

## Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting  
held on Thursday, 3 February 2022 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>No. of attendees: 35, and 3 of the newly elected Councillors Apologies: HL, FG, CT, AL, GT</p>
<p><b>Previous Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from 2 December 2021 meeting were confirmed by SK and seconded by BD.</p>
<p><b>Meet the new Councillors:</b></p> <p>Cr Welch, Cr Lamb, Cr Bourke.</p>	<p>The three new Councillors were introduced and provided some background information.</p> <p>Cr Welch &amp; Cr Lamb represent the Cammeraygal Ward. Cr Bourke represents the St Leonards Ward and is Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>Cr Welch is a Labor candidate, is a keen tennis player and has been actively involved in the refurbishment of the Primrose Park tennis courts.</p> <p>Cr Lamb &amp; Cr Bourke are members of the Sustainable Australia Party.</p>
<p><b>Review of Council Meetings of 10 &amp; 24 January 2022</b></p>	<p>There was a general review and discussion of various agenda items from the Council meetings held on 10 &amp; 24 January 2022.</p> <p><b>Proposed Change to the R3 Medium Density Zone to remove residential flat buildings as a permissible use.</b></p> <p>Cr Bourke advised that Councillors were scheduled to attend a briefing on this issue, so were unable to provide an update to the meeting. It was noted that the proposed change is a NSW state government process (it involves an amendment to an Act of Parliament) which could take up to 12 months.</p> <p>Cr Welch offered to follow this matter up and asked that the Precinct forward her its questions.</p> <p>The Precinct is requesting an update from Council on when the process will begin.</p> <p>Specifically, what is the Council's plan in terms of key deliverables and timeframe and when will the draft Planning Proposal be presented to Council for approval?</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Precinct to forward the above questions to Cr Welch.</p> <p><b>Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Future Directions Report)</b></p> <p>Cr Welch advised the meeting that it was clear from her interaction with the community during the election process that the decision to approve 12 storey buildings in Neutral Bay was very unpopular.</p>

Cr Bourke noted that the new Councillors were prioritising election issues.

### **Western Harbour Tunnel/Northern Beaches Link**

At the 24 January 2022 meeting Councillors voted unanimously to support the Motion: *THAT Council reinstate its strong opposition to the WHT/NBL projects*

Councillors who attended the Precinct meeting provided assurance that they will lobby on behalf of the campaign against these two projects.

### **Proposed Changes to Council Meetings and Practice**

This proposal would increase the number of Council meetings with the Agenda to be distributed 10 days prior to the meeting. The proposal also includes the abolition of the Legal and Planning Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee with the matters previously reported to those Committees to be integrated into Council Meetings.

General discussion raised the following issues and comments:

- Currently agendas are very large documents making it difficult to read and absorb when distributed only days prior to a Council meeting.
- Nevertheless Cr Bourke suggested that perhaps the monthly meetings should continue for the moment in order to give the new councillors an experience of the current meeting cycle.
- An attendee suggested the following idea: that Council adopt a 'short and long meeting cycle' where the long meeting is used to discuss the agenda with the decisions then made at a short meeting held some 2 weeks later.
- a change in Council meeting schedule should consider the impacts on Precincts given that Precincts operate on a monthly meeting cycle.
- How would the change impact on the community's ability to process the information and respond in a timely manner?

As an initial response, it was proposed that the Convenor refer the matter to the next Combined Precinct Committee meeting.

**Action:** Convenor to refer matter to the CPC meeting scheduled for 15 February 2022.

### **Upgrade of Council's information technology - Council Chambers IT and Video Streaming Infrastructure.**

The meeting voted to thank Cr Spenceley for raising this issue as well as all the councillors who supported his motion.

Another IT issue was also raised and discussed in relation to the file formats and the file naming system used with respect to DA submissions uploaded onto the Council's website.

	<p>Specifically, that Council makes available all submissions in PDF form with a unique file name. This change would allow files to be viewed on any device and is required to ensure transparency and universal accessibility to information. Currently only users who have access to Microsoft Outlook or specific versions of Windows PC can view submissions.</p> <p>An attendee (SK) has already written to the Council regarding this particular issue but as yet has had no response. Cr Welch asked that SK forward this correspondence to her and offered to follow up the status of this matter.</p> <p>Cr Bourke advised the meeting that Council was redesigning its website.</p> <p><b>Action agreed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Precinct to write to Council and Councillors</li> <li>2. Convenor to raise this issue at the February CPC meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b>Holt Avenue (East) - Interim Heritage Order and review of heritage conservation area</b></p> <p>The meeting was advised that Councillors were due to receive a briefing on this matter and that the process to action the Motion from the 24 January Council meeting had commenced. The meeting was also advised that Council staff are aware of the urgency of this matter given the two development applications (<b>DA 239 and DA 243</b>) currently lodged with Council.</p> <p>The meeting voted unanimously to submit objections to these two amended DAs.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The Precinct to prepare and submit objections to the two DAs proposed for Holt Avenue.</p> <p><b>Cremorne Orpheum Cinema - State heritage significance</b></p> <p>See below regarding the proposed DA adjacent to the Orpheum which will impact its curtilage.</p>
<p><b>Development Applications</b></p>	<p>The following DAs were discussed.</p> <p><b>Amended DA 239/21: 131-139 Holt Avenue</b></p> <p>It was noted that some residents who had lodged submissions to the initial DA had not received notification of the amended DA.</p> <p><b>Amended DA 243/21: 115-119 Holt Avenue</b></p> <p>The report from the Design Excellence Panel is now available on the Council's website.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> See above for agreed action in respect of these two DAs.</p> <p><b>DA 375/2021: 13-15 Allister Street, Cremorne</b></p>

