



General Meeting WEDNESDAY 13 April 2022

Ros Crichton Pavilion - in Civic Park next to Council Chambers off McLaren St, parking in Kelrose Lane

The Precinct AGM was held before the General Meeting at 6:30PM

Present: GM (chair), JC, JC, LC, MC, MM, KF. CT, TH

Zoom: AR

Apologies: BH

1. Previous minutes - 17 March 2022

See <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/edwardprecinct>
Meeting minutes were approved.

2. Development Applications:

<https://apptracking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 82/22](#), 2 Waverton Ave, Waverton - Alts & Ads to balconies in multiple apartments
Noted
- DA 89/22 29A Bay Road, Waverton. Strata subdivision of existing residential flat building containing 6 x 2 bedroom residential units and essential BCA upgrade works Not yet online. Closes 3 May
Noted. To be reviewed in more detail in the following meeting.

DAs discussed in previous meetings have been excluded even if active.

3. General Business

a) Proposed temporary merger with Union Precinct

Motion: "Edward Precinct supports a trial operating merger with Union Precinct. Meetings will be held in McMahons Point Community Hall, 165 Blues Point Road probably at 7:30 – to be discussed at first meeting. Until a merger is formalized, each precinct will retain its own record keeping and management systems."

Unanimous

A precinct member raised the issue that chairing would need to be effectively shared between the precincts,

b) Response to Mayor's letter to community re "State Government's grab for development levies."

Motion: "Edward Precinct supports the Mayor's letter to residents during March, outlining the NSW State Government's intention to take up to \$9.3m from our

community each year. We strongly oppose this plan, including our loss of revenue and the acceleration of development impacts. We request the NSW Government to cancel this proposed plan.”

Unanimous

A letter will also be sent to the local member – Felicity Wilson.

c) Items from Council meeting - 28 March 2022

Review of the 53 page minutes indicated that little related to Edward Precinct. It is noted that almost all motions passed unanimously or near unanimously – a significant change from the previous Council.

d) Duration of Precinct Office Holding

According to NSC, precinct office holder duration is defined as "Office Bearers shall hold this position for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years"

This is acceptable where only one resident holds a position, but may be too short when a position is shared. Thus where precincts have joint treasurers, secretaries or chairs, a longer period could be considered'

Motion: “Edward Precinct recommends to NSC that office holder maximum duration is extended to 6 years where more than one person is elected to a class of position”.

Unanimous

e) Poor Design of many NSC documents

Many NSC documents are badly designed for precinct member (or NSC staff) use. An example is

1bbe6_Draft_Playgrounds_Plan_of_Management_-_210427.pdf

This useful 105 page document has a linked table of contents, but no headings and thus no ability to read the document in an organized manner.

In addition (i) it has the document title rather than the file name at the top of the screen, (ii) no file management activities are possible due to the requirement of NSC to prevent editing (such as copying one section), and (iii) file size cannot be reduced from its current 6MB, which some precincts or residents would seek to do.

Motion: “Edward Precinct recommends that NSC reviews its file preparation systems and discusses them with CPC, with a planned outcome of making all published documents more useful to readers”.

Unanimous

f) Collapse of stormwater grate at the end of Oak Lane.

Council should address this problem as soon as possible.

g) 11a Hazelbank Rd DA

Objection to this development was submitted following Edward Precinct’s March meeting.

There were insufficient objections received by NSC in time (10+) for the DA to be referred to the local planning panel. The applicant used the “deemed refusal” provision so in effect skipped the queue and bypassed the NS Local Planning Panel. Hence the number of submissions becomes irrelevant from a procedural standpoint. It is nonetheless useful in putting pressure on NSC’s preparedness to defend the basis for objection.

Local residents are seeking urgent advice from NSC regarding Council’s recommendation on the application.

Meeting closed at 19:30

Next meeting - 11 May 2022