

WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 11th March 2021

COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

ATTENDANCE: 10 people attended the meeting

APOLOGIES: 7 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 11th February 2021 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 10 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Precinct member requesting Council install a handrail on the steps of the Tobruk Avenue path down to Brightmore Reserve is optimistic after hearing that mountain bike riders are cutting a path across the steps and destroying native bushland on either side. The Council spokesman suggested that a handrail would stop this activity and might be on the agenda for the next financial year.

Precinct Chair has reported a Precinct resident who contacted him to complain about the 243-bus service and decline thereof.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Council Response to Precinct's February 2021 Minutes

Recycling Issues – The recycling dockets provided by URM confirm all the recyclable materials in the commingled yellow bin are being processed and reused. This is supported by information received from recycling processor Visy.

All paper / cardboard is processed at Visy's mills.

Plastics are sent to Visy's plastic plant and turned into resin pellets.

Glass is processed at Visy's glass beneficiation plant and made into new glass bottles and jars.

Aluminium, steel and some plastics are sold as commodities to open markets.

Boundary Fence and Public Footpath, encroachment issue – Macpherson Street No 74 – Feedback noted by Council's Team Leader Building Compliance.

Updated COVID Safety Plan – Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that this course has not changed since first COVID Plan as promoted to office bearers back in July 2020.

Precinct System Review – Feedback noted by Council’s Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects

Beaches Link & Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement –
Comments noted by Council’s Manager Strategic Planning. The Precinct Committee noted the submission deadline was 1 March 2021.

Drones Impacting Resident’s Privacy and Illegal Dumping – Council does not control airspace. This law is only enforceable by CASA. Council’s Manager Ranger and Parking Services has advised that all of the North Sydney local government area is a “no go” zone for drones (because it is on the flight path to Kingsford Smith) unless the operator is Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Regarding the illegal dumping the Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information including the property address or location so that this can be investigated.

- **Agenda of the North Sydney Council Meeting of 22 February 2021**
- **Council Agenda Item 8.7 Military Road Corridor Planning Study**

Precinct noted that the Council vote on this item was tied 5/5 before the Mayor used her casting vote to vote for the adoption of the Future Directions Report.

Precinct also noted that Councillors Baker, Beregi & Carr have lodged a rescission motion that the motion passed at the Council Meeting on 22 February, be rescinded and that the following resolution be passed in lieu thereof.

THAT:

1. That Council not adopt the Future Directions Report, as amended, as the strategic development framework for the Neutral Bay town centre.
2. That Council continue to engage with the community and stakeholders with a view to further defining achievable public benefits in the Neutral Bay precinct particularly the provision of additional public open space while enhancing the village character of the precinct.

MOTION: Precinct confirms its original objection in its Motion of 18 June 2020 and is dismayed at the Council vote on 22 February 2021 in favour of twelve storey height limits as not being conducive to retention of the character of the Neutral Bay village but rather to a CBD high rise zone. Precinct is in support of Councillors’ Rescission Motion and quest to engage further with the community.

Motion Carried: 10 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

- **Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection**

Precinct noted an objection to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection SSI-8862 lodged by Councillors Baker, Beregi and Carr dated 26 February 2021 objecting to the application and urging the application be refused.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

40	Ellalong	Road	DA Approved
10	Richmond	Avenue	DA Approved

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Indecent Behaviour Primrose Park

A Precinct member reported that on Wednesday 10 March 2021, a footballer was observed urinating in Primrose Park. The Precinct member reported the incident to the Police and a photograph has been sent to Council.

2. CPC Role & Function

Precinct discussed the minutes of the CPC Meeting of 23 February and in particular the Council proposed revised model for the CPC role as tabled at the CPC meeting.

MOTION: Precinct has considered the recommendation and the feedback which CPC provided Council in regard to this item at the CPC Meeting on 23 February 2021. Willoughby Bay Precinct totally supports the CPC position.

Motion Carried: 10 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

3. Parraween Street 15 min free parking

Precinct noted that submissions on trial close 31 Aug. After discussion Precinct commends this facility trial and indeed suggests the time limit be extended to 20 or 30 minutes, better to permit resident parking for foot access to main shops across Military Rd.

4. Environmental Reference Group

The Vice Chair reported that the ERG has an important brief to consider matters across all spheres of Council activity but noted that the frequency of meetings seemed less than with other Ref Groups however welcomes advice today from the Director Open Space & Environment Services of a meeting now 3rd May. Vice Chair suggested to the Director that a meeting notice be placed in the Precinct E News.

5. Graffiti on 234 – 238 – 240 Military Road Neutral Bay Shop Fronts

Vice Chair asks if Council can make a fresh approach to the owners to assist or incentivise them to remove this ongoing or repeat unsightly graffiti at first level of these character shops along this gateway corridor to Neutral Bay/Cremorne. Precinct notes it first approached Council in 2017 on this matter.

6. MLC Building in Miller Street North Sydney

Vice Chair previously made a personal submission for retention of this International Style building and reports that the Architects Institute and the Heritage Council have both recommended to the Minister that the building be placed on the State Heritage Register.

7. Mosman Council Draft Climate Strategy Action Plan 2021

Mosman Council called for submissions in relation to its draft Climate Strategy Action Plan 2021. Vice Chair made a submission in relation to issues which he has considered inadequately addressed at local and other levels of government.

8. W.H.Brothers Memorial Park

Responsibility for the sewer line works has transferred from Monadelphous to Metrocorp. Thanks to Council staff with provision of access to the garden shed.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 8 April 2021

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