

North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)
General Meeting
6.00pm start via Skype Telecall*

Tuesday 16 June 2020

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Co-convenor presiding: IG (CPC Co-Convenor/Waverton)

Participants¹: BE (Bay), CH (Brightmore); JC (Edward); MDS (Harrison); GS (Hayberry), LT (Holtermann), BS (Lavender Bay/CPC Co-convenor); JC (Milson); EC (Neutral); JB (Registry); JP (Stanton); KH (Union); IG (Waverton/CPC Co-Convenor); PM (Willoughby Bay); and JH (Wollstonecraft).

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

1. Introductions and Apologies

IG (CPC Co-convenor/Waverton) opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

All attendees verbally consented to the meeting being recorded via Council's Skype for Business application for the purposes of minutes transcription.

2. Minutes of 28 April 2020 - ATTACHMENT A

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2020 are confirmed as read and correct.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: GS (Hayberry)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The notes from the ad-hoc meeting on 19 May were also tabled.

JH (Wollstonecraft) left the meeting

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

ACTION: CPC requests that Council provide further consideration to the following items from April 2020 not considered closed by the CPC:

- ***Item 6aiii (Electric Vehicle Charging) - CPC thanks Council for the information provided but requests a response and further consideration of 'on street' EV parking facilities.***
- ***Item 6aii (Privatisation of Bus Routes)- the CPC requests with urgency, an update from the Council as to what action has taken place regarding CPC motions 1 and 2. It is preferable if something be sent to Felicity Wilson MP from Council prior to the matter being debated in the NSW Parliament on Thursday 18 June 2020.***

¹ As this meeting was held via telecall a limit of 1 representative per Precinct Committees was applied.

- ***Item 6cviii (Special Rate Variation) - The CPC requests an explanation and asks whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years.***

JB (Registry) and JP (Stanton) joined the meeting.

4. Co-convenors Report

IG (Waverton/CPC Co-convenor) advised co-convenors have been giving reminders on when submissions are due e.g. *Military Road Corridor Planning Study, North Sydney CBD Public Domain Strategy 2020*. Have received responses from previous correspondence including from Felicity Wilson confirming her commitment to the Western Harbour Tunnel.

BS (Lavender Bay/CPC Co-convenor) tabled that the North Sydney Olympic Pool is scheduled to be considered by the Sydney North Planning Panel on 1 July 2020, 1pm. Those that wish to participate need to register (via email) by 4pm on 29 June 2020. Can listen to the meeting or talk (3-minute limit), if talking need to pre-nominate if supportive or non-supportive of the application proceeding. Those that made a submission should have already received an invite.

ACTION: Those that made submissions in relation to NSOP DA 347/19 and didn't get a notice in relation to the Sydney North Planning Panel meeting on 1 July 2020 should advise Co-convenors via GN (NSC), especially if they wish to speak at the meeting.

CH (Brightmore) joined the meeting.

5. Community Engagement Coordinator/Council Update

- 'Reopening' of Precinct Committee meetings

JG (NSC) outlined considerations to for the recommencement of Precinct Committee meetings, based on community centres reopening with capacity/distancing guidelines. Council staff have been contacting venues to ascertain capacities and guidelines for meetings; and where applicable investigating other venue options. Currently awaiting confirmation from Council's pandemic team as to whether 'Covid safe plans' need to be prepared per Precinct Committee/venue. More behind the scenes work needs to be done, and a memo will be issued with further information soon.

Discussion occurred regarding the practicalities of recommencing face-to-face/physical meetings under the current restrictions which may prohibit participation by members, including:

- The average age of participants should be considered their average age of participants and potential for concerns regarding community transmission being a barrier to returning to meetings;
- Whether maximum capacities can accommodate two or more people from the same household participation numbers or do limits to be applied in the short term to maximise participation if limited to maximum 20 people (and for venues even less, due to the 4 square meter distancing rule);
- If changing venue to accommodate more people; would the change in venue, if no longer within walking distance, be a barrier to participation.

JG (NSC) advised that the simplified “Vote out of Committee” (VOC) option allows for meetings to recommence immediately and overcomes issues of physical distancing, and offers an individual Precinct Committee more time to plan to recommence physical meetings.

JC (Milson) advised that Milson distributed a flyer updating their Precinct area on relevant local information/projects/consultations and received positive feedback/requests to be added to the mail list from new people. JG (NSC) confirmed that a similar flyer was recently issued by Harrison and Neutral (promoting consultations and issues of concern), and that Parks recently issued a flyer invite for a VOC. EC (Neutral) confirmed they too received a good response from people not already on their mailing list and intend to use such a flyer in the future. It was generally agreed that flyers are a good way to reach ‘new’ people. BS (Lavender Bay) confirmed that Lavender Bay held a VOC at the end of March and voting numbers were similar to average attendance numbers physical meetings.

