

North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)
General Meeting
6.25pm start
Tuesday 19 November 2019
Ros Crichton Pavilion, North Sydney Council

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Co-convenor presiding: PM (CPC Co-Convenor/ Bay)

Present: JB (Bay); PM (Bay/Co-Convenor); BC (Bennett); EC (Bennett); JC (Edward); DW (Hayberry); JM (Holtermann); LT (Holtermann); BS (Lavender Bay); EW (Milson); JC (Milson); MdS (Registry); IG (Waverton); PM (Willoughby Bay); CE (Wollstonecraft); JH (Wollstonecraft);

Also present: JG, Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects (North Sydney Council); GN, Community Engagement Coordinator (North Sydney Council)

Apologies: BE (Bay); MdS (Harrison); IC (Lavender Bay); EC (Neutral); ID (Union); KH (Union); MC (Union); LT (Willoughby Bay); JH (Wollstonecraft).

1. Introductions and Apologies

PM (Co-convenor/Bay) opened the meeting at 6.25pm. Meeting followed CPC AGM, apologies as per AGM.

PM (Co-convenor/Bay) spoke to the effectiveness of CPC and regularity of meetings. The meeting agreed that guest speakers were useful, but timing is critical e.g. Council staff presenting before a consultation/engagement commences. There was suggestion that a Sub-Committee could be formed to further discuss how to improve the function of the CPC for 2020.

ACTION: Council/Co-convenors to add discussion on effectiveness of CPC to the next CPC meeting agenda.

BC (Bennett) queried whether proposed Ward boundary changes would affect Precinct Committees in the future. JG (NSC) provided background on the Council Report 18 November 2019 - [Item 2 Ward Boundaries - Amended Proposal for 2020 Election](#) (Extraordinary Meeting).¹ While Ward boundaries will not affect the Precinct System, a progress report on the Precinct System Review was considered at the [Governance and Finance Committee \(G&FC\)](#) held 4 November 2019. The minutes of the G&FC will be considered for endorsement by Council on 25 November 2019.

2. Minutes of 21 October 2019 - ATTACHMENT 1

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2019 are confirmed as read and correct.

MOVED BY: MdS (Registry), SECONDED BY: JM (Holtermann)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

¹ [Feedback on the Proposed Ward Boundaries is open until 8 January 2020](#)

3. Council's Reply to Previous Minutes (Summary of Actions) - ATTACHMENT 2

GN (NSC) gave general overview of the updated SOA, which was emailed to all Precinct Committees on morning of the meeting and a copy tabled at meeting. There was discussion on item 7ai from 21 October 2019:

<p>Motion: If traffic management plans are proposed by Council which allow heavy vehicles involved in demolition and building construction to use residential streets, the draft plan should be provided to precincts for review prior to approval, to ensure that residents' amenity is not seriously eroded.</p>	<p>Council Response: Council Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that most construction sites require the use of heavy vehicles for delivery of equipment and materials, and removal of spoil from the site.</p> <p>Council imposes strict conditions requiring a Construction Traffic Management Plan for major and difficult sites to ensure construction traffic and works within the road reserve are managed safely and to minimise impacts on pedestrians, road users and local residents/ businesses as much as possible.</p> <p>Currently Council receives on average 36 Construction Traffic Management Plans (CTMP) each year. In addition, Council assesses hundreds of permits for works within the road reserve each year. Often the CTMPs involve multiple iterations and reviews by Council engineers to achieve acceptable outcomes prior to approval. In assessing CTMPs Council engineers consider the heavy vehicle routes which provide the most direct access to the arterial road network to minimize impacts on pedestrians, residents and businesses as much as possible. Council engineers also take into consideration turning paths and existing load limits on proposed routes.</p> <p>As a condition of all CTMP approvals and Council permits, builders are required to notify nearby residents and businesses of works which may affect them. It is not feasible for Council to consult with the community regarding each CTMP due to limited staff resources and the current service levels for assessment and approval of the CTMP to satisfy the DA conditions.</p>
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BS (Lavender Bay) asked if CTMPs are made publicly available? LT (Holtermann) felt they were considered by the North Sydney Traffic Committee and as such are available on Council's website.² Question taken on notice.

