

HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES 16 June 2021

Meeting 6.30 pm 16 June 2021 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion, Miller Street.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Present: 10. West St 4; Hayberry Street 2; Ridge Street 2, Eden Street 2

Item 1: Interim arrangements while Convenor steps aside

DW advised that as a candidate in the upcoming Local Government Elections, the Convenor (GS) had stepped aside as per the General Manager's 5 May 2021 direction (communicated through the Manager, Integrated Planning and Special Projects. In the absence of any other interest in acting in the role of Convenor, the Secretary (DW) agreed to take on that additional role.

A number of attendees were concerned at the lack of consultation regarding the direction and at its lack of clarity around attendance at Precinct meetings, plus the constraints it places on freedom of speech. The following motion was passed unanimously:

Outcome 1: That the Hayberry Precinct express its significant concern regarding the lack of consultation and lack of clarity around the memorandum dated 5 May 2021 entitled 'Provisions related to the upcoming Local Government Election'. The Precinct considers that the process was not thought through and lacked clarity and transparency. The Precinct considers that the outcome denies important rights of free speech.

Item 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Precinct meeting held on 7 April 2021 were circulated and adopted.

Outcome 2: The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2021 were tabled and adopted (unanimous).

Item 3: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (DW) advised that the Precinct's account balance was \$2,785.52, the Precinct having received its \$1,500 grant for 2022.

Item 4: Development/Planning Applications

There was discussion regarding the following applications:

- . 13 Eden Street (an update on the developer's appeal of the Council's decision);
- . 1 Eden Street (a proposal to increase the height of the existing building by one floor);
- . 253-267 Pacific Highway; and
- . 313 Pacific Highway.

As well as discussing concerns regarding the above applications, several participants expressed concerns regarding the use of Precinct mailing lists by persons no longer holding office. Attention was drawn to an e-mail regarding the 313 Pacific Highway proposal that was sent to a number of people who had not provided their e-mail addresses for the purposes of communication other than on Precinct matters. The acting Convenor (DW) confirmed that the procedure was for the Precinct to circulate (blind copy) residents' concerns and proposed input on DAs to the Precinct mailing list so that those who wished to could draw on those observations when making their own submissions. Such submissions could be either in favour of or opposed to the DA in question. In this way, residents' views could be circulated with their permission and without disclosing e-mail addresses.

The following motion was moved by JW and was passed unanimously:

Outcome 3: That the Hayberry Precinct preserve the confidentiality of participants' e-mail addresses by circulating residents' views on Development Applications through the Hayberry Precinct mailing list only. The Hayberry Precinct mailing list, or earlier versions thereof, including the e-mail addresses of individuals provided for Precinct purposes only, should not be used by anyone who is not a current office bearer.

The discussion at the meeting around the DAs outlined above highlighted broad-based concern regarding many of the recent proposals, especially relating to excessive height, the blockage of natural light and outlook, noise and a general disregard for the character of the Precinct. This resulted in the following motion, which was moved by NL and passed unanimously:

Outcome 4: That the Hayberry Precinct express its concern regarding a number of recent development applications that take no account of the character of the neighbourhood, encroach on the amenity of other residents and change the nature of the local environment through use of excessive height and the complete blocking of other residents' windows. The Precinct urges the Council to consider the amenity of current residents as its highest priority on its assessment of all applications.

Item 5: Other Issues

Other issues discussed included:

- . the Western Harbour and Beaches Link projects;
- . the Precinct System Review;
- . the draft Environment Sustainability Strategy 2030;
- . the Liveability Census;
- . the Local Government elections on 4 September 2021;

- . the Imperfect Low Waste Living course sponsored by the Council;
- . local traffic issues.

On the latter issue, some residents expressed concern regarding the ongoing issues associated with the sewer upgrade access point outside 135 West Street. South-bound vehicles were picking up speed to make it through the intersection before the lights changed, resulting in excessive speed as they proceeded along West Street. The Precinct had earlier asked that a sign be put in place to remind drivers to take care, and asks that this be revisited.

One resident also asked that the Council update the Precinct on the status of the West Street cycleway project, which appears to have stalled.

Item 6: Date of future meetings

It was agreed that a regular date for Precinct meetings such as the third Wednesday or Thursday of each month would be preferable. Date of next meeting to be advised.
The meeting closed at 8:30PM.