

## Milson Precinct MINUTES Zoom meeting – Thursday 5 August 2021 at 7.30 pm

- **Introductions & Welcome by Elaine – to chair this meeting,**
- **Introductions of names, & address - Total Nos: 18 Voting: 16**
  - 5 Office Bearers: EW, SG, TB, JC, VB
  - 2 CR's: Mayor, IM
  - 12 Community: TW, TD, CL, LQ, RB&AB, KB&GB, EB, AZ, PH
- **Apologies: 7 Crs ZB, JK & MAB, KS, MR, Loreto & Aloysius schools**
- **Meeting Minutes – 1 July, 2021 Moved: TB Seconded: VB**
- **Matters arising:**

**NSC response to our Precinct motions: NSC Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 since last meeting – July, 2021.** Bike path Cremorne thru to Kirribilli – TfNSW funding gone; apply again, when construction ready; SHB – make submission direct to TfNSW; Kirribilli Village Masterplan trial; Horse trough; Environmental Sustainability Strategic Plan; Precinct Review – all noted.

### AGENDA

1. **Burton Street Pedestrian Crossing – St. Aloysius Junior School** – with loss of one car space on school side, and changed parking opposite, with school pick up zone on both sides from 7 am.

Council has received Federal Government Stimulus Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure) funding, to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing on Burton Street at Humphrey Place, Kirribilli. The proposal is to raise the pedestrian crossing to footpath level and install kerb extensions on both sides of the pedestrian crossing to increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance. The proposal will result in the loss of one parking space on the southern side of Burton Street to comply with TfNSW safety requirements. In addition, St Aloysius College has requested Council to provide additional pick up/drop off spaces in Burton Street and extend the drop off hours from 7am during school times.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct raises concerns about NSC's readiness to give over community spaces for schools to freely use those spaces to manage their school business; there should be no loss of parking spaces, parking for residents should be preserved; there should be no loss of the disability parking space during school drop off & pickup times; there is support for this crossing if an appropriate traffic management plan, with traffic person, is in place, especially given the pedestrianisation of the adjacent section of Burton Street.

**Moved: TB Seconded: VB Voting: For: 16 Unanimous**

- 2. Burton Street Closure – Broughton St to Humphrey Place – pedestrianisation 6 months trial** – works should have already commenced - delayed due to closure of construction works. Council has advised work to start mid-August. No vehicular traffic from Broughton St to Humphrey Place, access via Fitzroy or Crescent Place.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct supports the trial of a temporary 6 month closure till February 2022. Milson Precinct requests that there is increased enforcement of cyclists to dismount through the Burton Street tunnel and closed area.

**Moved: KB   Seconded: JC   Voting:   Unanimous**

- 3. Kirribilli Village Plans & trials of Burton Street Tunnel** closures on weekends with some suggested daytime events to activate the tunnel space, even if in only half of the space, before the additional Ennis Road parking is available, with parking still in the Alfred Street end. Would want at least 20 seats in the tunnel areas, so as to listen to or watch entertainers. Seek players from The Conservatorium, talk with Catholic University for potential activities; ask the café's restaurants to have a pop-up stall with take/away foods.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct supports the use of Burton Street Tunnel for community events to increase activation of the space; request that NSC fast track the funding for the project, for the changed parking conditions in Ennis Road; and request that in the meantime, there be a trial of activities during weekends, to ensure there are sufficient activities to fill the space. This trial to be conducted during the same trial time of the Burton Street closure when public health orders allow for such activity.

**Moved: TW   Seconded: TB   Voting:   Unanimous**

- 4. Rates – IPART Draft Report, Rating System Review to include population growth – by 6.8.**

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is reviewing the current 'rate pegging' system for setting council rates revenue to include population growth. Council has advised that in 2020, the NSW Government confirmed it is not proceeding with IPART's recommendation to transition to capital improvement value (CIV) as the method for setting rates in NSW, The current consultation by IPART relates only to determining the Population Factor within the rate peg to account for population growth. IPART has made it clear that CIV is not part of this review. IPART will present its Final Report to the Minister for Local Government in September 2021.

