

Milson Precinct MINUTES – Thursday 4 November 2021 - 7.30 pm via Zoom

Welcome & details of attendees: Chair EW

Present: 13: EW, SG, VB, TB, JC, TW, TD, SM, DL, PW, LH, PR, & KL

Apologies: 8 EB, DB, AL, AB, TD & PD, CL, & KS

Approval of 7 October 2021 Minutes: Moved: SG Seconded: VB

ELECTIONS: Local Government - Saturday 4 December 2021:

Two wards with 5 councillors in each ward - we are in **Cammeraygal Ward**.

Covid changes - **ALL voters** can **Pre-Poll from 22 November 2021 - 3 December 2021**, at two places: NSC council chambers - Hutley Hall, or 138 Military Road, Neutral Bay.

or apply for **iVote** if have a disability (Ph: **1300248683**).

or request **postal vote** on **elections.nsw.gov.au**, so as to keep safe.

OR attend polling booths in your ward on Saturday 4 December 2021.

AGENDA - Information & Discussion Topics:

1. Community matters:

- a. **Events Strategic Plan** - on exhibit till 16 November 2021

Request Burton St tunnel events and activities to be considered ASAP

MOTION: Milson Precinct request that Burton Street tunnel be investigated for use on NYE and Australia Day, with a concert or events in the tunnel. Milson Precinct asks what other ideas for activities or events does the NSC Events department have for the Burton Street tunnel.

Moved: TD Seconded: TB Voting: For: Unanimous:

- b. **Community Strategic Plan Stage 1** – on Exhibit till 12 December 2021

Strategic Plans are very large and important documents that set the focus for the next 10 plus years for the community. Milson Precinct encourages individuals to review the elements of the strategic plans that interest them, eg. Homelessness, affordable housing, urban tree canopy, parks, playgrounds, foreshore, sea walls, arts, libraries, community spaces, traffic and roads, services, etc. and to make a more informed submission on those elements of personal interest within the Plan.

MOTION: Milson Precinct will defer till December meeting, to give more time and opportunity to review.

- c. **Jacarandas** – 300 plants NSC give away to plant in home gardens

Jacarandas are not native to Australia, being more suitable for parklands, and not in high density urban living, with the majority of people living in units, with limited open space in gardens for such large trees.;

MOTION: Milson Precinct request that NSC look at distribution of Australian Native trees like Illawarra Flame tree to the community, vs jacarandas, for next year. Council should place trees in park areas. Following from last month's motion, Milson Precinct suggests that the Council should concentrate its Jacaranda efforts on plantings along the borders of the two parks -- Milson and Bradfield. One possibility would be to revive the tradition of alternating Jacarandas with Illawarra Flame trees.

Moved: SG Seconded: TB Voting: For: Unanimous:

- d. **Parks Bushland & Neighbourhood Strategic Plans** - Feedback till 21 November 2021

TB has previously informed NSC via emails of the error of excluding parks within our areas within these strategic plans.

- e. **WHT&BL Tunnels** – support: Green Open Space at Cammeray, change Berry St access to tunnels, need pollution controls & Golf Course

MOTION: Milson Precinct supports the proposal to stop Berry Street from becoming the main traffic conduit to all the freeways and harbour crossings for NS LGA.

Moved: TD Seconded: TB Voting: For: 11 Against: 2 (EW, TW)

MOTION: Milson Precinct supports the proposal to investigate the feasibility of placing the WHT&BL's service sheds at Cammeray be placed underground, similarly to Rozelle's sheds, to ensure that 2 ha of critical open green space is not lost within the LGA, with this development.

Moved: JC Seconded: TD Voting: For: Unanimous:

MOTION: Milson Precinct supports the installation of an air filtering system by particulate filtration or increased air movement within tunnels; as the community expects air quality at ground level to be best quality by air filters or other technologies, to be able to comply with current world class standards.

Moved: TB Seconded: TW Voting: For: Unanimous

MOTION: Milson Precinct seeks to encourage NSC to have greater monitoring of air quality in multiple areas across the LGA to assist with better background data readings before the new development.

Moved: TW Seconded: TB Voting: For: Unanimous:

2. Traffic Issues

- a. **Speed Limit: 40 km per hr** in Milsons Point & Kirribilli streets

Many in the community, both businesses and residents had no knowledge that the speed limit was now 40kph, since 25.10.21, nor that Burton St and Bligh Streets were a 6-month trial. The VMS on Broughton Street advises people of their speed, which is generally in 20kph's; But due to the rate of traffic passing, the sign advising 40 kph zone is not necessarily seen, only the car's speed. This VMS is taking up a parking space on Broughton St.

The VMS's on McDougall Street, near Clark & Willoughby Street, states to "watch out for Cars", whereas during Jacaranda season, the notice to vehicles, should be to "watch out for pedestrians".

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that 40 kph signs be painted on the roadways of the streets at the 'threshold' sections installed on all entry point roadways in the Milsons Point & Kirribilli areas, as soon as possible, to inform the community of the new speed limit. We request that the parking space on Broughton St be reinstated for the community use.

