

WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 8th April 2021

COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

ATTENDANCE: 12 people attended the meeting
APOLOGIES: 6 were recorded
GUEST SPEAKER: Cr. Zoe Baker - Wollstonecraft Ward Councillor

COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used hand sanitiser supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with sanitiser. 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 11th March 2021 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 8 in favour, 4 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Vice Chair reported that the details of the Environmental Reference Group's next meeting on 3 May has been placed in Precinct E News.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Summary of Actions in response to the March 2021 Precinct Meeting had not been received from Council.

- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Meeting on 22 February 2021**
- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Meeting on 22 March 2021**
- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Traffic Committee on 27 November 2020**
- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Traffic Committee on 5 February 2021**
- **Agenda of the North Sydney Council Traffic Committee on 19 March 2021**
- **Memorandum dated 17 March 2021 - Notice of Intention to Temporarily Relocate the Primrose Park Tennis Court Operator to Green Park Tennis Courts**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

42 Ellalong Road	DA Plans
48 Ellalong Road	DA Plans
16 Davidson Parade	DA Plans
33 Ryries Parade	DA Approved

GUEST SPEAKER: Councillor Zoe Baker

Military Road Corridor Planning Study

Background: At the Council meeting on 22 February the vote for the adoption of the Future Directions Report was tied and the Mayor used her casting vote to vote for adoption of the report. This would allow for 12 storey height limits at three nominated sites at Neutral Bay. A decision about a fourth site was deferred pending a site inspection. A rescission motion lodged by Councillors Baker, Beregi & Carr was defeated at the March Council meeting.

The purpose of the report appears to be to satisfy a small number of landowners, such as Coles and Woolworths. Whether there is a Future Directions Report or not, something has to happen on the current Grosvenor Street, Woolworths site, owned by Coles. Also, Woolworths is driven commercially to do something on the Rangers Road site. Each of the sites will have to put in a planning proposal.

Mayoral Referendum

At the March Council Meeting a motion was moved by the Mayor for a Referendum question asking whether the community supports a change from a Mayor elected by Councillors for a term of two years to a popularly elected Mayor for the four year term of Council. The Motion was lost 5/6.

Primrose Park Tennis Courts

A Notice of Rescission was lodged by Councillors Baker, Beregi and Carr to rescind the motion passed in February and to replace it with a resolution not to approve the relocation of the current Primrose Park Tennis Court operator to Green Park Tennis Courts for the duration of the works at Primrose Park and that community consultation be undertaken. This rescission motion was defeated.

Holt Avenue (East) - Interim Heritage Order and Review of Heritage Conservation Area

Notice of Motion # 4/21 by Councillors Baker, Beregi and Carr. That Council obtain advice in relation to whether an Interim Heritage Order(s) can be supported in respect to 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125 and 131, 133 Holt Avenue, Cremorne and that Council review whether a new Heritage Conservation Area should be identified. The motion was defeated but Councillor Baker will pursue the issue to protect this important heritage enclave.

Young Street Closure

Community consultation period has expired. Council spent \$500k of TfNSW funds on the temporary closure and its plaza items built of plywood, to ascertain whether it is appropriate or well-sited. There does not appear to have been any modelling on the traffic impacts. The justification for expending substantial funds on something that is so far temporary is not understood.

Grasmere Road and Young Street Roundabout

Cr. Baker advised that she has voted consistently for the reinstatement of the roundabout. The majority of Council agree. Cr. Baker will contact Council's Director Engineering & Property Services and ask what action is being taken.

Cammeray Golf Course

With the current lease of the Cammeray Golf Course due to expire in about 1.5 years and with the reduction in the area due to the Beaches Link Tunnel roadwork is it viable to retain this public recreation space as a golf course at only \$8,000/year or is there scope for it to be made into publicly

accessible parkland akin to a small Central Park? If Council were not spending \$64m on the North Sydney Olympic pool, funds could be applied to such a park, including a second pool, as the site has parking, good access and it is central.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. CRC / E-Waste

Letter received from Precinct member advising that the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) at 8 Waltham Street Artarmon was not accepting E-waste at the moment.

2. W.H. Brothers Memorial Park

A Precinct member requested “No Parking” signs to be placed over the driveway to the Park. This is because Council vehicles making deliveries to the park have been unable to enter because of cars parked *across* the driveway. Precinct proposed that instead of the visual clutter of “No Parking” signs being placed on either side of the driveway; a sign simply be attached to the gate.

Precinct thanked Council’s Streets Alive Project Officer (HG) and staff for the user safe stairs and pathway constructed in Brothers Park for access to the garden shed.

3. Council Elections September 2021

There will be pre-polling available in the last two weeks of August. There will be 5 Councillors representing Cammeraygal Ward and 5 Councillors representing St. Leonards Ward. No referendum issues at present but the community may be consulted on this.

4. Council Meeting Procedures

A resident was critical of reduction in the level of public participation under the current pre-meeting procedures and suggested that the public forum system be abolished so that the public may address any item on the agenda, then immediately followed by a vote.

5. Community Services Provision in North Sydney

A Precinct member suggested that Mosman Council is doing better than North Sydney with regard to community services for those struggling to survive on low incomes or Centrelink payments.

6. Vote of Thanks to Cr. Baker

Precinct thanked Cr. Baker for her continued interest in Precinct matters.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 13 May 2021

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