

# UNION PRECINCT



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## **Minutes - Wednesday 4 November 2020 held at McMahons Point Community Hall, Blues Point Road at 7.30 pm**

Co-Chairs: MC & KR, Secretary and Treasurer: ID. Meeting chaired by KR; minutes by ID.  
Present: 13 – as per attendance sheet including the Committee members and the facilitators.  
Apologies: BM and KF.

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2020 were accepted as a proper record of the meeting after a minor amendment to the number of car parking spaces lost. Adjustment will be made to October minutes by means of footnote. KH moved and KR seconded the adoption of the minutes.

MC noted that COVID meeting practice had been adopted and additionally all attendees had had their temperatures checked.

### **2. Presentation by North Sydney Council Traffic & Transport Engineer**

IM, a NSC traffic and transportation engineer, gave a presentation on the Union Street Traffic Speed Control options. He presented a paper to be included with the minutes setting out the background of the issue since the Traffic Committee meeting held on 14 June 2019.

He noted that the proposal for speed cushions in Union Street were rejected by an independent audit consultant. Council had further investigated the matter and came up with 3 options which were discussed at the meeting.

Residents expressed serious concerns on the loss of parking spots with Options 1 and 2 and **the Precinct unanimously resolved to recommend Option 3 as the preferred choice of the three options.** IM indicated that the options will be put to the community as soon as practicable, but likely early in the new year.

Residents appreciated the efforts made on Union Street for traffic speed control, however they believed that other significant changes were warranted in the area of Carr Street, Euroka Street, Bank Lane, Woolcott Street and Commodore Crescent which included better signage such as “give way” or “Stop” signs, better line markings. Residents also suggested that the road down Union Street into Woolcott Street was used as a speedway and something needed to be done along that stretch before there were fatalities. It was noted that car crashes occurred at Euroka St / Commodore Cres and Euroka St / Woolcott St corners in the last year.

IM advised that the Euroka/Woolcott Street intersection was listed as a long-term priority on the Local Area Traffic Management plan. Residents requested that it should be brought forward as a priority but in the mean time, suggested some “quick wins” that would help make the area safer. These included repainting the line markings on Union/Euroka St as they have faded and are non-existent in places, adding a “give way” or ”Stop” sign on Woolcott St for traffic entering Euroka St, and repositioning the street name signage to more prominent positions as they are obscured by telegraph poles. It was thought that a Give Way sign may be easier to approve. IM stated that Council looked at accident reports from the police provided to NSW Transport as the basis for action and noted this may have been a reason for the delayed response. MCH noted that recent accidents were not reported by the police as no one was injured and taken away by ambulance which was not taken into consideration by Council. MCH offered to provide photographic evidence of the recent accident as this was not recorded by Council in their statistics. She noted that police, fire brigade and Ausgrid had attended the accident scene. IM agreed to investigate.

The Chair thanked IM for the presentation.

**The Precinct resolved to request Council to install “give way” or ”Stop” signs and update the line markings at Carr Street, Union St/Euroka St, Bank Lane, Woolcott Street and Commodore Crescent. Proposed by MCH and seconded by JC and passed unanimously by the meeting.**

### **3. Development Applications**

The Chair reported the following Development Application information from NSC:

- DA 47/20/3, 2-4 Blue Street – Removal of Clause relating to Affordable Housing Contribution. No information on justification is provided on DA tracker. Information on this to be sought from Council.
- DA 103/18/2, Shore School 14 William Street North Sydney – Removal of clauses relating to Affordable Housing Contribution. The matter has not yet been determined.
- DA 422/2018/2, 106 Bank Street, North Sydney–Approved by Council
- DA 202/20, 9 Bank Lane, McMahons Point – Approved by Council
- DA 132/20, 2 Commodore Crescent, McMahons Point – Approved by NSLPP
- 14 Holt Street, McMahons Point Liquor licence application with no consumption on the premises.– Adverting notice received from Council and noted with no objections.
- DA 266/20. 26 Euroka Street Waverton. Additions and alterations. - Noted

### **4. Berrys Bay planning**

The Waverton Peninsula Working Group has been revived and is seeking to have input to the final resolution of the Berrys Bay site (after the RMS has finished the tunnel). Waverton, Union, Edward and Lavender precincts are represented on the working group.

