed with Transport for NSW representatives, early public access around the perimeter of the WHT site and to selected portions of the Berrys Bay land not required for the WHT compound. Advice from Transport for NSW is that until they have selected a construction contractor for the Western Harbour Tunnel that they are unable to determine the final extent of land to be allocated for the construction compound. Thus, access to areas such as the Woodleys Shed cannot be determined until the contractor has been engaged.

c) Community & Stakeholder Working Group for design of public lands post-WHT.

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services stated that the minutes from the last two meetings from the Community & Stakeholder Working Group are now public and were circulated to the Waverton Peninsula Working Group this afternoon.

It was stated that the minutes from the Waverton Peninsula Working Group meetings should be sent to the Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group on a regular basis.

It was also requested that the Coordinator from Transport for NSW looking after the Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group, be invited to the next meeting of the Waverton Peninsula Working Group.

d) Dolphin Wharf.

It was noted that the report on the reuse of the Dolphin Wharf [Clouston, 2005] was circulated with the previous minutes. Waverton Precinct representative suggested this could be revisited in the context of the proposed redevelopment of the Berrys Bay lands and associated water area for public access.

5. Coal Loader Wharf

Heritage Listing

Council's Landscape Architect, advised that since the last Working Group meeting the State Heritage Listing of the Coal Loader site had been finalised, with the announcement being made by Minister Harwin at the Coal Loader site.

Council's Landscape Architect said that particular thanks needed to go the Director of the NSW Heritage Office Tim Smith and his team for the large amount of work they had put into the listing application and process, including expanding Council's original application for the Coal Loader Wharf to cover the whole site. The NSW Heritage team played a key role in achieving the listing outcome.

Cr Mutton requested on behalf of the group that a letter of thanks be sent to the Heritage Office.

Adaptive reuse scheme

Council's Landscape Architect noted that Council has had one meeting with Transport for NSW representatives to view and discuss concepts for the wharf project, and a meeting is planned for 13 August to further discuss the designs.

Council's Landscape Architect also noted that the Heritage Office was playing an active role in the project.

Transport for NSW representatives have sent apologies for not being able to attend the Working Group meeting and requested that the group be advised that Transport for NSW are progressing with plans for the Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf and will provide an update to the next meeting.

A Motion was moved by Bruce Donald and seconded by Genia McCaffery:
THAT the Committee would like to thank officers from Transport for NSW, the NSW Heritage Office & Council for achieving key understanding on this important project and looks forward to the plan progressing as quickly as possible.

6. Quarantine Depot

Richard Hayes from Property NSW stated that they will moving ahead with the remediation work on the Quarantine Depot as soon as Development Application approval is obtained. Once remediation work is completed and the relevant clearance certification is in place, settlement of the Council's purchase of the property will be finalised.

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services stated that the Planning Panel will be reviewing the Development Application at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4 August 2021.

7. Waverton Bowling Club

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services stated that Council has a lease over the site whilst they negotiate with Crown Lands for more permanent tenure. There were two aboriginal land claims, both rejected, with the latest claim now on appeal. The Crown Solicitors have advised they will be defending the Appeal. They are seeking people from the community who may wish to come forward and prepare an affidavit in regards the current public use of the site.

8. General Business

Ian Grey raised a suggestion that, when considering possible uses for the former Woodley's brick office building, it could be utilised as a shared working space for start-up businesses.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 5 October 2021.

The Meeting concluded at 6.20pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER