

WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 9th July 2020

COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

ATTENDANCE: 10 people attended the meeting
APOLOGIES: 6 were recorded

COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 18th June 2020 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 8 in favour, 2 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tree Preservation Policy

A Precinct member pointed out that while he is in favour of Precinct's Motion concerning Council's draft amendments to the Tree Preservation Order he was not in agreement with all the contents of the submission. The Chair proposed that the 18 June 2020 Minutes be reissued without the attached submission.

Environment & Recycling/Demise Local Presses

The Vice Chair noted that with respect to these issues:

- a) half of recycling bin goes to landfill but (in line with Precinct motion later put by Council to Local Government Conference Oct 2019) the Federal Government announced allocation of \$200m to process more plastic, glass & paper onshore so this does not go to landfill.
- b) Mosman Daily originally thought to be defunct may now apparently be revived.

Precinct is to monitor these matters

Precinct System Review

It was noted the deadline for responses had been deferred from 9 July to 19 August. The Precinct members undertaking the review and preparing the response were requested to circulate a draft response for consideration at the next Precinct meeting.

A Precinct member queried the reasoning for Council's proposal to merge Precincts. It was suggested that precincts would not benefit from covering larger areas because each precinct has its own specificity, for example Willoughby Bay Precinct in particular has no commercial premises whatsoever and limited high rise development. Flyer distribution plays an important part in encouraging residents to participate in Precinct activity. With a larger area this becomes more difficult to manage.

AGENDA ITEMS

Military Road Corridor Planning Study

Feedback is now closing 31 July 2020. Precinct advised that Precinct's submission to Council was lodged and that Willoughby Bay Precinct's submission was quoted in the SMH on Monday 6 July 2020.

Draft Trailer Parking Policy

Feedback is closing 19 July 2020. Precinct discussed the proposed policy.

A Precinct member proposed that the policy should be amended as follows:

In para 4.9.6.2, add before the last word ("and").... "whichever is the greater"

In para 4.10.7.2, add before the last word ("and")...."whichever is the greater"

Precinct requests Council to retain the current trailer parking restrictions and signage in Fifth Avenue.

North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment

It was noted that approval for the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment was granted by the Sydney North Planning Panel on 1 July 2020

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **Council Response to Precinct's June 2020 Minutes**

Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Council's Senior Strategic Planner has confirmed that Precinct's submission will be considered as a submission to the Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Stage 1.

Tree Preservation Policy – Precinct Motion noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planner. This Motion and submission will be addressed in a future post exhibition report to Council. The date for this report has not been confirmed.

Environment & Recycling – Precinct observations noted by Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator.

Food Waste- Vice Chair stated 2nd para in "Actions" pertains to last mentioned point, not to Food Waste. Precinct action here is for: "Council to note that action on this should also include community education on consumer shopping and food management matters, so as to prevent or reduce waste in the first place".

Update on Roundabout at Grasmere Road / Young St Intersection

At its meeting held 22 June 2020, Council considered Item: 9.7: Response to Mayoral Minute - and resolved: "That this matter be deferred to a Councillor Briefing which will include a representative from the RMS and Council's Engineering & Property Division, to discuss design specifications and limitation at the intersection."

- **Traffic Committee Meeting on 12 June 2020**
- **North Sydney Council Meeting Minutes held on 22 June 2020**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

74 Ellalong Road DA Approved

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Grants 2020

Precinct was advised that funds have been received. Precinct to liaise with Council on the location of proposed equipment storage shed at Brothers Memorial Park.

2. Gerard Lane No Stopping Signs

It was noted that a motion has been moved by Council that Council undertake community consultation with regard to the installation of No Stopping signs on the south-western side of Gerard Lane between the driveway of H/No.81 Gerard Lane and the 90 degree bend.

3. Special Rate Variation

SRV had been considered by CPC. CPC has requested a response from Council as to whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years.

4. Young Street Closure

A Precinct member stated that the work at the top of Young Street is unrelated to the proposed closure of Young Street, to which Precinct objects.

5. Vice – Chair Items

- a) By co-operation between neighbours and using Council referrals, a moribund tree on a household lot in Montague Rd is being reduced from its near 25metres to 5metres for g conversion to a habitat tree for wildlife, including microbats and lorikeets.
- b) Council is requested to remove please its reference to an ongoing E-waste collection service on Council's waste recorded message service, as this is misleading, particularly to new residents.
- c) Diversion of plastic from waste stream is sought to be achieved by Council's participation in the commendable Plastic Free July project.(Brochure available online.)
- d) Crown Lands Management Act 2016 - effective 2018. State Govt requires Council to adopt Plans of Management for all Crown reserves and community lands which they manage. Council is preparing a suite of Plans during a process between 19 Feb 2020 and 30 June 2021. Vice Chair has registered for updates so that Precinct may be kept informed.
- e) Demolition of 74 Macpherson Street – Council staff conducted a compliance check after residents reported demolition occurring without previous notice to the community. Staff reported that the owner had a PCA Complying Development Certificate, but this had not been notified to Council and so signage etc notice was not made available to the local community. Precinct considers it unacceptable a process by which demolition and development can occur without prior Council and community notification.

6. Thanks to Chair for Organising Meeting

A Precinct member moved a vote of thanks to the Chair for organising meeting under COVID-19 guidelines.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 13th August 2020

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