Moved: JC Seconded: LH Voting: For: Unanimous

- b. **Bridge Cycleway Linear competition** by architects: Aspect Studios, Civile, & REALM studios – consultation late 2021
- c. **Parking** Enforcement by rangers back to pre-covid
- d. **Pedestrian** Crossing - Clark Rd at Margaret St. –

NSC has now completed concrete footpaths to a raised pedestrian crossing & has Zig Zag markings along the road on approach from Neutral Bay – from Kurraba Road roundabout corner.

MOTION: Milson Precinct thanks NSC for the improvement in this pedestrian crossing on Clark Road at Margaret Street, as it is much safer now.

Moved: VB Seconded: TW Voting: For: Unanimous:

- e. **Parking** - Clark Rd at McDougall St.

NSC is investigating the parking for the corner shop, changes to signs has to go to traffic meeting, but can be done under delegation over the closedown / Christmas period.

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that the existing half hour parking signage on Clark Road, nearest the corner store at McDougall Street, have the hours of operation extended from 8.30 am to 10 pm seven days per week, from Monday to Sunday.

Moved: VB Seconded: EW Voting: For: Unanimous:

3. Arts & Events

- a. NS Art Prize - entries close 30 November 2021
- b. Stanton Library - On-line Historical talks - register library

- c. 'Lost Birds Found' program for Mental Health by 12 November 2021
- d. Coal Loader - Salon de Refuse 3-17 November 2021. in Old Workshop
- e. Coal Loader - Artisan Markets - 5 December 2021
- f. Coal Loader Photo Competition - closes 12 December 2021
- g. New Year's Eve - Non ticketed & NO Alcohol for ease of policing - both 9 pm & midnight fireworks

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests information to be distributed ASAP to the community concerning NYE, covering the parking restrictions, traffic management, alcohol management and access management to Bradfield Park and other foreshore areas and parks. Milson Precinct requests that NSC investigate the use of Burton Street tunnel for Kirribilli shopkeepers, stalls, food operators and entertainment on NYE

Moved: JC Seconded: TD Voting: For: Unanimous

4. **FEEDBACK to NSC**

- a. outdoor dining & plaza - by 31 March 2021
- b. Miller St - pop up outdoor dining on roadway

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that NSC investigate two disabled parking spaces on Miller St, be made available in the area north of the pop-up area and before the driveway, so that older and infirm persons can access the banks within North Sydney.

Moved: TB Seconded: JC Voting: For: Unanimous

- c. Burton St closure & Bligh St. Shared zone - 6 month trial

Noted that pedestrians are not walking along Bligh St, but using the pedestrian footpath adjacent to the church, where the area has been impinged by the planter boxes and the three sign poles.

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that NSC improve the pedestrian access around the planters in Bligh and Burton Streets. The blue planters against the church wall on Bligh street should be arranged to maximise the space between the planters and street sign poles on the footpath. It may also encourage access to Burton St plaza from Aloysius school side, if the south eastern planters are moved slightly.

Moved: JC Seconded: TB Voting: For: Unanimous

5. **DA's**

- a. **DA 281/21, 107 High St.** - demolish & construct new 10 residential flat building, including parking, & landscaping

Council have advised that this development was a large residential flat building which had more than 10 objections, thus the development would go to a local planning panel for external assessment.

MOTION: Milson Precinct supports Council's position of a 'Neutral' item, as per Council's Heritage comments from SEE pages 24-27, that the demolition of a 'neutral' item is not supported on heritage grounds; we support a carefully considered assessment by a high level local planning panel.

Moved: JC Seconded: SG Voting: For: 11 Abstain: 2 (EW & TW)

- b. **DA 306/21, 119 High St. North Sydney** - Its & Ads. Enclose deck & kitchen
- c. **DA 337/2021, 92 Carabella St Kirribilli** - Alts & Additions
- d. **DA 401/2017, 19 Elamang Ave, Kirribilli** - Various modifications to approved dwelling
- e. **DA 180/2021, 17 Bray St, North Sydney** - Alts & Ads including first floor addition, internal reconfiguration, landscaping & associated works.

MOTION: Milson Precinct **Noted these DA's**

6. General Business

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that NSC assist Greenway residents, via housing organisations by clarifying through the State Government's Geographical Names Board google maps etc., to ensure Greenway Drive is the official address for all residents' deliveries, NBN, packages, taxis, uber etc.

Moved: JC Seconded: TD Voting: For: Unanimous:

Milson Historical Snippets:

Bradly Avenue Possibly a misspelling of Alderman E. P. Bradley who served on the North Sydney Council from 1917 - 1919.

Trips and Hazards - forward to NSC directly on 9936 8100. Give details of the nearest house number or closest cross street.

Access past meeting minutes and summary of actions on North Sydney Council website under Milson Precinct. Contact Council precincts on 9936 8285 or email precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

NEXT MEETING - 7.30 pm - Thursday 2 December 2021

Meeting to be held in person at KNC, if public health orders permit.