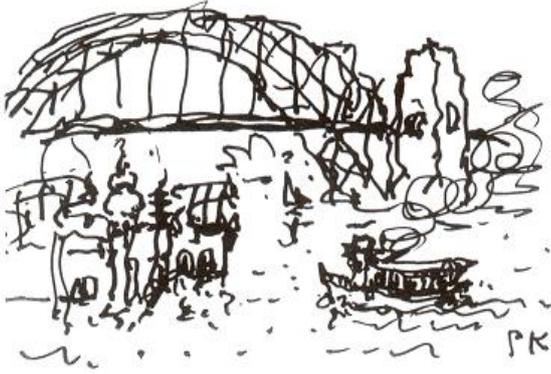


Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 29 October 2020

Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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Secretary: BPS lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com

1. Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of previous meeting

There were 35 attendees (including 3 office-bearers and 13 via Zoom) plus 1 guest, with 19 apologies. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 24 September meeting.

2. Kirribilli Village and Blues Point Road Village Centre Public Domain Upgrades

DM, Council's Project Manager, presented an overview of the draft masterplans for the [Kirribilli](#) and [Blues Point Road](#) village centres, to be constructed in 2021-31 as funding becomes available. The proposed changes aim to improve the vibrancy of the commercial centres for residents, workers, students and visitors, using finishes and materials in Council's public domain style manual.

(a) Kirribilli Village Centre: 6 key areas have been identified (Ennis Road, Burton Street underpass*, Burton Street* between Broughton Street and Humphrey Place, Broughton Street near Bligh Street, Bligh Street* near Broughton Street, and Fitzroy Street between Broughton and Jeffrey Streets). Pilot implementation (temporary closure) of the asterisked areas is planned for 2021.

The meeting heard concerns about the loss of 35 car parking spaces in the Burton Street underpass, which would impact visitors, businesses and residents.

The meeting also heard concerns about potential conflict between pedestrians and cyclists coming off the Bridge wanting to access Broughton Street via the Burton Street underpass. (To be resolved prior to construction.)

(b) Blues Point Road Village Centre: 3 zones have been identified (Blues Point Road gateway near St Peters Park, Blues Point Road village between King George and Princes Streets, and the area near the intersection with East Crescent Street).

The meeting heard concerns about the significant loss of parking near the Post Office and questioned whether there was any data to support the economic benefits expected to arise from the proposed upgrade. The meeting also heard concerns about the loss of parking in Zone 3 near the planned doctor's surgery.

The meeting suggested that Council needed to offset the lost parking spaces and find a solution that supports both businesses and residents.

The removal of overhead wires was welcomed. However, the introduction of CBD-style banners was seen as inconsistent with a village atmosphere.

Additional in-lane bus stops were noted as a potential choke point for local traffic. Concerns were also expressed about restaurant seating on both sides of the footpath affecting pedestrian access and safety.

DM emphasised that the masterplans are drafts and requested attendees to submit their comments through Council's Your Say website by Sunday 1 November.

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

The Chair thanked DM for her attendance and stated that it was much appreciated.

Motion: The Lavender Precinct Committee expresses its concern that the proposed public domain upgrades, particularly in the Blues Point Road village centre, do not take into account sufficiently the difficulties arising from the removal of parking spaces, which are occupied both by residents and visitors to the commercial areas.

Unless there is adequate provision made, there will not be the pedestrian traffic that the project envisages. There is no indication how that would be achieved. The parking loss must be overcome. Carried unanimously.

3. Chair's report

(a) Farewell to inaugural Chair: Andy B and his wife Jo have moved from Bay View Street, Lavender Bay, where they lived for 55 years, to the Southern Highlands. Andy set up the Precinct Committee at Ted Mack's request and served as inaugural Chair for 8 years. Andy and Jo send a fond farewell to Precinct members. The Chair placed on record the Precinct Committee's gratitude and thanks, wishing Andy and Jo a long and happy stay in Bowral.

(b) Precinct Committee AGMs: Council has advised that, due to COVID-19 precautions, Precinct Committees cannot hold AGMs this year. Current office-bearers will continue in their roles for a further 12 months if they are willing (which is the case). Our November meeting will be a normal general meeting.

