

## Lavender Bay Precinct Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, 31 August 2023

Starting at 7pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston

McMahons Point Community Centre  
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

**Chair:** Robert Stitt [Robert@StittQC.com.au](mailto:Robert@StittQC.com.au) Victoria  
**Secretary:** Emily Jacques [lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com](mailto:lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com)

1. **Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of 27 July meeting** were accepted. 11 Apologies were noted.

#### 2. Chair's report

- **Precinct Logo** – Council is really pushing this, but we would like to know if the logo would be intended to replace our current beloved Peter Kingston sketch on our agenda. **Precinct Note:** It did not support a change if the intention for the new logo is to be used on individual Precinct agenda and minutes. Individuals are urged to make representations to the council if they would like to do so.
- **Boat Shed** – The chairman expresses that he is keen to ensure this does not just fall off the radar. **Precinct Note:** The precinct would like to know the timeline of this project, and if there is some sort of indication as to when the work will happen.
- **Fishermen on McMahons Point Wharf** – **Precinct Note:** The precinct would be interested to know why it is not possible for the council to get involved with Transport for NSW to enforce the no-fishing policy of the wharf. Please see below links for further resources:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/report-illegal-fishing>  
<https://www.afma.gov.au/fisheries-management/compliance/report-illegal-fishing>

#### 3. State Government items

- **Warringah Expressway Upgrade** – We will keep an eye on this- precinct notes. Please see below for further information:  
<https://caportal.com.au/rms/wfu>  
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/western-harbour-tunnel-and-warringah-freeway-upgrade>  
For information email: [whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1800 931 189.
- **Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp:** NSW Transport expects construction to commence following environmental approvals and to take 18 months. It was noted that Transport provided one incorrect height when providing their proposal for the ramp, which meant that the measurements that our community ramp and other alternate designs got dismissed on the basis that they did not allow for it to be the “correct” height (the height incorrectly provided by Transport). This means that alternative ramps to Transport were dismissed despite being the correct dimensions. **Precinct Note:** Nothing we can do about it as a precinct, but we will keep an eye on this project as it commences.

- **High Line: Precinct Note:** It was the Precinct's understanding that the project was given the go ahead years ago, and we are eager to see it proceed. There is now discussion that the project would impact the trains, but it was determined as far as we were aware that there was no operational impact on the trains... Why has this changed? Carried Unanimously.

#### 4. Council items

- **Luna Park Noise Mitigation:** There was a Freedom of Information (FOI) request that went through and suggested that North Sydney Council didn't approve the extension (meaning: approval for entertainment rides) of Luna Park into Maloney's Corner (the Northern Side of Coney Island). The FOI suggested that Luna Park pushed it through, claiming that their State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) which was created in 2018 meant that they didn't need to get approval from the council.  
Regarding the new rides, there has been no DA lodged with the North Sydney Council, and they should have required development approval, despite the SEPP. The SEPP does not avoid or overcome the necessity for a DA approval to be made by North Sydney Council.  
**Precinct Note:** The Precinct refers to their previous stance and would like to ask North Sydney Council if Luna Park has sought any approvals under Section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. If no approval has been sought or obtained, what action does Council intend to take to ensure compliance? Carried Unanimously.
- **Holt Avenue, Cremorne: Precinct Note:** The Precinct notes that Mayor Baker has written to the minister, but we decline to take further action. Resolution not passed.
- **Bradfield Park South: Precinct Note:** On June 29, Ian Mutton brought a Notice of Motion before council that calls for a report on:
  - a. standing (titles) of the land that was vested in the Commissioner of Main Roads by the Sydney Harbour Tunnel (private joint Venture) Act 1987, and
  - b. on the options available to have the intent of the proclamation of the Governor of NSW dated 19 March 1935 implemented.**Precinct Note:** The Precinct supports Ian Mutton's motion. Carried Unanimously.

#### 5. Development applications [due date for comments]

- **4 Warung Street, McMahons Point (235/22):** North Sydney Local Planning Panel has resolved to grant approval for the alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house, including internal reconfigurations, a rear addition on the first and second floor levels, and associated works at the above site, subject to conditions. Precinct notes.
- **51 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point (328/2020):** Modification to approved development application including changes to the windows in the north and south elevations. Precinct notes.

#### 7. Community items – for information

- **Wendy's Secret Garden.** As always, the Precinct very much supports Wendy's Garden. The volunteer gardeners' next working bee date will be listed on the upcoming agenda. For more details, contact the secretary or IC.
- **Berry's Bay:** Floating dock now sounds like it might be owned by Transport for NSW.

#### 8. General Business

- **Blues Point Road Traffic / Noise:** Precinct was copied in on some communications with the North Sydney Council regarding the outcomes of the investigations about traffic and noise by the council in 2021 and 2022. The Council advised that in 2021 Council investigated the installation of speed

humps along Blues Point Road to address speeding concerns. However, the proposal was not supported by surrounding residents over concerns about noise generation, and that in 2022, Council commissioned traffic counts in the street. The counts show the average speed of vehicles as 36km/h with 98% of drivers travelling below the 50 km/h speed limit.

They also advised that the enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of the NSW Police Service. They say that Council staff have raised the issue with NSW Police who have requested their Highway Patrol Division provide enforcement in the area.

**Precinct Note:** Secretary will attempt to invite North Sydney Police to the next Precinct Meeting. It should be noted that we will be discussing speed, traffic, noise on Blues Point Road.

**Next meeting: 7pm, Thursday, 28 September 2023.**