

MINUTES: WAVERTON PENINSULA WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM VIA ZOOM ON 5 OCTOBER 2021 AT 5.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Mutton in the Chair.

Staff:

Rob Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
David Banbury, Landscape Architect/Projects Co-ordinator
Stephen Beattie, Manager Development Services
Josh Jongma, Governance Co-ordinator (Minutes)

Citizen Members:

Bruce Donald, Waverton Precinct
Sid French, Waverton Precinct
Ken Robinson, Co-Chair, Union Precinct
Mary Curran, Co-Chair Union Precinct
Bernard Smith, Lavender Precinct
Kevin Alker, Waverton Precinct
Paul Pokorny, Secretary, Sea Heritage Foundation Pty Ltd

Apologies:

The Mayor, Councillor Jilly Gibson
Councillor Jessica Keen
Ian Grey, Chair, Waverton Precinct
Genia McCaffery, Chair, Edward Precinct
Zoe Rourke, TfNSW
Linda Armstrong, TfNSW
Kandice Wright
Gareth Collins

At the commencement of business (5.02pm) Councillors present were:
Councillor Mutton in the Chair

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Voting was unanimous.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Berrys Bay

a) Land transfer

The group noted that Council is still working with TfNSW to resolve the on-going issues. When the MOU is finalised it will be brought to the group for discussion.

b) *Early public access to select areas (Woodleys shed, carpark) and around Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) site compound.*

It was discussed that Woodleys Shed is deteriorating & needs maintenance. Rob Emerson, Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services is meeting with Kandice Wright to discuss interim preservation measures. Council is advocating for early public access.

It was clarified that the MOU covers care and control of all areas subject to the Council resolution. However, the land remains under state government ownership. Work is still being undertaken to finalise the details.

A Council Officer with expertise in Crown Lands Management will be invited to the next meeting of the Working Group, to advise on changes to the Crown Lands Act.

Kandice Wright will be invited to the group.

c) *Community & Stakeholder Working Group (CSWG) for design of public lands post-WHT.*

David Banbury, Council's Landscape Architect & Projects Co-ordinator attended the meeting in August. An overview of the meeting minutes was provided to the meeting, including details of the presentation given by David Banbury to the CSWG, which contained an outline of Council's objectives for the sites.

It was noted that the CSWG had hoped to have been further advanced. However COVID restrictions had delayed the conducting of site investigations and a planned site visit by the group.

Councillor Mutton will circulate a response to a letter from the Local MP about the sites.

d) *Dolphin Wharf.*

There was nothing further to report on this item.

5. Coal Loader Wharf Adaptive Reuse Project

TfNSW sent apologies for being unable to attend and present to this meeting.

A meeting is proposed between Council officers & TfNSW to further discuss the project. Transport have advised they can attend an out of schedule meeting with the Working Group to provide an update on the Coal Loader Wharf, once they are in a position to provide more information

TfNSW advised there needed to be some emergency work undertaken recently due to a section collapsing into the water. TfNSW is liaising with Heritage Office to determine restrictions on the work.

6. Quarantine Depot

Commencement of the remediation work is imminent and is expected to take in the order of 1-2 weeks. The completion of the remediation work is the trigger for settlement of the purchase..

7. Waverton Bowling Club

Rob and some community members have been subpoenaed for the Court matter and will keep the group up to date on the outcomes.

8. General Business

Notice of Motion – Berry's Bay Land Transfer

Councillor Mutton requested that Council Staff follow up the delegation to meet with the Premier on land transfer at Berrys Bay.

Berry's Bay Floating Dry Dock.

Kevin Alker requested if there were any updates. It was noted that the conciliation is this month and additional reports were provided. Reports are highly detailed and respond to the contentions.

100 Years of Community Work

Bruce Donald requested that Council consider a commemorative display recognising the history of community involvement in the Peninsula over time. It was discussed that this could be a valuable opportunity to inform new Councillors about the area.

Balls Head Indigenous Naming

Sid French requested that a review be undertaken on the Indigenous naming of Balls Head. The group was informed that Ian Hoskins (Council Historian) has reviewed and has informed Bruce Donald that the name of Yerroulbine quoted in some texts is incorrect in his opinion. This is to be the subject of further discussions.

9. Next Meeting TBA

The Meeting concluded at 6.10pm