Additionally, DPIE Property Group is establishing a consultative group as “part of the NSW Government’s commitment to creating new public open space alongside the delivery of the future Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. Nominations have been sought for community representation on a working group to inform. **the preparation of a master plan for the management of some of the lands at Berrys Bay. The meeting resolved that KR and MC should nominate for the new Committee, as representatives of Union Precinct.**

## **6. Union Precinct Operations**

The Chair noted that NSC had resolved that there would be no Precinct AGMs in 2020 due to COVID. Accordingly, there would be no Union Precinct AGM for 2020 and there would be no usual Christmas party after the December meeting. KR and MC would continue as Co-Chairs of the Precinct, and ID as Treasurer, which was ratified by the meeting.

The Chair noted the Precinct Review Process was continuing and it was likely that the number of Precincts would be reduced by amalgamation and NSC had suggested that Precinct officers would likely remain in their roles until this was resolved next year.

ID had previously indicated his desire to be relieved of his role as Secretary. MCH had agreed to nominate for the position of Secretary and it was resolved by the Precinct that she be appointed Secretary in place of ID from the close of the meeting. ID agreed to remain as Treasurer and provide assistance in the transfer of the Secretary role to MCH. Council will be informed of this change in role.

ID tabled his Treasurer's report with the Notice of Meeting which was taken as read. Treasurer's report will be conveyed to Council.

A discussion was held regarding the potential of offering "Zoom" facilities to members to watch the meetings in future. Comments were made against having combined hybrid Zoom and live meetings. It was suggested that when the minutes were sent out that members be asked whether they would attend a Zoom meeting in preference to a live meeting.

## **7. Combined Precinct Meetings**

KH provided a report on the Combined Precinct Matters and the recent CPC meeting of the 20 October 2020. KH explained that the recent Combined Precinct Committee Meeting raised several matters of concern: 1. The Councils review of the guidelines and operation of Precincts in NS Council region. Precincts have been operation for almost 50 years and the review sought to revise and recommend changes in keeping with the best fit for purpose - responses are invited; 2. Kirribilli Neighbourhood landscaping draft master plans; 3. Lavender Green Development Application withdrawn; 4. Western Harbour Tunnel matters of significant concern relating to loss of public recreational space, pollution; CBD impacts, and traffic routes; 5. St Leonards area high rise development impacts and the loss of open space; 6. Cycleway proposals and the impacts on pedestrians and parking. More details can be obtained from the meeting minutes and reports on the NS Council Website. The next CPC meeting to be held on the 24/11/20.

KH also raised several other points of interests to local residents. 1. Tree Canopy developments and regulations presentation by Melissa McManus to raise awareness about the need to improve provision of the Tree Canopy in NS; 2. NAIDOC Week 8-15 Nov and local events to be held at the Coal Loader on 14 Nov. This year's theme is "Always was and always will be". 3. Women's Interstate Big Bash Cricket Competition at North Sydney Oval held over two weekends in November; 4. World Philosophy Day occurs on 19 Nov as established by UNESCO in 2002. This years theme Solitude, Isolation and COVID promoted by Stanton Library with a Zoom Session; 5. Dept of Planning have recently released a draft

Social Impact Assessment Guidelines statement inviting feedback by 27/11/20; 6. Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held at the NS War Memorial on the morning off the 11/11/20; 7. Other matters related to Shore School recent media matters, Council Amalgamation increased cost concerns, Crown Casino Plans to open up at Barangaroo in the next two months pending current Commission inquiry and reports.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

MC noted that Noakes had received an “on premises” Liquor Licence for the ferry Radar. She noted that there had been no Community Consultation and that due to an “Administrative error” NSC had failed to notify any of the Precincts of the application. She expressed concern that the licence had been granted without any opportunity for the Community to have any input into the application. **The Precinct expressed concern that the licence had been issued without Community Consultation and resolved to bring this matter to the attention of Council.**

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next Precinct meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at 7.30 pm.

#### **Closure**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed as a correct record

Chair