

WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD **THURSDAY 11th February 2021** **COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: 12 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 10th December 2020 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 11 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

Precinct queries the meaning of the reference to IPC - IPC stands for the Information and Privacy Commission.

DA System/PCA/CDC System - Council's Manager Development Services has provided a response which has been published via separate cover.

Recycling Issues - Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that according to the last Domestic Kerbside Waste and Recycling Audit, recyclable materials make up 87.3% of yellow recycling bin.

These recyclable materials comprise:

Glass (36.2%)

- Paper and cardboard (40%)
- Plastic (9.4%)
- Steel containers (1%)
- Aluminium containers (0.3%) and
- Liquid paperboard containers (0.5%)

Almost thirteen per cent (12.7%) of the comingled recycling stream is contaminated and will go to landfill. The main contaminants are plastic bagged materials.

Precinct notes Council's reply and asks what percentage of the 87.3% recyclable material is in fact recycled rather than goes to landfill.

Young Street - Council's Project Manager has advised that the first 7 weeks of access restrictions due to construction are not included in the 3-month trial period. The trial will be in place until the end of March 2021. Resident comment on the general presentation of the trial locality is not favourable.

Precinct Office Bearers and Code of Conduct Memorandum -As advised via the Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects memorandum dated 10 December 2020, the Code may be reviewed again following the conclusion of the Precinct System Review, should the recommendations arising from the Review warrant such.

Dangerous Path Steps - Tobruk Avenue Path to Brightmore Reserve – Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that the staircase at the bottom of the park was inspected on 28 January 2021 and no loose or hazardous steps were located on the track that links Tobruk Ave/Brightmore Street with Brightmore Reserve. The steps are compliant with the Australian Standard and do not require a handrail. These steps were upgraded in 2013 and this is the first request for a handrail that Council has received. Council staff can meet with Precinct representative on site to discuss further if requested.

Little Wonga Road - Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that the area was cleaned on 12 January 2021.

E-Waste Concerns - Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that if there is E-waste included in amongst clean-up items, URM will sticker and reject the items. Council's Street Cleaning Fleet will then collect the items and take them to the CRC. There are no records of previous complaints from community members that URM is collecting E-waste with the clean-up service. White goods are collected as part of the clean-up which are taken to scrap metal merchants. The remaining materials are sent to landfill. Council will continue to monitor clean-up collections and continue to promote the CRC as the disposal point for E-waste.

Macpherson Street No 74 - Boundary Fence and Public Footpath, encroachment issue - Council's Team Leader Building Compliance has advised that this matter is the subject of a long and complicated compliance investigation. Council officers are taking the appropriate regulatory actions in order to resolve this matter as soon as possible. Whilst it is not Council's preference that this matter has been drawn out, compliance matters are usually complicated and due process must be followed in accordance with the relevant legislation. Despite the length of investigation, Council's officers are pursuing this matter with high priority.

MOTION: Precinct appreciates Council's response and action over time on this difficult matter and suggests Council liaise with affected residents to secure an early outcome.

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

Precinct noted with thanks Council's detailed response on the DA/PCA-CDC system dichotomy (being an issue raised by developments such as 74 Macpherson St) and that Precinct and Council seem to be ad idem on some shortcomings of the PCA/CDC system.

- **Updated COVID - 19 Safety Plan** Obligation of Office Bearers to do an online COVID Course
- **North Sydney Council Traffic Committee Meeting of 5 February 2021**
- **Agenda & Minutes of the North Sydney Council Extraordinary Meeting of 15 December 2020**
- **Agenda of the North Sydney Council Extraordinary Meeting of 21 December 2020**
- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Meeting of 30 November 2020**
- **Memorandum of 10 December 2020 Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers & Members.** The revised Code is now in effect and available from Council's website at: www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council Meetings/Policies Plans/Council Policies Precinct notes that the Code of Conduct was approved by Council 30 November 2020 and what scope there is for further feedback in relation to the Code. Precinct perceives some lack of clarity in parts of the Code wording.
- **Memorandum of 1 February 2021 Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers and Members.** After some discussion formed the view that the Code was unduly restrictive of Precinct's reasonable autonomy in arranging meeting guests and in its communications with Councillors and staff.

MOTION: Precinct confirms its previous objection to the Code's most onerous aspect being the restriction on Precinct's access to Councillors.

Motion Carried: 12 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

Precinct System Review - Precinct Merger Options

MOTION: Precinct's preference is not to merge with Brightmore Precinct, on the basis there are no demonstrated or perceived benefits in the merger of active Precincts.

Motion Carried: 12 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

MOTION: Precinct rejects the proposal that the General Manager and the Mayor set the agenda for the CPC meetings and considers that the CPC agenda should not be set by others than members of the CPC.

Motion Carried: 12 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

Beaches Link & Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement

MOTION: Precinct's position is that for continuing proper movement by residents between this Precinct's area and the city/CBD/Bridge the Ernest Street access ramps to the Warringah Freeway be retained.

Motion Carried: 12 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

Residential Food Scraps Collection and Processing Trial (Council Minutes 30 Nov 2020)

Precinct notes with approval that Council is seeking to achieve effective disposal of food waste. However, Precinct's position remains that measures proposed still continue to feed into the global system methane (which has a 20 times greater carbon footprint than carbon dioxide).

Instead, Council should partner with EPA programs towards education and systems to prevent food waste in the first instance. Precinct's view that it is a 2nd step approach that warrants consideration first of the early waste prevention steps indicated.

Gerard / Macpherson Street Crossing - several Precinct members recounted near misses in the rainy conditions in the last 7 days.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

6	Lloyd	Avenue	DA Plans
16	Lloyd	Avenue	DA Plans
8	Lodge	Road	DA Plans
10	Levick	Street	DA Plans
10	Shellbank	Parade	DA Plans
28	Lodge	Road	DA Approved
1/9	Tobruk	Avenue	DA Withdrawn

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. W.H. Brothers Memorial Park

Precinct thanks Council's Streets Alive Project Officer, for installing the steps leading down to the garden shed together with a handrail. There will be a little garden on either side of the steps to hold the steps in place. A thank you also to the gardening team who weeded last Tuesday.

2. Vote of Thanks for Organising the Working Bee

A Precinct resident has thanked the organisers of the working bee last December.

3. Drones Impacting Resident's Privacy

A Precinct resident has complained and reported to police and Council the recurring problem of drones flying above her Macpherson Street property. The resident also has a problem with illegal dumping outside her property which in turn attracts vermin.

4. Severe Reduction in Bus Services

Precinct Chair has reported great difficulty in finding the bus stand at Wynyard for Mosman service bus services at night since the December timetable changes. The previous 243 - 249 services in the evening have been replaced with the 100 QVB - Taronga Zoo which you need to catch from Clarence Street. The impact of the timetable changes has been the downgrading of bus services between Wynyard and Cremorne.

5. Macpherson Street Garden Waste

Precinct encourages complaining residents with verge fallen palm fronds etc to take self-help measures by cutting smaller before bundling for Council's green waste collection.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 11 March 2021

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