The Precinct has already submitted an objection as agreed at its 2 December 2021 meeting. It was noted that the Design Excellence Panel report is now available on the Council's website.

The DA was reviewed and the following points noted:

- The Traffic Management Plan submitted by the applicant features a survey undertaken during lockdown; doesn't acknowledge the existing excessive traffic during school drop-off and pick-up; and makes reference to out of date information from 2002.
- Safety and environmental impacts during construction - how will the applicant manage truck movements safely and without impact to residents and the school?
- Heritage Assessment - misleading and insufficient information - lack of detail on 15 Allister's Art-Deco features, no mention of the other heritage items in the vicinity - ie the Cranbrook Group of Houses.
- 15 Allister has some unique features which may have heritage value and needs to be reviewed independently by Council including its sandstone staircase and front wall.
- Building style is Interwar Art Deco.

**The meeting agreed to the following actions:**


1. Given its close proximity to the DA site the Precinct is to write to Redlands School to check it was aware of the DA, and if it has concerns about the impacts of increased traffic and construction work.
2. Precinct to write to NSC re the applicant's Traffic and Parking report to ask that the report be required to incorporate reference to traffic movements during school drop off and pick up hours.
3. Precinct to write to all Councillors to request that Council conduct an independent Heritage Assessment of 15 Allister Street and to highlight its significance to 17 Allister Street and the heritage listed Cranbrook Group of Houses including the State Heritage listed 'Egglemont' & 'Belvedere'.

**Amended DA 269/21 for 372 Military Road/75 Parraween Street, Cremorne**

Precinct members have ongoing concerns about this proposal in relation to the Orpheum Theatre – this building forms part of the Orpheum's heritage curtilage. Precinct members agreed unanimously that the Precinct should lodge an objection.

**DA 12/22: 96 Grasmere Road, Cremorne (feedback due 11/02/22).**

This DA is in Brightmore Precinct, however it shares common issues with other DAs discussed within Harrison Precinct including the current DA proposed at 11 Bennett Street.

	<p>This DA is relying on the NSW Planning Dual Occupancy Code. It was noted that the current house is a Federation style single-dwelling with unusual features. The current dwelling has no local heritage listing and is not in a Heritage Conservation Area. However, given the unusual architectural style the existing dwelling should be investigated for its contribution to heritage, streetscape and cultural significance.</p> <p><b>DA 17/22 covering the MacDonaldis site on Military Road.</b></p> <p>The meeting's attention was drawn to the above DA which has been rejected by the DRP for lack of information, but which will, no doubt, be resubmitted. The proposal is to install an additional drive-thru lane to create a dual lane facility. Meeting attendees were advised that pedestrian safety was not addressed by the DA. The proposal to remove the current exit lane and widen the current entrance to allow cars to enter and exit at the same point will exacerbate safety issues for pedestrians as cars drive across the footpath.</p> <p>Precinct members were encouraged to lodge individual submissions to the various DAs discussed during this meeting.</p>
<p><b>Other issues:</b></p> <p><b>Maintenance and Repair</b></p>	<p>It was noted that the grass verge in several sections of Spofforth Street needs maintenance following recent works in the Street e.g. at the corner of Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue.</p>  <p>It was noted that the new footpath at the corner of Allister Street and Cranbrook Avenue does not include disability access at the kerb.</p> <p>Cr Welch agreed to follow up this issue.</p>



It was also noted that the promised Community Noticeboard at the Hampden Avenue bus stop was still not operational.

<p><b>Other business:</b></p>	<p>Other Your Say items were brought to the attention of attendees:</p> <p><b>North Sydney Walking Strategy</b> - Feedback extended. Now closes 11.59pm, 27 February 2022 - see: <a href="https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/walking-strategy">https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/walking-strategy</a></p>
<p><b>Meeting concluded</b></p>	<p>Meeting concluded at 9 pm</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Thursday, 3 March 2022 – format and time TBA</p>
<p><b>AGM</b></p>	<p>Forward notice: to be held on Thursday, 7 April 2022 at the Neutral Bay Club commencing at 5.30 pm</p>