(c) Berrys Bay: The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) is leading the master planning process for the future of 1 and 3a Balls Head Drive, Waverton. DPIE is seeking people with an interest in the Berrys Bay area to join a Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group.

The Chair suggested that the Secretary apply. This suggestion was supported by the meeting and accepted by the Secretary, subject to sharing of the Secretary's role. CT volunteered to assist the Secretary and was thanked by the Chair.

4. State Government items

DPIE Working Group: See Chair's report.

5. Council items

(a) St Peters Park footpath: The Traffic Committee recently received a report that only 20-25% of cyclists were dismounting when passing through the park, and has agreed to install additional "Dismount" line markings.

Our meeting heard that the footpath is not a cycleway or shared path and that the barriers cannot be moved closer due to design requirements for prams, etc. The meeting discussed whether bicycles should be banned and heard suggestions that steps or speed bumps might be effective in deterring cyclists.

Motion: The Lavender Precinct Committee considers that cyclists riding through St Peters Park are a safety issue that needs to be solved. The Precinct Committee asks Council to find an appropriate solution. Carried unanimously.

(b) Blues Point Road traffic: The Mayor has asked that speeding traffic in Blues Point Road is added as a standing agenda item in future meetings. The Mayor has also asked Council staff to fast track community consultation about traffic calming on Blues Point Road. Our meeting heard that speeding is particularly an issue in the early hours of the morning and that enforcement action in the City of Sydney may have caused late-night speeders to change locations.

6. Development applications

(a) 41 Lavender Street, Lavender Bay (227/20): Alterations and additions including replacement bridge, dwelling addition, relocation of shed, patio, and associated works. Comments due 16 October. The meeting noted the application.

(b) 5 Mil Mil Street, McMahons Point (231/20): Alterations and additions to dwelling including first floor addition. Comments due 16 October.

The meeting heard concerns from local residents about non-compliance with height limits, side setback and heritage requirements. The resulting form, massing, scale, view loss and solar loss would have adverse impacts on neighbours, the streetscape and the McMahons Point North Conservation Area.

Motion: The Lavender Precinct Committee objects to DA 231/20 on the grounds of increased height, heritage concerns, visual impact on the streetscape and adjacent park, and out of character with the Heritage Conservation Area. Carried unanimously.

(c) Bayer building, 275 Alfred Street North, North Sydney ([240/20](#)): Alterations and additions to approved signage to retain the approved signage structure and replace “Bayer” lettering with “Fivex”. Comments due Friday 30 October.

The meeting noted the application and heard concerns about light spill into nearby residences, with a suggestion that any new signage should be no brighter than the existing signage.

(d) 61 Lavender Street, Milsons Point ([112/01/16](#)): Modification of retail materials & finishes, back of house, ground floor retail façade, and conditions modifications. Comments due Friday 6 November. The meeting noted the application.

(e) 61 Lavender Street, Milsons Point ([112/01/17](#)): Various modifications to ground floor colonnade, including materials. Comments due Friday 13 November. The meeting noted the application.

7. Wendy’s Secret Garden

(a) Antisocial behaviour: The meeting heard that Police were called to deal with late-night antisocial behaviour by a Central Coast football club visiting Sydney recently. Rubbish was found in the garden the next morning and several retaining walls needed rebuilding. As Council rangers have limited resources, Police should be called to deal with similar situations.

The meeting also heard about rubbish being left around many of the foreshore parks, with the question being whether Council rangers could be more vigilant. The Precinct Committee asks Council to monitor the cleanliness of the foreshore parks and increase cleaning patrols where appropriate.

(b) Next gardening morning: Saturday 7 November. RSVP to Ian C by Wednesday 4 November.

8. General business

Council barriers in Bay View Street: The meeting heard that Council barriers on the footpath outside 1 Bay View Street, Lavender Bay, had blown over recently. The Precinct Committee asks Council to advise why the barriers are there and when they are planned for removal.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Next meeting: 7pm, Thursday 26 November (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).