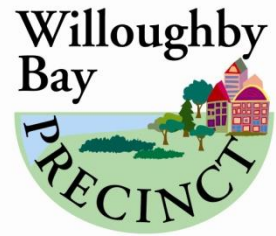


# **WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**

**PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM**



## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD** **THURSDAY 13th August 2020** **COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 14 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 5 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 9th July 2020 meeting were adopted

*Motion carried: 9 in favour, 5 abstentions, 0 against*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A Precinct resident spoke to the Mayor regarding a number of items in the July Minutes, in particular the Grasmere/Young roundabout but was unable to gain any clarification on these items.

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

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

**Draft Trailer Parking Policy** - Council advises that Precinct Committee feedback on the Draft Trailer Parking Policy will be treated as a submission. Council has already resolved to retain the existing trailer parking restrictions and signage in Fifth Avenue.

**Food Waste** - Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has noted comments. Council's Senior Sustainability Program Co-ordinator advises that Council runs regular Green Events workshops (listed on Council's Green Events webpage). Many have a strong waste avoidance focus e.g. the topic for 27 August is Talking Trash: Recycling re-imagined through waste innovation. Council is also offering discounts on worm farms or compost bin to help residents reduce their food waste via the Compost Revolution Program.

**Volunteer Grants 2020** - Noted by Manager Parks and Reserves.

**Brothers Memorial Park** - Precinct will submit a plan to Council showing intended position of the storage shed in Brothers Memorial Park before any gardening tools are purchased.

**Gerard Lane No Stopping Sign** - Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer to provide response. A Precinct member whose property backs onto Gerard Lane has noted that this sign is already in position.

**Special Rate Variation** - Council's Community Engagement Co-ordinator advises Precinct Committee to refer to the CPC Summary of Actions.

**Young Street Closure** - Council's Project manager confirms that works commencing in mid-June 2020 are footpath upgrades and not related to the trial closure of Young Street (Young Street Plaza). A copy of the notification has been forwarded to the Precinct Committee.

**E-waste collection** - Council advises that the URM message will be updated to remove E-waste and advertise the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) instead.

**Demolition of 74 Macpherson Street** - Requirements for notification of Compliance Development Certificates (CDCs) are only applicable to include the Council and those residents within a 20m radius of the development site. The Principle Certifying Authority (PCA) provided Council with records of notification of residents within the area prior to the determination of the CDC. Therefore no further actions are intended by Council.

**Precinct's view is that the CDC system should be subject to the same notification and access as a DA. We note Council's response and Precinct's view is that the present CDC system is lacking in notification of signage and consultation and in inadequate access to CPC plans. As this matter is within the province of State government, Precinct suggests it is sufficiently important for Council to raise for consideration at the October LGA Conference.**

- **Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting on 12 June 2020**
- **Business Proposed to be transacted at Traffic Committee Meeting on 24 July 2020**

#### **Gerard St / Macpherson St Signalisation**

Precinct discussed the Traffic Committee's recommendation to remove the Gerard St / Macpherson St Signalisation as a Standard Item until further counts are conducted in July 2021.

**MOTION: Precinct expresses disappointment and objects to the Traffic Committee's decision. We note the position and we will monitor the issue's re-evaluation come July 2021. Precinct would welcome any ideas Council has to enhance public safety on this crossing.**

**Motion Carried: 11 in favour, 0 abstentions, 3 against**

- **Agenda for North Sydney Council Meeting to be held on 27 July 2020**

#### **State Heritage Listing for the MLC Building**

Precinct discussed the qualities of this building and its significance in the North Sydney CBD and Sydney streetscape since the 1950's.

**MOTION: Precinct supports Cr. Baker's Motion for the State Heritage Listing for the MLC Building at 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney.**

**Motion Carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against**

- **Notification of Warringah Freeway Upgrade Investigation Work dated 13 Aug 2020**

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

30 Macpherson Street	DA Plans
72 Wyong Road	DA Plans
6 Shellbank Parade	DA Approved
68 Ellalong Road	DA Approved
40 Brightmore Street	Amended DA

### **40 Brightmore Street Cremorne – DA224/2019**

**MOTION: Precinct objects to the nature and scale of DA 224/2019 on the grounds of:**

- **the scale, height and bulk of the development in the context of existing Brightmore residential premises;**
- **adverse impact on traffic movement and the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in a narrow street; and**
- **adverse impact on neighbours and adjacent parkland by noise and overshadowing.**

***Motion Carried: 13 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against***

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Brothers Memorial Park Gardening Bee**

RL wishes to thank all those willing workers who turned up on multiple Wednesdays to work on the garden.

### **2. Drainage Grate in Fernhurst Avenue / tree planting**

A resident has concerns over a hole near a drainage grate in the road way on the northern side of the street opposite 9 Fernhurst. Could Council investigate and rectify.

### **3. Coles/Woolworths Over packaging**

A Precinct resident has concerns with the reams of plastic/paper wrapping of many items.

### **4. Precinct System Review by Vice-Chair (feedback closes 19 August 2020)**

## **Recommendations**

The Vice-Chair provided Precinct with a thorough briefing on the Precinct System Review and Code of Conduct Discussion Papers.

- a) Terminology/Branding - The term Community Precinct System should be retained.
- b) Precinct Area Boundaries - maintain an independence from Council. Originally 56 Precincts, now down to 25 with 19 active. In the 2012-13 survey, 47% did not support boundary changes. Precinct discussed and in general terms favoured the status quo, with minor exceptions.
- c) Combined Precinct Committees - role and function. It is recommended that the Terms of Reference of the CPC be reviewed with active Precinct Committees in context of any other recommendations implemented.
- d) Code of Conduct Review - Precinct discussed and generally approved, but also agreed on some changes to, the Discussion Paper amendments.

- e) Council's Support and Resource Allocation – Precinct noted with approval the present level of Council direct and indirect support sees no problem with Council co-ordination of printing and delivery of flyers using an agreed template.
- f) Encourage more community events-discussed and agreed.

**MOTION: Precinct notes the Precinct System Review and Code of Conduct Discussion Papers matters now raised and discussed and in view of the time limit for Precinct response the meeting authorises the Committee to reflect Precinct views in Committee submissions in the form and manner required by Council.**

***Motion Carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against***

All Precinct members were encouraged to respond *also* individually.

#### **5. Local Government Association Motion - Rate Notices**

The Vice Chair raised the issue of huge estimated expense of postage and admin expense of Council's despatch of 4 separate rates instalment notices as required by the NSW Local Government Act, in lieu of a more sensible option of despatch of a single rates notice with 4 detachable instalment notices. Estimate was that annually the cost far exceeded Council's direct support of the Precinct system and that an easy amendment to the Local Government Act would give Council's the option on such notices.

**MOTION: Precinct authorises Vice Chair to submit to Council a draft Motion Form for Council to present to the October Local Government Association Conference, which motion will call for amendment of the Local Government Act to permit Councils the option of a providing residents with a single annual rate notice containing all 4 instalment payment slips.**

***Motion Carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against***

#### **6. Thanks to Chair and Vice Chair for Work on Precinct System Review**

A Precinct member moved a vote of thanks to the Chair and Vice Chair for their work towards informing Precinct on the Precinct System Review and Code of Conduct Review Discussion Papers.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 10th September 2020

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