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Precinct Meeting Minutes - Wednesday 2 March 2022, 7.30pm (via Zoom)

Chair: MC & KR; Secretary MCH; Treasurer ID. Meeting chair KR; Minutes KR/MCH.

Present: 13 on Zoom, as per attendance sheet. Apologies: MM, GM, BM, IM, GL, LM, JL, SW

Apologies and Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes from 2 February meeting not yet available. Will be forwarded to Council soon. Responses from Council therefore not available but will be addressed at next meeting.

Commodore Hotel. Presentation by JL who lives adjacent to hotel. Indicated the noise is excessive and continues outside the prescribed hours. Meeting agreed that Precinct should write to Council initially and also to Licensing Board. JL to provide some more information to KR. JL also to encourage neighbours to make submissions.

Union Precinct expresses our concerns about the excessive noise and disruption caused by the operation of the Commodore Hotel as it impacts on the neighbourhood. We request that the North Sydney Council further investigates the operation of the Commodore Hotel beyond that of its approved operational terms and conditions.

Precinct also resolved to make a further submission to Council on the noise issues. The resolution was carried unanimously (13 for, 0 against).

Development Applications/Modifications

- **DA 456/21, 6 John Street, McMahons Point**

Use of relocatable structure as an ancillary component in undertaking works to vessels, consistent with the approved use of the site, as a boat building and repair facility – Submission was made by Precinct. The Applicant has lodged an appeal to the Land and Environment Court on the basis of a deemed refusal.

- **DA 57/19, 6 John Street, McMahons Point**

Land and Environment Court Case No 2021/00063136

Floating dry dock – Submission was made by Precinct. Note that DA 456/21 (AP 456/21) has now been joined with DA 57/19 (AP 57/19) The Floating Dry Dock, and they will be heard at Land & Environment Court in early May.

The Precinct resolved to ask RS to present on the Precinct's behalf as he did at the previous hearing. Voted unanimously 13-0. MC to confirm.

DA Approvals/refusals/updates

- **DA 18/21 - 1 Bank Lane North Sydney.** CI 82 review of determination - refused by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel on 2 February 2022. Appeal has been lodged with Land & Environment Court (AP18/21). No details are available yet.
- **DA 101/21/2 – 206 Blues Point Rd North Sydney.** Modify trading hours for balcony areas at Commodore Hotel. Submission made by Precinct. Not yet determined. Given level of objections it is likely it will be determined by NSLPP. JL was advised to present at the public forum for the NSLPP meeting.

AGM update and precinct areas

The last AGM was held in November 2019. It has been deferred for over a year due to Covid restrictions and the need for AGMs to be held in public. Council has advised that the easing of COVID restrictions

means that AGMs can now be held. Meeting agreed to hold AGM on 6 April. Noted that all positions on executive will be declared vacant. Members were encouraged to nominate. The secretary has indicated her intention to not seek the position. A special plea was issued for a replacement secretary.

Discussion was held as to possibility that there could be a temporary merger of Edward and Union until the results of the Precinct Review are known. The main reason for this would be helping to deal with the problems of both precincts resourcing executive positions. The meeting agreed that KR would discuss with Council as to whether that would be possible (a precedent exists with the temporary merger of Bennett and Harrison). If Council is agreeable then Edward would be consulted and asked to discuss with its members. If Edward is agreeable the item would be a subject for decision at Union meeting on 6 April. The details of how such a merger would function would also be part of the decision. If the decision is made in the affirmative, Edward would be able to decide at its scheduled meeting in mid-April.

Comments were made that residents at the southern end of Union close to Blues Point Road are more closely aligned with Lavender than with Edward. This was acknowledged at the meeting, but it was noted this would be a temporary thing. This would need to be resolved at the boundary / merger discussions associated with the Precinct Review.

Items from Council meeting 21 February 2022

- Traffic committee – Parking times in Princes Street have been adjusted. Five half hour parking spaces converted to one hour spaces.
- Nominations for community members will be called for Sydney North Planning Panel soon.
- Draft Plan of Management Foreshore Parks and Reserves (which includes Sawmillers) will be sent to DPIE for approval to exhibit. Exhibition will be later this year.
- Proposed community garden French Street McMahons Point was raised at meeting. Council resolved to support the garden, but only on the basis of not being required to purchase the land from TfNSW. Council to negotiate.
- Proposed drive through PCR test site at Balls Head Reserve by Dept of Health. Council resolved to discuss with Health other location options that will not alienate open space.
- Motion regarding safeguarding the independence of Precincts. This was deferred to the Precinct Review process which is still on-going.

Other Relevant Council matters

- [Community Development Strategy](#) - preliminary feedback closes 18 March
- [Miller St outdoor seating pop up](#) - feedback closes 31 March
- Proposed Changes to Council Meeting Schedule and Practice: Survey closes 5pm Monday 14 March.
- Sculpture at Sawmillers – closed 27 February. Described as a great success.
- Draft Playgrounds Plan of Management on public exhibition (through Have-your-say) until 12 April.

Harbour Bridge cycleway

No decision has been made on the contest for the design of the cycleway from the bridge. Expected towards the end of March. It was noted that acquisition processes have begun on land in northern area of Bradfield Park.

Combined Precincts Meeting report 15 February

KH reported that the NSC Combined Precinct Committee most recent meeting was held on the 15/2/22. He reminded us that relevant neighbourhood matters can be found in the Council's e-News (which is sent to the Precinct by the Secretary).

The recent CPC meeting covered matters such as: Planning developments relating to Parks and Open spaces; the planning for the Bike way access to the Harbour Bridge; Recent State Bi Elections and Council elections; Traffic and buses routes and developments ; worry about the loss of open space given various construction and roadways developments; Various Development Applications; The plans to celebrate 50 years of Precincts operation in the NSC region; Neighbourhood Day planning coming up on the 27 March; Meeting scheduled for 2022; Heritage Fleet planning at Berry Bay; Cammeray Park adversely impacted by the Western Harbour Tunnel construction; North Sydney Harbour foreshore

concern with the recent sinking of the Barragoola and the implications for better planning, development and discussion with the Maritime Service Authorities. Other matter discussed included Sawmillers Sculpture exhibition and the North Shore Poets awards and celebrations; Acknowledgement of Country to be adopted as an introductory practice for meeting of the CPC; and preparations for Clean-up Australia Day activities to be held on the 6/3/22.

The next CPC meeting will be held on Thursday 21 April (6pm).

Other business

The status of the Bargoola on Coal Loader wharf was raised. It appears to be a question of who pays for the salvage. Meeting was advised that CPC has requested that Council seek a meeting with NSW Maritime regarding policy and approach to these matters.

MCH drew attention to Neighbour Day on 27 March.

Clean up Australia Day scheduled for 6 March.

Information on Waverton Bowling Club requested. It was thought it was subject to Native Title Claim which was rejected and is now subject to appeal.

Next meeting 6 April 2022

This meeting will comprise AGM and regular committee meeting.