

Minutes of the Waverton Precinct Meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 Online



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The meeting commenced at 7:35 pm.

Chair: IG
Minutes: SF

Attendance: 14

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed people to the first meeting for 2022 and explained that the online format was a requirement of North Sydney Council (NSC) who are experiencing Covid-related staff shortages and similar pressures.

2 Apologies

KA

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 2 November 2021 had been circulated electronically. BD requested clarification of wording in relation to the FDD mediation to make it clear that the community was opposed to any mediation agreement.

MOVED KA, seconded AG: THAT the minutes as amended be accepted.
CARRIED unanimously.

4 Responses from NSC on issues raised previously

No formal response has been received from council.

However, a letter in reply was received regarding the demolition under a Complying Development Certificate of **3 Ross Street**. This reply stated that a demolition may be undertaken following completion of a CDC provided that neighbours are given 14 days' notice. Precinct notes that the next door neighbour stated that he had not been notified at all. As a minimum, Precinct requests that Council notify all certifiers working on NSC developments that proper notice must be given and that the full requirements of the relevant legislation be adhered to.

Floating Dry Dock

A slightly modified DA has been submitted, with a scheduled hearing date range of 2-6 and 9-10 May which will include a site visit. It was noted that there is another DA relating to a removable building on the site and that other DAs have not been properly implemented. BD spoke on behalf of the Waverton Public Lands and Waters Protection Association, and notified the meeting that an expert is being sought to prepare a visual impact statement on behalf of it and other interested parties. It was agreed that Waverton Precinct, which has provided continuous support in the push against the deployment of the FDD in Berrys Bay, would provide some funding support from funds specifically donated to the Precinct for the purpose of protecting Berrys Bay.

Quarantine Station

The meeting was advised that title deeds for the lands containing the two houses have been passed to NSC. However, the foreshore lands and a right-of-way between the houses remain to be resolved. See further discussion on lands below.

Larkin Street Eastern walkway north of Wood Street

This matter was held over from the previous meeting to allow public input from users of the park. Two possible routes were posted for comment, one on a grade and one with steps.

It was agreed that these options be forwarded to NSC for their consideration as a work to improve pedestrian safety, as walkers currently walk on the roadway outside the line of parked cars, creating a potentially dangerous scenario.

It was further agreed that NSC be asked to reconsider implementation of a bicycle track in the upper Waverton Park area as proposed by Precinct over the last few years.

5 New Business Election Results

The Chair reported on the outcome of the local government elections. Precinct welcomes the elected Councillors, with Zoë Baker as Mayor, and looks forward to a positive engagement on critical community issues.

It was further reported that Council is looking to increase the council meetings to fortnightly, and that opportunities for direct community input were proposed to be reintroduced.

AGM

The AGM has been deferred yet again due to Covid and support issues at Council. The community will be informed when this situation changes. In the meanwhile, the existing office bearers will continue their roles.

North Sydney Planning Panel

Nominations for new Community representatives for North Sydney Planning Panel are open till 6 February. All residents interested in providing input to their community should seriously consider nominating.

Berrys Bay Lands

BD spoke to a submission made in relation to an MOU regarding the transfer of lands around the Woodley's site in return for the loss of lands at Cammeray due to the permanent buildings being constructed as part of the Western Harbour Tunnel.

The meeting disapproved of such a document being treated as secret when there was obvious community interest involved, and a long history of commitments by politicians and others relating to the area. It is understood that the new council will revisit this issue with a view to cutting the false nexus between the two sites.

Precinct reiterated its previous position that:

The lands in question were committed by Bob Carr when Premier to be either used for waterfront industry or returned to the public. With closure of Woodley's, the latter commitment should be honoured, and the lands transferred (including the foreshore lands of the Quarantine Station) in the same manner as the lands of Carradah Park. No State government instrumentality should retain any controlling interest in the future uses of the land beyond access to use the minimum necessary land for WHT construction (followed by remediation).

The meeting also reaffirmed the requirement that Carradah Park lower walkway be connected to Balls Head Road via the upper walkway during the WHT works.

The urgency of these actions was stressed in light of advancing plans for the WHT.

The above comments are to be copied to members of the State government initiated consultative committee to ensure they are aware of the position of the community.

Baragoola sinking

The loss of the Baragoola was seen as another example of poor heritage respect by government, exemplified by its delisting of the vessel in 2010. The Waverton headland is being encircled by demolition by neglect. It was agreed that a more coherent and respectful policy should be sought from the State government and its relevant entity, TfNSW.

6 Development Applications

456/21 Relocatable shed at Noakes

The meeting agreed to support the position of the Say No to Noakes group who see this as another example of addressing issues only when called out. The meeting agreed that NSC should require Noakes to comply with all outstanding DA requirements prior to addressing any new proposals.

57/19 FDD Opposition to this DA continues as discussed above.

4/22 22 Tunks Street Waverton

Alterations and additions. Council is requested to ensure that this development is not oversized for the site.

225/221 7A King Street This has been approved

253/21 55 Carr Street This application for demolition has been withdrawn.

MLC Building, North Sydney. The owner has appealed the rejection of DA and heritage listing. It is noted that Waverton Precinct supported the heritage listing. Those opposed to this delisting should object online

7 Other business

Ross Street Water Damage

It was mentioned that there is damage to the footpath at the western end near the steps up from the bay walk, due to leakage. NSC is asked to inspect the site and initiate remediation or notify the relevant authority.

Bowling Club

It was noted that the site remains under a native title claim. It was also reported that such claims have recently been successful in relation to a bowling club in Paddington and tennis courts in St Leonards.

8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1 March 2022, with venue/mode to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:17 pm.