

MILSON PRECINCT MEETING - MINUTES Thursday, 3 June 2021

Church by the Bridge Hall, Broughton St. & VIA ZOOM - Commenced: 7.45 pm

- **Introductions & Welcome by Terry Byrnes** - to chair this meeting,
- **Housekeeping on Zoom** - Mute your screen, unless you wish to speak.
- **Introductions of names, & address - Total Nos: 42** in room including Mayor, Crs. Mutton & Brodie & 2 on zoom = 44 total - Councillors 3; Residents 41
- **Apologies: 6.** S&JK, JL, DL, LB, JH
- **Meeting Minutes – 6 May 2021 Moved: TW Secoded: JC**
- **Matters arising:**

NSC response to our Precinct motions: NSC Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 since last meeting - May 2021. Broughton St slowing vehicles down is an ongoing program; McDougall St and Clark Road Pedestrian Crossing has been constructed.

AGENDA

1. **Cycleways & traffic changes Kirribilli to Cremorne** - community submissions close 14.6.21

Potential impacts on Kirribilli traffic:

Going north - proposal to close 'Slip' lane L (left) from Clark Rd into High St to bridge & NS; No RHT (Right Hand Turn) into High from Clark; proposed bike lane outside James Milson Village.

Going south - No LHT into High from Clark coming from Anderson Park; due to bike lane, (will need to access High St, via McDougall & Hipwood St).

Bus stop on Broughton at Willoughby to be within the traffic lane, as bike lane along eastern side Broughton St to Ennis Rd.

Bikes to have own crossing at intersection of Broughton St & Ennis Road set of traffic lights, which will take out the through traffic lane if cars are turning R into Ennis Rd. Which will impact Ennis Road when it becomes the main parking area for Kirribilli under the Masterplan, when Burton St tunnel loses all parking.

For info & maps: yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Kirribilli-Cremorne-walk-cycle

Background: 30 November 2020 Council meeting - The Kirribilli to Cremorne Walking, Cycling and Streetscape plan was to be consulted with the community in February 2021, then back to Council by March 2021, with time for changes to be made after consultation and prior to 30 June 2021 for funding approval from TfNSW.

Failed to be on Sustainable Transport Reference Group agenda of 3 May 2021, being only two weeks prior to notification letter to limited number of residents.

Discussion: Residents concerned about lack of consultation, lack of time, lack of widely notifying community - to all residents, businesses and schools. The proposed bicycle path is only for uphill sections, with cyclists riding with the traffic, at speed on downhill sections of road. Therefore, not a separated bike path in both directions for all types of riders, so it does not achieve the main objectives of the proposal, of providing a safe separated cycleway to encourage more less experienced cyclist onto the roads.

Motions were proposed for various reasons, including that the proposal adds nothing as a claimed 'Walking' upgrade, to what is already existing. It is otherwise a parking downgrade, with some kerb lane parking reduced to a more hazardous 2.1 meters. Fundamentally, as a conceptual traffic solution to bicycle rider improvements, it is a superimposition, within the existing road access constraints, instead of being integrated. Therefore, it is at considerable unwarranted expense to the existing levels of all modes of access within the Kirribilli/North Sydney precincts.

Residents were asked to make their own submissions based on the plans on exhibition. A further information session will be provided by Council via zoom.

MOTION: Milson Precinct proposes the following motions:

- A. Amendments to the Kirribilli to Cremorne, Walking, Cycling and Streetscape be discontinued from the Intersection of Clark Rd and High Street, south in its entirety. **Moved: SC Seconded: no support for the motion**
- B. In the absence of a better solution for the Kirribilli to Cremorne Walking, Cycling and Streetscape Upgrade, the current proposal be abandoned in its entirety. **Moved: TW Seconded: GB Voting: For: 40 - Against: 1**
- C. In view of the level of concern expressed for both cycleway access onto the harbour bridge and the routes to that point, through the Local Government Areas of North Sydney, Council is urged to revisit the HarbourLink proposal by North Shore Bicycle Group and NSC Sustainable Transport Committee from 2009-11. (Previously reviewed favourably by PWC for its cost benefit analysis.) **Moved: FH Seconded: VB Voting: For: 33 Against: 7 Abstain: 1**

2.Sydney Harbour Bridge (SHB) North Cycleway - TfNSW proposed access via Corkscrew or Snake designs - impact on Heritage of SHB & open green space; Solutions: Bike Lift, stairs remain, HarbourLink proposal for sustainable Transport link to bridge be provided by TfNSW.
www.sydneyharbourlink.com

MOTION: Milson Precinct request that, in the absence of making a choice of either of the two proposals by TfNSW, THAT Council be supported, in its request for the

addition of an elevator for bikes, duplicating the existing lift elevator already provided on the Kirribilli side for pedestrian .**Moved: RB Seconded:SR Voting: 41 Unanimous**

8.50 pm – Many residents left the meeting at the completion of the cycleway matters.

NSC documents - submissions close 22.6.21, with info session on 15.6.21 - need to register on NSC website

- Draft Operational Plans & Budgets 2021/22
- Draft Fees & Charges Schedule 2021/22
- Draft Community Grants & Subsidies 2021/22
- Draft Loan Borrowing Policy

Have your say on NSC website: yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

3.DA: 117 /2021 - 135 Carabella St. - Substantial demolition with alterations and 3 level addition to rear of building

Adjacent neighbours at 137 & 135A, discussed their concerns: issues with extent of proposed excavation on neighbours' foundations and potential damage to properties; ground water egress issues across the site into the site below; along with loss of light and privacy issues of overlooking.

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that NSC ensures that any conditions of approval include detailed dilapidation reports on neighbouring properties, prior to any works commencing on the property; as well as protecting neighbours' privacy; loss of light; foundations; groundwater egress onto neighbour's property. Has this property been heritage listed at any stage? If not, it should be, as it is a unique property on Carabella Street. **Moved: JC Seconded: GT Voting: 14 Unanimous**

4.DA: 293 /2020 /2 – 38 Carabella St. Amended plans modification of consent internal & external changes including re-alignment of walls, façade & material changes

MOTION: Milson Precinct NOTED

5.DA: 67 /2019 – 90 Carabella St - Changes to windows

MOTION: Milson Precinct NOTED

6.WHT&BL Parliamentary Enquiry - closes 18.6.21 community concerns re cost benefit analysis, adequacy of business case, environmental issues etc.
Email submission: Public.Works@parliament.nsw.gov.au

MOTION: Milson Precinct should forward its previous submissions made to DPIE on to the Parliamentary Enquiry.

(Reinforcing concern for the lack of a business case, or sustainable transport options of rail from northern beaches and concern for increased buses terminating through North Sydney onto rail and metro, via Alfred St. & High St.) **Moved: JC**

Seconded: TB Voting: For: 12 Against 2

7.General Business - None

Meeting ended 9.20 pm

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

NEXT MEETING - 7.30 pm - Thursday 1 July 2021

MILSON PRECINCT HISTORICAL SNIPPETS.

Careening Cove. *The naval vessel HMS Rainbow was careened or scraped here in 1826, giving rise to the name of Careening Cove. The Creek which rose near the foot of the now MLC building cascaded in a series of waterfalls into Careening Cove, was named Rainbow Creek, after the Naval Vessel. It is now the open concrete storm water channel. The area was filled in during the 1890's to create Milson Park.*
