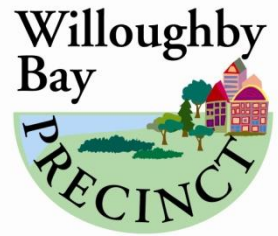


**WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**  
**PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT**  
**SYSTEM**



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
**THURSDAY 14th December 2023**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 15 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 5 were recorded

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting were adopted

***Motion carried: 12 in favour, 3 abstentions, 0 against***

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**1. Council Summary of Actions Arising 2023**

- Council's Response to Precinct's November 2023 Minutes

**Richmond Avenue Parking & Pedestrian Safety** – Allocated to Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

**Fifth Avenue: Abandoned Vehicle** – Allocated to Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services

**Gerard / Macpherson Street Crossing Position Chalked** – Allocated to Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

**Uneven Surface between Lloyd Avenue and Ellalong Road** – Council's Assets Engineering Officer has advised that works in Lloyd Ave and Ellalong Rd are associated with Ausgrid. Council is currently negotiating with Ausgrid about the permanent restoration of the footpath. It is expected that the footpath will be restored by Council by March 2024.

**2. Development Applications**

- 40 Brightmore St- amended plans for residential flat building
- 4A Richmond Ave — alterations and additions including swimming pool

**3. Traffic Committee Meeting (17/11)**

**4. Council Meeting (27/11)**

- MM03 Correspondence from the Minister for Planning regarding housing density and housing crisis
- Item 10.11 - Planning Proposal 4/23 - 183-185 Military Road Neutral Bay — Council voted unanimously not to support the Planning Proposal proceeding to Gateway Determination

## 5. Council Meeting (11/12)

- MMO1 Call on State Government to implement design changes to WFU and WHT to mitigate congestion impacts on local roads
- Item 10.9 Young Street- Road Closure — Council noted ongoing dialogue with TfNSW and voted to put a concept design for a partial reopening of Young Street on exhibition. Voting was as follows: For Crs Baker, Beregi, Bourke, Lamb, Santer, Spenceley, Welch. Against: Crs Gibson and Mutton (Cr Lepouris declared a pecuniary/significant interest)

## 6. CPC Meeting (28/11)

- CPC letter to the Premier requesting review of WHT

## 7. Council Memos

- Open Space & Recreation Needs Study - Stage 1 Early Engagement has been completed; join the keep informed list

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Chair reported that on 28 November 2023 the State Government announced its intention to introduce new planning rules via a State Environmental Planning Policy (overriding Council Policies) in order to fast track low and mid-rise housing.

It intends to permit:

- terraces, townhouses and two-storey apartment blocks in R2 Low Density Residential zones within 800m of transport hubs and town centres (currently only permitted in 6% of low- density residential zones across Sydney)
- 3-6 storey apartment blocks in R3 Medium Density Residential Zones within 800m of transport hubs and town centres

The objective is to increase housing density within a 10 minute walk of transport hubs (stations, metro stations, bus interchanges) and shopping precincts (potentially Cremorne and Neutral Bay). It will be a major change for a significant proportion of Sydney's local government areas and indicates the State Government will give housing supply a very high priority at the expense of its relations with local government. The proposal is about to go on exhibition over the Christmas period. The proposal has some echoes of the Part 3A approval processes of the last Labour Government that left office in 2011.

**MOTION:** That Precinct writes to the Mayor and:

- 1) thank her for the Mayoral Minute at the Council Meeting of 27/11/23 concerning correspondence from the Minister for Planning regarding housing density and the housing crisis;
- 2) express Precinct's concern about the impact that the State Government's Proposal to fast track low and mid-rise housing in the R2 Low Density and the R3 Medium Density Residential Zones in Cremorne given:
  - a) there is no station or metro station and Military Road and bus services are already under strain and;
  - b) the lack of planning to provide the infrastructure needed to support the additional density such as open space, sports facilities and schools.

3) ask her to express these concerns to the Minister for Planning.

***Motion carried: 15 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against***

**Council's Manager Corporate Planning and Engagement to leave North Sydney Council**

Precinct tenders a vote of thanks for her help over the years and wishes JG well in her future endeavours.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm followed by the Christmas Party

Next meeting will be on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 7.30pm

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