

# **WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**

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



## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

**THURSDAY 9th June 2022**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 12 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 6 were recorded  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** DM – Council's Director Engineering & Property Services

## **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.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 12th May 2022 meeting were adopted

***Motion carried: 10 in favour, 2 abstentions, 0 against***

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **WH Brothers Park**

RL has spoken with Council's Historian and a start has been made to arrange a meeting in the Park to discuss the project with Precinct Chair & RL. Sean Brothers (one of the grandsons) will fit in with whatever date/time is decided.

RL to arrange the next weeding bee in 2 weeks time.

### **Land Slippage at 17 Richmond Avenue Cremorne**

Precinct Chair was contacted by a Precinct member who said the developers were storing material on the footpath and they were supporting their temporary fencing by tying it to a sapling which was on Council's footpath. Council has advised the owners to attend to the site to make it safe, the building materials on Council's footpath have been relocated into the private property and the rope attached to the small tree to be removed. No record of a builder or certifier being appointed.

### **12-14 Waters Road Development Rescission Motion**

This Rescission Motion was lost.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Council's Response to Precinct's May 2022 Minutes

**Illegal Dumping in Wonga Road** – Council's Supervisor – Street Cleaners has advised that no rubbish could be found when visiting the area on 6 June 2022. The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information regarding this illegal dumping.

**Precinct members have reported that this rubbish was removed prior to 6 June 2022**

**School Buses Blocking Primrose Park** – Council’s A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that such matters should be reported to Council’s Rangers at the time of the occurrence for an initial investigation. Referred to Council’s Manager Ranger & Parking Services for monitoring of location.

**WH Brothers Park** – Council’s Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that residents can apply to Council for selective pruning of vegetation for views. These applications are assessed by Council officers and items like privacy taken into account. Cosmetic Pruning of Trees

- **Memorandum 13 May 2022** – Annual Office Bearer Induction on 31 May 2022
- **Memorandum 16 May 2022** – Precinct Operational Funding Claims
- **Memorandum 16 May 2022** – Letter to Minister for Planning – Ongoing Reforms to the NSW Planning System
- **Memorandum 19 May 2022** – Call for Agenda items: CPC Tuesday 21 June 2022
- **Memorandum 20 May 2022** – Precinct System Review status – Progress Update
- **Memorandum 20 May 2022** – The Sydney Library of Things
- **Memorandum 24 May 2022** – Planning Proposal 6/22 1-7 Rangers Road, Neutral Bay
- **Memorandum 25 May 2022** – Draft Resourcing Strategy on public exhibition from 25 May to 21 June 2022.
- **Memorandum 26 May 2022** – Warringah Freeway Upgrade – Air Quality Monitoring  
Two information drop-in sessions will be held at the Genia McCaffrey Centre, Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability: Thursday 16 June 3.30pm to 6.30pm & Friday 17 June 10am to 1pm
- **Proposal from TfNSW to permanently ban right turn with “Buses Excepted” from Winnie Street onto Military Road Cremorne, from Tuesday 12 July.** Any questions, contact TfNSW: [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or [transport.nsw.gov.au](http://transport.nsw.gov.au). All feedback to be received by Sunday 19 June. A show of hands indicated Precinct was strongly opposed to the proposal.
- **Council Meeting on 23 May 2022**
  - ❖ **Item 8.8** – Military Road Corridor Planning Study – Scoping Report Funding
  - ❖ **Item 8.10** – Precinct System Review – Deferred until July Council meeting
  - ❖ **Item 9.1** – 12-14 Waters Road Development Rescission Motion was lost
  - ❖ **Item 9.2** – Young Street Plaza Rescission Motion was lost
  - ❖ **Item 6.1** – MM01 Senior Staff – General Manager Resignation effective 1 July 2022
- **Traffic Committee Meeting on 10 June 2022**

Gerard Street / Macpherson Street Crossing covered by Duncan Mitchell

- **Combined Precinct Committee Meeting 21 June 2022**

### **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

- 44 Ellalong Road DA Plans
- 1 Prospect Avenue DA Plans
- 1 Tobruk Avenue DA Plans

- **Guest Speaker: DM – Council’s Director Engineering & Property Services**

#### **Update on Young Street Plaza**

The Plaza is now going to be reopened as a road by resolution of Council, so Council is now in the process of getting the approvals from TfNSW before it can be formally reopened. The structures which are there at the moment, will be removed and, once approvals have been obtained, Young Street will be returned to its original condition. This will take about three months. There were two approvals: one for the temporary closure which includes trial consultation, and a final approval. Given that Council is not proceeding following the final approval, it will be removed at Council’s cost.

