

Minutes of Zoom Meeting of Registry Precinct on 28 September 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: 15

Apologies: IC, BD RW, AV, IH, PB, SS, TO, JD, DD, AG, ND, CG. (13)

MINUTES of the September Meeting were confirmed. (Moved by: MA; seconded MW)

1. COUNCIL (NSC) MEETING FEEDBACK

- **Cr Kathy Brodie** - new Deputy Mayor
- **General Manager's Remuneration** – Interruptions between Crs Beregi & Drummond caused the Meeting to be stopped. Crs Carr, Beregi, Baker want information provided to and by the panel to be provided to all members of the governing body at the same time, and that General Manager's remuneration be made publicly available on Council website and updated in real time. The Motion was put forward and **Lost**.
- **Notice of Motion 14/21 by Cllrs Mutton and Keen – Berrys Bay:**
THAT Council resolves to send 3x Councillors & Mayor, to meet Premier to ask her that ASAP & prior to the beginning of the WHT project to **transfer the land on the Western side of Berrys Bay** (being Lot 21 in DP 1048933 (inclusive of consolidating the adjacent reclaimed portion [6171112 approx.], Lots 101 and 102 in DP 1162896, Lot 104 in DP 1162898 and Lots 1, 2 and 3 in DP 181235) **to Council**. The Motion was moved by Councillor Mutton and seconded by Councillor Keen.
- **Noakes Boatyard- Crs Baker, Beregi & Carr got Council to agree to push for safety compliance** [Background: 9.2. Notice of Motion No. 15/21 Councillors Baker, Beregi & Carr - On-going compliance issues at 6 John Street, McMahons Point (Noakes Boatyard) 210. RESOLVED: -
 1. **THAT** Council seek compliance with the terms of the s34 agreement and subsequent Court Orders made by the Court in respect of Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2020/00122833; and
 2. **THAT** Council investigate fire safety compliance concerns raised by residents and take any compliance action arising from the investigation as a matter of urgency.
 3. **THAT** Council reiterates its commitment to pursuing compliance with condition D51 for the provision of the public jetty.
- **COVID FOODBANK:** Council support and be involved in pushing its case on many levels, on webpage, attend interdepartmental meetings etc.
- Emergency hampers to vulnerable people in lockdown – FOODBANK - NSC e-news

CPC MEETING FEEDBACK

- **HOMELESSNESS:** Council's role in supporting people experiencing homelessness
Guest Speaker 2 - CT, Access & Inclusion Coordinator gave an overview of the Community Development Department's portfolio and her role in the Council, types of homelessness, local occasions of homelessness and available Council support. Council's outreach program was outlined: -
 1. There are different types of homelessness, rough sleepers accounts for only 7%.
 2. Management of homelessness is not typically considered a local government responsibility; however North Sydney Council (and other councils) have chosen to take an active role. Attendees can obtain further information from Precinct on request

NOTE: Currently, there are four known rough sleepers in North Sydney. Council has ongoing contact with three out of the four, all of whom have been offered support to access alternate housing. Council's position has always been to respect the individual's wishes in line with the NSW Government's *Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places*, with the circumstances of each person being assessed on an individual basis. In June 2021, Council supported the placement of two people experiencing homelessness in permanent and safe accommodation. Both older gentlemen, one a long-term rough sleeper who had set up camp in a cave at Cremorne Point and the other who had been sleeping in his car. Both have signed leases to be housed in one of Council's boarding houses. These leases and Council's other owned social and affordable housing stock is managed by Link Wentworth Housing

2. WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL & BEACHES LINK REPORT FROM PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY DAYS 2 & 3:

– see *Separate pages*.

3. TREE LOSS IN ANZAC PARK – DEVELOPMENTS

The Mayor/Council have requested a pause in the tree felling around Cammeray Golf Course. And have requested that TfNSW work closely with NSC and the community when it comes to replanting so that the best outcomes can be achieved for species and size. Precinct supports this and hopes that further tree loss is minimized.

• CPC Minuted item re TREE LOSS @ Cammeray: –

“ACTION: The CPC requests access to the audit document which lists and maps the trees being removed for the WHTBL and WFU.

MOTION: That the CPC requests that Council expresses significant concern to TfNSW about the potential loss of trees, and requests that TfNSW urgently review their plans to remove trees, and that any trees removed are replaced at a ratio of 2 to 1 with mature trees rather than saplings.

MOVED BY: BS (Co-convenor/Lavender Bay) SECONDED BY CH (Brightmore)”

4. LOCAL FEEDBACK ON ANZAC PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL ISSUES:

Mr. RW's Report available for members on email as he was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

5. COUNCIL'S NEW PLAN TO MANAGE COUNCIL PARKS:

Council is exploring methods to reduce/restrict certain usages from 60 to 40 people generally and to introduce usage fees. The areas involved include the Kirribilli foreshore, Blues Pt Reserve, Henry Lawson Reserve, Lavender Bay & Cremorne Reserve. Council was running a Survey and responses were due by 4 Oct. see NSC website <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/park-booking-fees>

6. LIKELY RATES RISE DUE TO STATE TAKING PART OF COUNCILS' DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS:

NSC is among some 20+ local councils in NSW protesting at State government plans to take 50% of payments currently made by developers to local councils as contributions towards environmental, infrastructure and other similar purposes. The 'grab' by NSW will inevitably lead to a rise in Council rates.

The Meeting agreed to back NSC's position *nem con*.

7. TRAFFIC & MANAGEMENT – standing issues:

Tunnels construction traffic arrangements – Cammeray Ave / Rosalind St / Anzac Ave

Traffic lights in Cammeray Village near Maggios

Short green pedestrian light @ Rosalind/Miller Streets Junction

Miller & Amhurst Streets Junction

Parking zone changes requested on Miller St north of Falcon St re Zone 19/20

Woolies Trucks intruding on Crows Nest streets

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

There was no mention of extending Pedestrian Traffic lights at Miller/Rosalind St crossing despite Precinct raising this previously. Can APPS raise this in their P&C Meetings?

- **6.2. Standing Item - Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade:** – Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations tabled TfNSW WHT/WFU Road Authority Notice maps & reported that Council has received numerous notices from TfNSW under 64(1A) of the Roads Act 1993 of their intention to exercise functions of a road authority.

-A register of the complaints received by Council is being maintained.

- **6.3. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety:** –

20/06 Moodie Street, Cammeray Between Ernest Street and Falcon Street- 27/11/20
Pedestrian safety

Re: Residents of Moodie Street concerns re pedestrian safety due to lack of footpath in the 100m section south of Ernest Street. [Refer to report 4.4 to the Traffic Committee 27/11/20 and report to 23/7/2021.]

Matter deferred until after Council elections & when public is able to address Committee.

- **Miller/Amherst Streets intersection safety issues raised by community consistently & more recently due to near misses:** –

An extra left and right-turn red arrow at the traffic lights under the 'Green on Green' project was set up in June 2020, to improve safety for pedestrians at this location.

"Miller Street is a State Road which caters for high network demands, including public transport to/from the Cammeray area. Installing a dedicated right-turn arrow from Miller to Amherst streets is not supported by TfNSW due to further congestion that would occur on Miller Street."

They will continue to monitor the intersection & TfNSW say that they are reviewing further potential safety measures in this area, including: –

- Adjusting the traffic light phasing for both pedestrians and motorists at the intersection
- Installing a red-light speed camera at this intersection
- Constructing a pedestrian crossing on the western side of the intersection of Miller and Palmer Streets.

Transport for NSW will continue to update Council"

- **Miller St @ Maggios:** After recent serious collision and serious injury to pedestrian (16 August 2021): Council Request sent to TfNSW 3 August 2021 a. to lengthen pedestrian crossing signal (phasing) b. and suggestion to improve the visibility of the lights. This is still being investigated by TfNSW Network Operations.

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES

- **DA Notifications** – Need to comment online & reference in Minutes – All Precinct Committees making a submission on an advertised Development Application (DA) or Planning Proposal (PP) must use the online DA submission form and include reference within their Minutes.

- **Anzac Park Community Garden**

As always APCG is grateful to NSC for all their support for the community garden.

This year volunteers are particularly concerned at the poor growth of all the brassicas (cabbages, cauliflowers, etc). After consultation with other community gardens and experts, it is thought that the most likely reason for this poor performance is the lack of sunlight on all the raised beds during the winter/colder months. All plants require a certain amount of energy to flourish, and this is not happening because the now extremely tall trees to the north side of the garden cause shade during the winter months. The result of this disappointment is that we end up putting a great deal of the unsuccessful plantings into the compost – which really seems wasteful.

These trees beyond the Garden & on the perimeter of the homes along the North side of the Park have not benefitted from regular pruning and are now very tall and thick. They are over 40 years old now and posing a hazard as well.

ACTION: Precinct requests that Council please urgently attend to some urgent & regular Pruning/Maintenance and removal of dead or dangerous branches. This is essential given that there are school children who use Anzac Park daily as well as additional foot traffic, and given the identified concerns of a Precinct attendee at No 13 Cammeray Ave who has had Gum tree branches from the Park already cause damage to her Glass roof adjacent to the Trees

Precinct would like NSC to play a more active and continuing/regular part in the management of Anzac Park and its trees – as it does, for comparison, for St Leonard's Park.

Competition entry – Once again Anzac Park community garden entered this, and results will be announced on 14 October (via Zoom tbc).

- **Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp** developments

NSW Government-sponsored design competition began September 2021 for the linear path option. By October 2021, they will shortlist these to three with the preferred option being exhibited in February 2022. The design competition is confined to the design of this particular option.

The local community consultation will occur in late August 2021 re the Alfred Street separated cycle path and Lavender Street roundabout upgrade which will better facilitate access to the Bridge cycle ramp.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm.

The next Registry Precinct Meeting will be held at 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday, 27 October, via Zoom.

WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL [WHT] & BEACHES LINK [BL] UPDATE – Notes on THE PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY HEARINGS

Precinct's Georgina Taylor & Rhys Williams attended the Inquiry on behalf of APPS and addressed the Inquiry's queries and provided additional information requested by the Inquiry, and will submit a Supplementary Briefing.

Day 3 of the Inquiry was on Friday 27 Sept. Matters discussed included:-

- BEACHES LINK [BL]: Camilla Drover Deputy Secretary TfNSW: "It is a longer Tunnel *with* another lesser length Harbour Crossing [so BL is not as long as WHT] ..so the BL will require more infrastructure being built.. even though it will carry fewer people. Cost is: \$13.6b for *both* tunnels...\$7.38b for BL although it has not received approval yet. WHT budget also includes the Warringah Freeway Upgrade as well. Beaches Link Tunnel – will cater only to 25% of proportion of traffic

- JOHN GRAHAM [Labor] stated that the Benefit Cost Ratio [BCR] was 1.2 in [leaked] 2016 Business Case for BL. TfNSW say investment decisions haven't been made, so they are unable to comment. Wry grins on Labor members while he pressed Ms Drover on this point. Have you ever seen this in another project that the 2016 BCR documents?

What are the projects being considered by government where no wide Economic benefits are involved, ...Ms Drover continued to reiterate that these Projects are integrated into wider network, which seems inaccurate.

JOHN GRAHAM – Re the Beaches Link: - **It is not on the 2021 infrastructure priority list.** ..Precinct Comment: a salient point.

Building more roads creates more traffic; leads to more congestion...

- ABIGAIL BOYD [Labor]: *SYDNEY IS THE MOST TOLLED CITY IN THE WORLD. WHILE NEW YORK & LONDON RELY VERY HEAVILY ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT.* TfNSW say Warringah Freeway won't be tolled & these Projects will be integrated into integrated transport solutions for Sydney- new active pedestrian cycle & bus networks
Precinct Comment: This is basically deliberate assertive misinformation re Warringah Freeway – There is only a small part of it that will not be tolled in actual fact.

- *New Express Service for Beaches Link is being proposed but NOT in the Tunnel*

It will actually be a bus service outside in the North Sydney Council area...There will be a new Miller St to Harberr Bridge dedicated Bus Lane ...BUT there is no Express Bus Lane as such.

Was A Bus Lane ever considered? Doug Parris replied that they briefly looked at Public Transport solutions. TfNSW modelling said free flow state tunnels will operate in 80km zone..direct connexions to Wakehurst Parkway & from Balgowlah into the Tunnel.. There is an opportunity to put a BUS LANE in if the modelling shows up the need later but they cannot add more lanes for this!

- ABIGAIL BOYD [Labor] : So it's a road like any others that a bus can go on. So no dedicated Bus Lane...no bus infrastructure? – Yes .
Abigail Boyd challenged Camilla Drover TfNSW on road congestion increasing not decreasing. Ms Drover replied that during construction Yes, but she continued to assert (erroneously) that when operational, the tolled roads will take surface traffic off local streets & take it underground.
Precinct comment: NO it wont ...it will CREATE & take NEW Traffic perhaps.
Ms Drover did say though that WHT will have less impacts on reducing local surface traffic as it's a Harbour crossing.

- **Re Berry St:** Can we change access ? Camilla Drover TfNSW said No; mentioned the Nth Sydney Business Plan. Doug Parris Project Director referred to topography restrictions.
Precinct Comment: This ignores Nth Sydney Councils request and argument to do a cut and cover at the Pacific Hwy end of Berry St at the very least.
Shane Mallard [Lib] – improvement to Nth Sydney CBD..& re Berry St: Can it go underground?. NO GO because of cost & achievability..
Precinct Comment: so it seems that North Sydney Council can wear it tough even though it will be unmanageable; not our problem as its a council issue even though we create the problem, its not their responsibility to fix it !
Doug Parris-says the topography is the problem.
- Shane Mallard isn't convinced..nor is he pro no BUS LANE in TUNNEL>>fewer buses.. Cars need more lanes. traffic forecasting doesn't support a dedicated bus lane at this stage- capacity to add lane in future...no !
- Doug Parris says that Newer tunnels are flatter & higher.
- **To not proceed to these 2 projects will cost the State \$\$**
- Main Contract for WFU- \$1.18 B - awarded; not modelled. What about Compensation ? Sovereign risk is that an issue.? No it is not replied Ms Drover for TfNSW.
- *JACOBS: Potential Conflict of Interest:* Another issue is that Jacobs were the assessors of the Environmental Factors for the EIS for TfNSW. Now post planning approval for WHT they are part of the Sydney Planning Alliance... which they claim is quite a different team at Jacobs..
- Abigail Boyd@ 7.37./ /is it standard practice for an entity that's likely to be granted a contract to be treated as an independent entity? Camilla Drover – Head of TfNSW – says its NOT a conflict of interest & there's a probity advisor so its OK.
Precinct Comment: it is still a real issue of conflict.