

# **WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**

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



## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

**THURSDAY 14th October 2021**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 11 people attended the meeting

**APOLOGIES:** 5 were recorded

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 10th June 2021 meeting were adopted

***Motion carried: 10 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against***

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no business items arising from the minutes.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Traffic Committee – Gerard St/Macpherson St Intersection**
- 2. Council Resolution – Precinct right to determine matters for discussion & who is to be invited to address meetings**
- 3. Council Elections**
- 4. Brothers Memorial Park**

### **1. Traffic Committee – Gerard St/Macpherson St Intersection**

North Sydney Council at its meeting on 27 Sept 2021, approved the following recommendations from the Traffic Committee meeting of 3 Sept 2021.

**4. THAT** Council notes that despite repeated requests to Transport for New South Wales, there has been a refusal to install traffic lights at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street. Therefore, Council must find alternative methods to improve pedestrian safety. (6.3)

**5. THAT** Council urgently remark the pedestrian crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street to make it more visible in accordance with TfNSW standards. (6.3)

**6. THAT** the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street be included in the maintenance schedule more frequently. (6.3)

**7. THAT** Council examine alternative methods of increasing visibility at the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street within TfNSW standards. (6.3)

**8. THAT** Council reviews the lighting at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street for compliance with the relevant standards for inclusion under the pedestrian safety item at the next Traffic Committee. (6.3)

### **2. Council Resolution – Precinct right to determine matters for discussion & who is to be invited to address meetings**

At the North Sydney Council meeting on 27 September 2021 *in response to a Notice of Motion from Councillors Mutton and Keen*, Council resolved that Precinct Committees may determine, without

reference to Council, the matters that are to be discussed at their meetings and who is to be invited to address their meetings. The Motion was carried 6 to 4. Precinct welcomed the Council resolution.

### **3. Council Elections**

Council Election Information Key Dates:

- Electoral Roll closes 25 October 2021
- Nominations open 25 October 2021
- Nominations close 3 November 2021
- Pre-Poll opens 22 November 2021
- Election Date 4 December 2021

Any Precinct Office Bearer wishing to stand for election must stand down from their Precinct role until after the election.

Precinct Chair understands that Precinct AGMs have been deferred to February 2022.

### **4. Brothers Memorial Park**

Precinct Chair suggested a celebratory get together of the gardening team in Brothers Memorial Park in the next month. Council staff were acknowledged for their support and remarkable work. There is however a small amount of weeding to be done.

The refurbishment of the WH Brothers Memorial is an issue. It is cracked and in a poor state of repair. The Vice Chair has been in communication with the grandson of WH Brothers with whom he will further communicate and report to Precinct.

**The Vice Chair commended Council on the unobtrusive “no standing” plaque on the entry gate to the Park, in lieu of obtrusive metal signposts, and Precinct endorsed this commendation.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Langley Place / Langley Avenue in need of a clean up**

Several Precinct residents have complained about the untidiness of the garden beds and dirty wall in Langley Place between Parraween Street and Military Road.

Residents also suggest that the unused area between the Early Childhood Development Centre and the substation in Langley Avenue would be improved greatly with a regular mow. Presently only brushturkeys frequent the site.

### **2. Artarmon Recycling Centre**

The Vice Chair reported that above Centre was to reopen on Friday 15 October.

He suggested that perhaps more specific reference to the Centre could be made in the useful waste advice cards occasionally letterboxed by Council.

### **3. Footpaths**

The Vice Chair commended Council on the concrete-shave method of correcting footpath irregularities throughout Willoughby Bay Precinct and the Municipality as being a quicker, cheaper and far less wasteful procedure than section replacement.

#### **4. Holt Ave Group**

The Vice Chair reminded the meeting that the “elegant late 19<sup>th</sup>.early 20<sup>th</sup> century” Holt Ave (eastside) residences remain at risk of demolition at the expense of an attractive section of streetscape, the like of which is locally disappearing. It was noted that an active local Conservation Group produced a petition on the matter and the Vice Chair suggested residents view the sites and consider adopting a position.

#### **5. CPC Meeting**

The next CPC meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

#### **6. Returning to Early Childhood Development Centre**

All Precinct members are hoping to return to the Early Childhood Development Centre for their next meeting in November. Availability of the venue to be ascertained.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 11 November 2021

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