#### **Update on Young Street / Grosvenor Street Roundabout Extension of Cycleway**

Council has approved the extension of the cycleway on Young Street from Sutherland Street up to Grosvenor Street on the east side of Young Street (the cycleway at the moment goes from Grasmere Road to Sutherland Street on the west side of Young Street) but it was left open as to how the cycleway was going to be handled at the Grosvenor Street roundabout. DM says designs are currently being done and there will be a consultative process. There is the added consideration: the design has to transfer the cyclists from one side of the street to the other.

#### **Promised Visibility Enhancement Works at Gerard Street / Macpherson Street Crossing**

In September of 2021, the Traffic Committee set out to do some interim works such as improve the lighting, signage and remark the pedestrian crossing. But to date there has been no action. A show of hands indicated all Precinct members present had experienced near misses at this intersection and want works to improve visibility of the crossing for motorists. DM will follow up.

**Langley Avenue Drainage Project** very near completion. Funded by Council.

**Willoughby Bay Precinct Drainage Projects** coming up, spread over this financial year and the coming financial year. Drainage improvement works are scheduled for Young & Grosvenor Streets, Primrose Park, Young & Sutherland Streets, Bennelong Road & Gerard Lane and a gross pollution trap in Brightmore Reserve mobilised by Sydney Water. A large program of relining existing pipes is also scheduled.

Precinct Chair raised two questions on the **Flood Study** on behalf of a Precinct member who was unable to attend.

1 With increased revenue from the special rates variation will there be a program to treat second echelon capacity/overland flow issues? DM said it was not related to the SRV any more, it will be related to additional funding Council can get from the government.

2 When could this program occur? Answer: 2023 – 2024 financial year.

### **Young Street / Grasmere Road Roundabout**

Precinct Chair asks the question: What would it take to reinstate the roundabout?  
DM said he would ask TfNSW to provide a design for a roundabout which is acceptable.  
With Young Street now reopening at Military Road this intersection will become more dangerous with a greater volume of traffic.

**Sydney Olympic Pool** is on budget.

**Cremorne Plaza** concept designs are being prepared by Council.

### **Planning Proposal: Woolworths, 1-7 Rangers Road, Neutral Bay**

**MOTION: That the Precinct objects to Council supporting Planning Proposal 6/22, 1-7 Rangers Road, Neutral Bay for the following reasons:**

1. Its principal argument is the *Military Road Corridor Planning Study* which has been rescinded by Council.
2. The proposed Height Limit is grossly excessive – 40 metres will accommodate 12 storeys which will be overbearing and cause significant overshadowing.
3. The large number of car parking spaces will result in unacceptable traffic impacts on the local road network, especially the Wycombe Road and Military Road intersection.
4. There is inadequate public benefit being offered – both the 65 public car parking spaces and the publicly accessible square provide commercial benefits to the development, not public benefits.
5. Approval of this Planning Proposal would set an undesirable precedent.

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Free Parking at Ridge Street Car Park**

A Precinct member has advised that for an annual fee of \$19.00, Council offers 1.5hrs free parking at Ridge Street Car Park. Annual registration expires at the end of May each year and so is now due for those who wish to participate.

#### **School Buses Blocking Primrose Park Car Park / Wonga Road**

Following on from 2 May, there was another blockage of school buses in Wonga Road on Wednesday 8 June between 4pm – 5pm, which meant that traffic coming down Wonga Road was blocked from continuing on to Young Street. The Precinct member will call Council's Rangers if this happens again.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 14 July 2022.

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