ACTION: Council to confirm whether Construction Traffic Management Plans approved under delegated authority, and listed at the following Traffic Committee meeting, are available online (either in the Traffic Committee agenda or minutes, or on the relevant Development Application page in Council's DA Tracker)? If not, why not?

4. Pre-submitted items

- i) Special Rate Variation Clarification (Willoughby Bay) - ATTACHMENT 3 and 4

PM (Willoughby Bay) gave background to Willoughby Bay Precinct Committee's investigation which indicates that some residential rates have risen more than 9% under the Special Rate Variation. While the rate rise is being applied across the rate base it appears that there is a higher increase being applied to residents than businesses. Attachment B provides background on Willoughby Bay Precincts discussion on this matter, Attachment C shows the Precincts

² Subsequent investigation by BS (Lavender Bay) shows that the [online agenda for North Sydney Traffic Committee](#) on the 22 November 2019 meeting includes a CTMP for agenda item 6.1 (Warringah Freeway Noise Wall), where the Traffic Committee is being asked to make a decision. However, the online agenda does not appear to include the CTMPs approved under delegated authority (agenda item 4.1).

Committee’s calculations behind this. For Council’s previous responses to Willoughby Bay Precinct Committee refer to the 2019 SOA available from [Council’s website](#).

PM (Willoughby Bay) was of the impression that Council would be applying for another SRV. JG (NSC) clarified that IPART’s determination report included reference to the fact that Council could apply again in context of the partial approval, but that the Council had not resolved to do so. Any council intending to apply for a SRV in 2020/21 must resolve its “intent to apply” and inform IPART by the set deadline which has lapsed.

PM (Willoughby Bay) highlighted that the motion was divided into nine questions to solicit yes or no answers from Council.

MOTION CPC requests North Sydney Council to advise:

- 1. Has the Residential Ad Valorem Rate for 2019/20 increased by 10.01% on the 2018/19 rate?***
- 2. Has the Business Ad Valorem Rate for 2019/20 increased by 3.75% on the 2018/19 rate?***
- 3. Has the Total Residential Rate Pool for 2019/20 increased by 8.21% on the 2018/19 rate, and if not 8.21% what % increase?***
- 4. Has the Total Business Rate Pool for 2019/20 increased by 3.87% on the 2018/19 rate, and if not 3.87% what % increase?***
- 5. Apart from it being included in the detailed spreadsheets appended to North Sydney Council’s IPART submission (Application Part A); where did North Sydney Council communicate the fact that a decision was made within Council that the Business Ad Valorem Rate would increase by 3.75% and the Residential Ad Valorem Rate would increase by 10.01%?***
- 6. North Sydney Council’s IPART application modelling suggests that within Council a decision was made for the Total Residential Rate Pool to increase by 8.21% compared with a 3.87% increase in the Total Business Rate Pool. What was the basis of the Council decision to not maintain parity between the residential and business rate pools and how was that decision communicated to ratepayers, other than in the detailed spreadsheets appended to North Sydney Council’s IPART submission (Application Part A)?***
- 7. What is the explanation for the Total Residential Rate Pool for 2019/20 being increased by 8.21% and not the 7% increase that was communicated to residents?***
- 8. What is the impact on residential ratepayers of the non-application of rate increase balance between the Total Residential Rate Pool and the Total Business Rate Pool over the 3-year period 2019/22 of the IPART approval?***
- 9. Does Council intend to amend future rate increases in 2020/22 to restore the 2018/19 balance between the Total Residential Rate Pool and the Total Business Rate Pool, and if not, why not?***

***MOVED BY: PM (Willoughby Bay), SECONDED BY: DW (Hayberry)
CARRIED***

In favour	Opposed	Abstained
Bay x 2 Bennett x 2 Edward x 1 Hayberry x 1 Holtermann x 1 Lavender Bay x 1		Holtermann x 1

Milson x 2 Registry x 1 Waverton x 1 Willoughby Bay x 1 Wollstonecraft x 1		
Total: 14	Total: 0	Total: 1

5. Council update: GN, Community Engagement Coordinator

i) Current consultations/documents on exhibition

GN (NSC) tabled current Council consultations/engagements:

- Milson Park Sculpture location - Feedback closes 4 December 2019
- Sirius Street Reserve Playground Upgrade - Feedback closes 6 January 2020
- Bannerman Street and Murdoch Street Speed Cushions Trial - Feedback closes 2 February 2020 (extended)

GN (NSC) informed the meeting of two consultations due to commence on week of meeting:

- Ward Boundaries
- Amended Encroachment Management Policy

JC (Milson) queried why NSOP complex redevelopment Development Application (DA) was not listed, there is widespread community interest in it. JG (NSC) explained that DA's are not usually included on Your Say North Sydney page, however point is taken that this DA is essentially the next phase in this project and therefore relevant to include on the signage. Council has added a link to the DA on the Have Your Say area (on Council's homepage).

ACTION: Council to amend consultation/engagement signage to include NSOP DA

BS (Lavender Bay) asked if there were further public exhibitions/engagements pending for 2019? GN (NSC) confirmed that there more in the pipeline, the timing of which is dependent on finalisation of reproject specific community engagement strategies and responsible officer confirmation of start/end date). GN (NSC) noted that Council's *Community Engagement Protocol* states that "consultation periods should not start and end during the period 1 December to 30 January" and those that haven't commenced by December 2019 will have an exhibition time running into February 2020.

JB (Bay) queried the start date of the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link (WHT/BL). JG (NSC) noted that RMS has indicated that the EIS is due be released late 2019, but no further details currently available.

ACTION: Council to inform all Precinct Committees when advised that WHT/BL EIS is on exhibition.

GN (NSC) advised Victoria Cross Over Station Development Stage 2 is on exhibition until 28 November 2019.

ii) CPC Meeting Dates 2020

Proposed dates were displayed and discussed. It was agreed it was best to avoid school holidays and spread meetings out as much as possible. One meeting during the year needs to align with a Councillor Diary/Meeting Scheduled in order to facilitate the Precinct/Councillor Supper

event; it was also noted that Ward Forums need to be scheduled around Precinct Committee/CPC meetings.

CPC dates for 2020 are:

- Tuesday 18 February
- Tuesday 28 April
- Tuesday 16 June
- Tuesday 18 August (or Monday 10 August)
- Tuesday 20 October
- Monday 9 November AGM, General meeting followed by Councillor Supper (TBC)

Note: Office Bearer induction scheduled for Tuesday 24 March 2020

ACTION: Precinct Committees to note CPC dates and advise if any changes are required by 6 December 2019

6. Other items - to be tabled at the meeting

i) Individual Precinct Committee Email Addresses

JC (Edward) advised that he has been seeking to establish an Edward Precinct Committee email address hosted by Council i.e. edwardprecinct@northsydney.nsw.gov.au. JG (NSC) explained that she has been discussing directly with JC (Edward) and Council's IT Department. At this stage Council cannot grant this request. JC (Edward) asked if other Precinct Committees would be interested in having such an email address and would continue to discuss with Council's IT Manager.

Note: This matter was discussed at the CPC meeting held 16 April 2019 (Item 6vi)³

ACTION: Council to schedule meeting between JC (Edward) and Council's IT Manager

i) Sydney Metro Over Station Development - Crows Nest

IG (Waverton) discussed standard correspondence templates in relation to topics of common interest and tabled correspondence in relation to Sydney Metro Over Station. A meeting is being sought with The Hon. Rob Stokes Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that may be of interest to other Precinct Committees.

ACTION: Attach to the minutes the letter from Eleni Petino MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads to Waverton Precinct Committee -ATTACHMENT 5

PM (Co-convenor/Bay) closed the meeting by thanking attendees and Council staff for their support of the CPC during 2019.

Meeting closed at 7.17pm.

³ **Precinct Committee Email Address (Edward)** - Withdrawn by proposer (JC) due to their absence but question was raised by JH (Wollstonecraft) regarding status of emails and why there aren't Council emails for Precinct Committees. JG (NSC) clarified that a Council-registered email for Precinct Committees would mean that Council would control the emails and have access to the records, an outcome that would mean less independence for the Precinct Committees.