

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 4th May 2021



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This month's meeting was held at the Uniting Church Hall with correspondence laid out for viewing, gloves and hand sanitizer available in accordance with COVID rules. Further, QR Code check-in was available, as provided by the Uniting Church.

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Chair: IG

Minutes: SF

Attendance: 17

1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being held under COVID rules with a QR Code available for check-in.

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies included BD and JD.

2. Correspondence and Minutes of Last Meeting

The correspondence having been made available for viewing prior to and during the meeting:

Moved VY

Seconded KA

"The Minutes and correspondence be accepted"

Vote: In favour 14 / Against 0. Carried

3 North Sydney Council replies

The replies are summarised below:

Noakes and Floating Dry Dock

The Chair advised the meeting that an appeal has been lodged by Noakes and this will be held in July. Council will be running a broad defence of its position but may not include all matters of concern to the affected community. Those interested in making presentations to the appeal should register, identifying the matters they wish to raise. They should be aware that they do not have a right to speak, but have to be asked to speak by one of the parties; and they will have no role to play at all in any mediation or negotiation sessions.

It was noted that, as in most of these matters, numbers count, so a show of public concern would be in the interests of the community.

Speed Limit in Waverton Village

NSC advised that they intend to update traffic counts and then advise proposed action.

4. Reports from Committees

WWRNAG:

IL provided an update. Essentially, many representations have resulted in some progress, with the local member assisting in getting access to decisionmakers. The current action is for Sydney Trains to carry out braking trials which will hopefully be followed by a trial of the Slovenian semi-solid lubrication system. One piece of information, which will not surprise those living near the rails, is that the trains are noisier than previously acknowledged by Sydney Trains, and that ALL trains fall into the “noisy” category of 80+DB.

Precinct will write to State Member Ms Wilson, thanking her for her inputs to date.

Berrys Bay Project community consultation group

This committee has not yet met, and is currently advertising for an aboriginal person to join the committee.

Committee for North Sydney

1 Berry Street

The Chair is to meet the Mayor on Thursday to discuss the issues raised at the recent Combined Precincts Committee by JD. In summary, the proposed four lane, one way plans for Berry Street will effectively cut north Sydney CBD in two, ruining the unified concepts being promulgated by Council. It is hoped that a joint position can be carried forward with a view to stopping Berry St being used as a freeway loading ramp.

2 Bus traffic in North Sydney

The current plans of TfNSW are to terminate the B-Line buses from the beaches area at North Sydney Station, resulting in more traffic. Other services currently crossing the bridge may also be terminated there. This will further choke the streets of North Sydney. This matter will also be discussed with the Mayor.

Streets Alive

It was reported that Navy had done some excellent work on Balls Head Road but that further weeding work was required on Waterhen Drive.

5 General DAs

- **63 Carr St** Approved
- **Floating Dry Dock** Appeal in train
- **6 Larkin St** Approved

- **20 Larkin St** This new DA was the subject of considerable community input. The Chair mentioned that at least four residents had contacted him prior to the meeting voicing concerns regarding building height/bulk. The owner as well as adjoining property owners spoke. The following motion was put:
Motion: “That the DA should comply with all current Council policies and planning controls.”
Vote: In favour 17 / Against 0. Carried
- **Ward Street Development Control Plan** This is now on exhibition and may be viewed on the Council website and comments lodged. The closing date for comments is 17 May.

6 New Items

Liveability Census

This survey is on the Council website and the community is encouraged to provide input so that the needs of the community can be better gauged.

Survey by Federal Member Zimmerman

It was noted that this has been letterbox dropped to all the community. Those interested were encouraged to fill in the questionnaire although there were warnings that some questions relate to voting intentions and are thus not suitable for a publicly funded document, and further that many of the questions are of the nature of “push polling”.

Balls Head Reserve – After Hours Access

The Chair has received a request for comment on plans to install bollards or gates allowing the headland to be closed to traffic at night. The request can be viewed [here](#). It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Dinghy storage on foreshores

Council is inspecting storage of dinghies and kayaks etc with a view to formulating a strategy to manage these vessels which are stored around the waterfront. Input from interested residents is sought by Precinct so that a position can be established.

Intersection of Wood ST and Balls Head Road

A resident reported an accident at this T intersection resulting from obstructed vision from Wood St to the left. Obstruction is in part caused by high grasses and partly by a warning arrow sign. Council is requested to inspect the site and make adjustments as necessary to improve sightlines.

Electric Skateboards and Bikes

The issue was raised regarding these devices using the roads and footpaths at unsafe speeds. It is suggested that Council should be prepared to take a position on these devices in the interests of public safety, given that their popularity is growing rapidly.

Working Harbour

One resident spoke in support of retaining the working harbour character of the waters adjacent to Waverton. The Chair replied that it has always been the position of Precinct to support working waterfront at an appropriate level. When the Berrys Bay marina was proposed, it was not rejected on the basis of use but of scale, proposing to use a much larger area of water than the previous usage. Similarly, works at Noakes, in compliance with their approved DA constraints, has always been supported. Further, Precinct is supportive of moves to reinstate an active jetty system at the Coal Loader and has supported moves by the Sydney Heritage Fleet to develop a Museum of Sydney Harbour in Berrys Bay. All community members were encouraged to provide input to the ongoing stance of Precinct on this and other matters.

8 Date of next meeting June 1 2021

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.