

HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES 18 February 2021

Meeting 6.30 pm 18 February 2021 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion, Miller Street.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Present: 11. West St 4; Hayberry Street 1; Ridge Street 3, Emmett Street 2; Carlow Street 1.

Apologies: 5

Item 1: Recognition of Davie MacDonald

The meeting commenced with recognition of Davie MacDonald's well-deserved North Sydney Citizen of the Year award. Davie and Zara were recognised for their tireless efforts supporting vulnerable people in the community through being a Canine Court Companion Team for the Department of Justice NSW Victim Services. They also supported people seeking refuge at Bushfire Evacuation Centres during last year's devastating bushfires. Davie is also a guide dog trainer and a Rural Fire Service volunteer. His efforts led to the re-establishment of the Hayberry Precinct Committee five years ago, and he has been an advocate on issues of local concern for many years.

Item 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Precinct meeting held on 29 October 2020 were circulated and adopted.

Outcome 1: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September were tabled and adopted (unanimous).

Item 3: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (DW) advised that the Precinct's account balance was \$1,429.52.

Item 4: North Shore Catholic Education Precinct (NSCEP)

With the presence of representatives from the owners' corporation of the residence adjoining Carlow Street and Cassins Lane, there was a wide-ranging discussion regarding the motion passed at the previous meeting regarding the need for detailed Council and community engagement with traffic consultants for the NSCEP plan with regard to the impact of entry and egress plans for Ridge and Carlow Streets and their impacts on traffic flows and pedestrian safety on Carlow, Ridge and West Streets. It was agreed that the cumulative effects of the many schools in the area and their collective behaviours needed to be considered and that the Precinct should consider inviting the Council to meet with the Precinct to discuss these issues.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

Outcome 2: That the Hayberry Precinct invite local Councillors and the Council to meet

with the Precinct to discuss the cumulative impacts on traffic flows and the consequent impacts on local residents of the various measures taken and proposed by the many schools in the vicinity with a view to ensuring that the full range of impacts are taken into consideration. (Moved by MJ. Seconded by EG).

Item 5: Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link (WHTBL) update

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Precinct's long-standing opposition to the WHTBL and the associated Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU). DM said that there is much despair in the community as the NSW Government's giving the project the green light is viewed by many as representing a fait accompli. DM expressed the view that the Precinct should maintain its opposition to the WHTBL and that it would be a mistake focus efforts on mitigating some of the worst impacts. Wide-ranging arguments regarding more important infrastructure priorities, the waste of taxpayer money the project would represent and public transport alternatives to motorway tunnels need to be pursued. DM urged the Council to continue to rage and oppose it. It was agreed that a future Precinct meeting would focus on the WHTBL issue and would include a guest speaker and invitations to local Councillors.

Item 6: Precinct System Review

GS explained as background that the Council proposes to reduce the number of Precincts (currently 25). Its preferred recommendation will be advised in April 2021 with a proposed 1 July start. Redistribution would likely see the Hayberry Precinct split between the Stanton/CBD Precinct and the Holtermann Precinct. A suburb-based approach. GS expressed opposition to dissolution of Hayberry. Council proposals are based on 2016 population data and are out of date due to increases in density. GS is of the view, therefore, that the proposals should be reviewed in light of current demographics. A consultant will provide more information at an upcoming Combined Precinct Committee (CPC) meeting.

DM made the point that it was concerning that ideas put forward at a stakeholder meeting had not been taken into account and that the outcomes appeared to have been pre-determined. Some of the issues included the importance of natural geographic boundaries and the importance of any changes facilitating a resurgence of the Precinct system..

The meeting passed the following resolutions unanimously.

Outcome 3: That the Hayberry Precinct strongly object to any suggestion that the Hayberry Precinct be abolished or merged with any other precinct and that this position be conveyed to the Council and to the Combined Precinct Committee on the basis that the Hayberry Precinct is an effective voice for unique and local issues. (moved by MJ and seconded by GP).

Outcome 4: That the Hayberry Precinct oppose a reduction and amalgamation of precincts on the basis that this will decrease the benefit that precincts offer to Council. (Moved by DM and seconded by MJ)

Item 5: Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles within Hayberry Precinct

There was a general discussion about what Council's plans were for charging stations for electrical vehicles. This resulted in the following motion being passed unanimously:

Outcome 5: That the Hayberry Precinct request an update on North Sydney Council's plans to install e-vehicle charging stations in our streets. (Moved by DM and seconded by JM).

Item 6: Development Issues

DM advised that Council had approved the demolition of the buildings adjoining the vacant site of the former service station on the corner of Falcon Street and Alexander Lane. The Council had asked for a traffic plan. Demolition would start in the next one to five weeks, and clearing of the area around the old service station had commenced. He advised that there would be a community consultation meeting on the plans for 27-57 Falcon Street in the next few weeks.

Item 7: Combined Precinct Committee meeting to be held on 23 February 2021

GS was instructed to register to the CPC meeting the Precinct's unanimous opposition to the proposed Warringah freeway, Western Harbour Tunnel, Beaches Link project and proposed dissolution of Hayberry Precinct under the Precinct system review.

Item 8: Other Business

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 April 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:30 PM.