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**MOTION:** Milson Precinct thanks NSC for the advice.

- 5. Draft Amendment to NS DCP 2013: NS CBD commercial tower setbacks & separation – By 16.8.21**

This review is of built form controls for commercial development in the North Sydney CBD considering the need to manage issues arising from recent increases to building height controls within the CBD. These issues include a lack of guidance on building setbacks and separation that could result in continuous, uninterrupted walls of tall commercial towers that reduce daylight and sky views from the street and within the towers.

The proposed controls bring NSDCP 2013 more in line with City of Sydney and City of Parramatta built form controls and will ensure appropriate massing and separation of future commercial towers. This will protect pedestrian and building occupant amenity and promote commercially viable towers as North Sydney CBD continues to grow

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct supports this review, of commercial tower setbacks and separation to be based on residential setbacks, as there is latent potential for commercial building to eventually become residential, so setbacks should provide for future residential amenity.

**Moved: TB   Seconded: PH   Voting:   Unanimous**

**6. Local Government Elections – NOW 4 December, 2021** - postponed 3 months  
**Key dates** from the website of the Office of Local Government of NSW were given for information. They are

25 October – close of electoral rolls and candidate nominations open

5 November - Caretaker period commences

22 November - Pre-poll voting opens. IVote commences

17 December - Return of postal votes closes

**7. Correspondence:**

a. NSC advise NS LEP 2013 (Amendment 30) came into force 30.6.21 with regard Planning Proposal & local housing strategy – view on: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/PDF/asmade/epi-2021-351>

b. Loreto Innovation Centre – update

c. HWL Ebsworth, acting for NSC – Advice re Stannards Marine – Floating Dry Dock (approx. 60m x 19m) @ 6 John St. McMahon's Point - Conciliation Conference under s.34 Land & Environment Court - listed 18-19 October, 2021

d. Warringah Freeway Upgrade service & utility work – closure of High St lane and Arthur St.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) Next meeting - Discussion of Bus 269 Route, Kirribilli Ave, & Broughton St, & loss of parking for buses at 3 pm
- b) Sydney Harbour Bridge Bike Path access – TfNSW reject Lift option, as want to close off the existing bike access via stairs with ramp;
- c) James Milson Village has high vaccination rates for residents and staff, with potentially 90% coverage by end of August, early September.

- d) Broughton Street's raised speed hump causing undue distress to residents, with buses and heavy vehicles speeding up and then breaking before hitting the traffic calming device at speed, causing waking of residents at 3 am.
- e) Because this speed hump has white markings on its raised humps, many pedestrians treat it as a pedestrian crossing, dangerously walking out from between parked cars – very dangerous with many near misses.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct requests

- A. That the traffic calming item outside 87 Broughton Street be placed on the next traffic committee meeting;
- B. That a study of the noise within residents homes, be undertaken, looking at potential mitigation elements, like double glazing;
- C. Alternatively, that NSC look at removing the speed hump outside 87 Broughton St., after community consultation;
- D. That NSC mark the beginning of Broughton Street roadway with 40 kph signs, to slow the speed of the vehicles, given the now existing traffic calming of Clark Rd pedestrian crossing and roundabout;
- E. That NSC actively lobby the State Government to redirect the number of empty / out of service buses (80 in 2 hours) coming along Broughton Street into Kirribilli.

**Moved: TW   Seconded: EB   Voting:   Unanimous**

Remember – if you see any **Trips and Hazards** – forward to NS Council directly on 9936 8100.

Meeting ended 9.09 pm

**NEXT MEETING – 7.30 pm – Thursday 2 September, 2021**

**MILSON PRECINCT HISTORICAL SNIPPETS**

***Burton Street.*** *Sir William Westbrooke Burton, Judge of the New South Wales Court, owned land in this area in the 1840's.*