There was discussion on why Council will not allow virtual meetings e.g. Zoom, reasoning this included Council’s guidelines that video calls need to have all participants present using the video functions (i.e. equity, not all community members can be expected to have ready computer/internet access), lack of Council resources to provide technical support/facilitation of Committees meetings byway of the need to prioritise support/resources to essential services during the pandemic.

ACTION: Council to investigate if 4 sqm rule applies to couples/partners.

- Current/upcoming consultations
 - [Planning Proposal 7/19 – North Sydney LEP Review 2019 & Draft North Sydney DCP Review 2020](#)

MDS (Harrison) questioned if other Precinct Committees have made submissions on the North Sydney LEP Review/DCP Review. The notification letter received was quite detailed and there is a lot of documentation to read online. The majority agreed that they have been focused on other submission deadlines and no-one at the meeting has been able to fully review the proposed changes yet. JC (Milson) mentioned that some residents are concerned with changes to school zoning and the ability for development on this land owned by schools in the future. EC (Neutral) informed that it is a long document, that after spending a couple hours reading the document was only halfway through. The meeting felt that the inability to view hard copies and to meet to discuss, as well as the detail/scale of the documents required more time for review.

MOTION: That the CPC request that NSC extend the submission deadline by 3 months² for Planning Proposal 7/19 - North Sydney LEP Review & Draft North Sydney DCP Review.

***MOVED BY: IG (Waverton/CPC Co-convenor), SECONDED BY: JP (Stanton)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

- [Civic Precinct and Surrounds Planning Study](#)

² The 3-month extension was viewed as allowing for Precinct Committees to meet and formulate a considered submission. It was felt that if local government elections could be postponed, then submissions could be postponed.

GN (NSC) advised that a video presentation will soon be loaded onto the Your Say North Sydney website. JP (Stanton) requested an extension for this study due to its importance to future of North Sydney and there is a lot in the document about building heights.

MOTION: That the CPC request NSC extend the submission deadline by 3 months for Civic Precinct and Surrounds Planning Study.

MOVED BY: JP (Stanton), SECONDED BY: JC (Milson)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

o [Draft Trailer Parking Policy](#)

GN (NSC) informed that the policy is a result of a previous trial and deals with how Council deals with requests for trailer parking restrictions.

6. General Business³

a. ACTIONS (pre-submitted items with proposed actions)

i) Privatisation of bus routes (Edward)

The NSW Government has announced the official tender process for the privatisation of regions seven (north-western suburbs), eight (northern beaches) and nine (eastern beaches), with a private operator likely to be selected later this year (SMH 2 March 2020). The Rail, Tram and Bus Union are encouraging interested parties to write to the Premier and Transport Minister. [View further information](#).

Discussion included the effects of privatisation bus routes in other geographical areas. The request to re-open the previous action (April 2020) and provide further information is included under Item 3 - Council's Reply to Previous Minutes (Summary of Actions).

b. INFORMATION REQUESTS/STATUS UPDATES - ATTACHMENT C

i) Military Road Traffic Tidal Flow System (Harrison)

MDS (Harrison) outlined concern regarding physical distancing at bus stops as people return to work/re-opening of bus stops. JG (NSC) advised that she has been following up this request with TfNSW.

ii) Cremorne Streetscape Committee idea to create 'Walk of Fame' out the front of the Cremorne Orpheum Theatre (Harrison)

MDS (Harrison) spoke to the Streetscape Committee's idea for the Walk of Fame (like outside the Ritz Cinema in Randwick, celebrating famous locals in film) and asked if co-ordinating a petition would assist it to progress. GN (NSC) advised that this already being internally explored as per the advice on Attachment C, initial talks with the Orpheum need to occur and funding needs to be sourced. It was agreed that this idea be left to the Streetscape Committee to pursue.

³ At time of agenda compilation there were no items for VOTING (pre-submitted items with proposed motions).

iii) Parraween Street Carpark redevelopment (Harrison)

It was agreed that the meeting understands the status of the project even though promises were made in the past and parking meters installed to fund them. LT (Holtermann) commented that there have had similar promises in relation to Hume Street Park and works in the area are funded by developer contributions. Multiple Precincts Committees are interested in this project, in particular Brightmore, Harrison and Willoughby Bay.

ACTION: CPC requests further information on what components of the Parraween Street Carpark are being considered and investigated as per project 2.1.1.19 in Councils adopted 'Delivery Program 2018/19-2020/21', 'investigate options to deliver components of Parraween Street car park re-development'.

c. INFORMATION REQUESTS/STATUS UPDATES - PRECINCT COMMITTEES

- i) Military Road Planning Study - Stage 1; update post distribution of Precinct position papers

EC (Neutral) expressed Neutral's concern that the proposal for Barry Street carpark involves the demolition of cottages on Bydown Street. MDS (Harrison) suggested a heritage assessment may be worthwhile. EC (Neutral) expressed that while there are records of the cottages in Stanton Library, they are not heritage listed. CH (Brightmore) expressed that Brightmore has requested an extension until Covid-19 restrictions are eased but has made an assessment. EC (Neutral) conveyed that businesses have concerns about loss of the Grosvenor Street Carpark and the traffic changes around the supermarket.

