

BRIGHTMORE PRECINCT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: WEDNESDAY 12 February 2020 COMMENCING at 7.00 PM

ATTENDANCE: 15 people attended the meeting (excluding Council attendees)
APOLOGIES: LS
GUEST SPEAKER: Cr J Keen

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 11 December 2019 meeting were adopted.

GUEST SPEAKER

JG introduced Cr Keen Cr Keen addressed the issue of ward boundaries. Key

points: The change to two wards, a north ward and a south ward divided by Military Rd, was approved by Council in January.

- At the last Council elections North Sydney voted to not have a separately elected Mayor but did not change the number of Councillors from ten to nine. There are currently three wards, each with three Councillors, plus the Mayor.
- As result the Council is required to change the wards to either two wards of five Councillors or five wards of two Councillors. With two wards there are approximately 26,000 voters in each ward.
- The Council vote for the north/south division was even with the Mayor using her casting vote.
- No public forum was allowed prior to the vote. Under the previous model, residents could attend a public forum, with two people allowed to speak for and two against a proposal.
- Cr Keen would have preferred an east / west division (divided by the Warringah Freeway) as the eastern and western halves of North Sydney are quite different. She believes Councillors voted based on the results of the consultation, where slightly more wanted the north/ south division. Precinct submissions counted as one submission and made no allowance for the number of Precinct attendees.
- Cr Keen concerned about lack of consultation, due to the 30 January deadline.
- Cr Keen supports the review of the Precinct system and would like a review of the issue of Precincts having one vote when making a submission, as opposed to the number of votes cast at the Precinct meeting.

Questions from attendees:

Q: There has been an anecdotal report of an accident at Grasmere Rd / Young St. Locals are concerned about safety at this intersection since the removal of the round-a-bout. What is Council doing?

A: Not aware of accident or the situation at this intersection, but aware of concerns regarding Bannerman St round-a-bout with people swerving into bike lane. Full length speed humps are being installed in Bannerman St. Will investigate Young St / Grasmere Rd.

Q: Tradespeople have been overstaying the 2-hour parking limit in Waters Rd and rangers have not been attending. Is it possible to have something done?

A: Will follow up with rangers.

Q: Can parking restrictions in Illiliwa St and Reynolds St be reviewed, as students from Redlands are parking all day?

A: Will find out when parking restriction reviews were last done.

Q: There is currently a trial of a hybrid synthetic grass in Primrose Park. Locals have expressed concern about plastic ending up in the harbour. What sort of assurances are there that this won't happen? What is happening about the re-orientation of playing fields?

A: It is a hybrid product and only 5% synthetic. It mows the same as ordinary grass. It is a new technology and Council does not know how it will perform; hence the trial. It is hoped it will help the playing fields hold up better to winter football. Will go and have a look. Re-orientation of playing fields will need to go to consultation.

Q: Has Council considered the issue of the location of the Brightmore Community Garden? Concerns were raised about the location in upper Brightmore Reserve off Little Young St and Councillors inspected the suggested site.

A: Council will need to consider a further report. Will follow up.

Q A local resident, GS, has raised the issue of the need for a No Stopping sign in Gerard Lane to prevent vehicles parking where they prevent garbage trucks getting through.

A: Will follow up. (CH to ask GS to send Cr Keen a photograph.)

Cr Keen confirmed items to action: 1. Outcome of speed hump trial - safety at Young St / Grasmere Rd intersection; 2. Rangers to be asked to enforce parking restrictions in Waters Rd; 3. Find out when last parking review for Illiliwa St and Reynolds St was done; 4. Find out when report on Community Garden to be considered; 5. Follow up No Stopping sign to Gerard Lane (photograph to be provided to Cr Keen).

The meeting thanked Cr Keen for addressing the Precinct and answering questions.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION and PUBLIC FORUMS

Unanimously resolved: The Precinct requests that following motion be considered by the CPC:

If North Sydney Council felt it necessary to raise Extraordinary Council meetings (ECM) during an extended holiday period (more commonly termed the Christmas/Summer break) – and if such executive power is exercised – there should be a specific requirement to correspondingly extend the period of community feedback.; such an extension being granted to allow the wider community and precinct system to sit, appraise and respond to the issues raised in the that ECM.

Unanimously resolved: The Precinct supports the Notice of Motion by Cr Mutton dated 17 December 2019 concerning Public Forums and would support an amendment whereby a Public Forum was required to be held prior to any meeting of Council and any meeting of a Committee of Council if any Councillor requests it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Gerard Lane No Stopping Sign

Unanimously resolved: The Precinct requests that Council advise regarding review of No Stopping signs in Gerard Lane and allow the Precinct the opportunity to comment on any review.

49 Reynolds St Development Applications

KF advised objections have been lodged regarding a DA for a second storey exceeding the height limit and not complying with side boundary setbacks.

Sydney Buses franchising / contracting out

Petition against private contractors running Sydney Bus services forwarded by Willoughby Bay Precinct.

Ferry Timetable Changes

LS has advised re proposed changes combining Mosman Bay F6 and Taronga Zoo F2 ferries. Consultation finishes at the end of February.

Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway

Work to start mid 2021. Ernest St on ramps to remain but no access Harbour Bridge.
Cammeray Golf Club to be affected with new four storey building being built on the site.
Submissions can be made online, including request for an extension to the consultation period.

Removal of New Pavers on Military Rd near Orpheum Theatre

The Precinct requests Council advise why new pavers that had been laid were subsequently removed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trent Zimmerman

Invitation to apply for volunteer grants. Not taken up.

Memoranda & Notices from Council

Notice of footpath upgrade - Cremorne Garden Plaza to Macpherson St
Consultation: Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h zones
Consultation: North Sydney Council Taxi and Ride Sourcing Strategy

Development Applications and Approvals

49 Reynolds St – First floor addition
86 Young St – First floor addition to semi-detached dwelling
31 Richmond Ave – Additions and alterations approved

NEXT MEETING: 11 March 2020