ACTION: Any Precinct Committee that has made a submission is requested to share their submission (using the generic Precincts email list provided by Council).

ACTION: The CPC requests a further extension of time in which to make submissions, based on the inability to meet and discuss prior to the extended deadline of 22 June.

ACTION: The CPC requests further information as to what consideration was given to the previous submissions made by four Precinct Committees (i.e. request for 4-6 stories) as they are not reflected in the report.

- ii) CBD Public Domain Strategy; update post distribution of Edward Precinct position paper.

The meeting agreed to ask for an extension due to the inability to meet, the length of documents, inability to inspect at hard copies and the volume of current consultations with competing submission deadlines. JC (Edward)

confirmed that Edward would be making a submission, there are some elements Edward agree with but there are concerns over Post Office Square.

MOTION: That the CPC request NSC extend the submission deadline by 3 months for the CBD Public Domain Strategy.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: KH (Union)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii) Precinct System Review; update from CPC working group as established in CPC adhoc meeting of 19 May 2020 - IG (Waverton), EC (Neutral), CH (Brightmore).

IG (Waverton/Co-convenor) expressed that there has not been opportunity for the CPC working group to convene. The meeting asked for an update in relation to previous request to extend the deadline (refer to Director City Strategy response via SOA). The need for Stage 1 to conclude in so that Stage 2 can progress was discussed. JG (NSC) confirmed that no recommendations will be made from Stage 1 consultation, and the purpose of Stage feedback is to inform finalisation of the format of the Stage 2 consultation. The meeting felt that other consultations numerous other submission deadlines take precedence/priority and as the review took so long to commence, that we can afford to extend the Stage 1 period.

MOTION: That the CPC request NSC extend the submission deadline by 3 months for the Precinct System Review.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: JB (Registry)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Other items

- i) NSOP (Milson)

JC (Milson) advised that the 25m indoor pool could have re-opened from Saturday 13 June 2020, with classes limited to 20 people. There seems to be resistance from Council to re-open the indoor pool. Bookings for the outdoor 50m have been popular and lane usage is limited to one person which isn't the best use when some people stand in the lane for aqua aerobics rather than swimming.

MOTION: The CPC requests that NSC reopen the 25m indoor pool at North Sydney Olympic Pool and aqua aerobics/other classes re-commence subject to physical distancing requirements.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: KH (Union)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii) WHT (Bay)

BE (Bay) commented on press reports of the NSW Government's priority to kick start the economy and in particularly pushing forward infrastructure projects, the WHT project is one that has been mentioned. An article on the weekend included the Minister for Planning, Rob Stokes backing Greenspace

over the Warringah Freeway.⁴ This was included in some of the community submissions as a mitigation measure.

IG (Waverton/Co-convenor) commented that the Special Precinct Meeting held in February 2020 and a number of submissions involved concerns around filtration. JB (Registry) agreed filtration was a key community issue, and while the Council's campaign signage was commended, why had filtration/health not feature on campaign signage. GN (NSC) confirmed that this issue had already been raised and additional signage was being finalised this week.

MOTION: The CPC requests that the Mayor approach the Minister for Transport requesting a meeting to discuss mitigation measures for the WHT and that community representatives are present. This follows correspondence between the Mayor and Premier that has been referred to and Minister for Transport.

MOVED BY: BE (Bay), SECONDED BY: JC (Milson)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MDS (Harrison), JB (Registry), BE (Bay) left the meeting.

- iii) BS (Lavender Bay) informed the meeting that a development modification has been submitted to Council by a school to remove a condition of consent. The condition would have contributed either affordable housing or \$500,000 to Council. The application is DA 103/18/2 at 14 William Street North Sydney.

MOTION: That Council rejects the DA 103/18/2 modification application seeking to delete conditions relating to the restoration of affordable housing, or \$500,000 contribution to Council in lieu.

MOVED BY: JC (Milson), SECONDED BY: BS (Lavender Bay)

CARRIED

In favour	Opposed	Abstained
Brightmore x 1 Edward x 1 Hayberry x1 Lavender Bay x1 Milson x 1 Union x 1 Willoughby Bay x 1		Holtermann x1 Stanton x 1 Neutral x 1 Waverton x 1
Total: 7	Total: 0	Total: 4

ACTION: Add affordable housing in relation to an LEP amendment as agenda item at the next CPC meeting.

7. Next CPC General meeting - 18 August 2020

Proposed Adhoc meeting for - 21 July 2020

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

⁴ <https://www.smh.com.au/national/windswept-and-cold-can-north-sydney-overcome-a-legacy-of-bad-planning-and-busy-roads-20200612-p55248.html>