

Milson Precinct Minutes

Thursday 3 February 2022 @ 7.30pm via Zoom.

Welcome & details of attendees: Chair TB

Present: 19 - TB, EW, SG, VB, JC, TW, RB & AB, EB, BJ & JP, AM, HB, AR, EH, AJ & PJ, CB, PB

Apologies: 3 Loreto, St. Aloysius, Cr.SW

Approval of 4 November 2021 Minutes: Moved: SG Seconded: VB

Update from November Meeting: See NSC Website for Summary Of Actions (SOA)

AGENDA:

1. Community matters of interest

a) **NEW COUNCIL – 5, Ward Councillors:** MaryAnn Beregi; Jilly Gibson; Georgia Lamb; Ian Mutton; Shannon Welch

Mayor: Zoë Baker; & Deputy Mayor: William Bourke

NSC - need to improve IT for audio & picture quality for meetings

NSC - Changes to meeting schedule, and broadcasting Cr briefings

MOTION: Milson Precinct fully supports NSC's proposal to have fortnightly meetings; to upgrade the technology in the council chambers; as well as the proposal for the live streaming & publishing of the councillor briefings. The Public Forum is currently live-streamed, but not published. Milson Precinct supports the Public Forum being incorporated into the meeting, The community could thereby make their representations, with councillor debate and resolution following immediately.

Moved: EB Seconded: VB Voting: For: 14 Abstain: 1

b) **Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway North access Cycleway & Alfred St. South** - impacts on community

Three (3) designs - jury adjudication finished yesterday.

Milson Precinct comments: Poor response to the Harbour Bridge, all three designs to not work for all cyclists, the park, pedestrians, and residents usage of the area. Better alternatives should be sought like access to Middlemiss Street to Arthur Street tunnel. TfNSW advised that best elements of the 3 designs could be used for a future design.

MOTION: Milson Precinct motion re cycle way north access to SHB:

With current proposals, the cyclists not only get the benefit of an elevated cycleway, but a ground-level cycle-path, both of which seriously intrude into Bradfield North Park. This loss of amenity for park users could be ameliorated if non-local cyclists (whose journey does not end in Kirribilli) were strongly encouraged (with appropriate signage at the top of the bridge stairs) not to use the Burton Street tunnel. Mosman-bound cyclists should use Middlemiss Street and the Arthur Street tunnel to reach High Street. It would then be unnecessary to provide a ground-level cycle path adjacent to the cycleway as there would be little cycle traffic on this section. The north-bound cycle-path would start where the cycleway reaches ground level. Thus a larger proportion of Bradfield Park would be preserved for pedestrian use.

Moved: SG Seconded: EB Voting: Unanimous:

c) Burton St - closure & Bligh St - shared zone - feedback by 31 March 2022

Milson Precinct request that residents give feedback by 31 March 2022; Milson Precinct request a full traffic study; request that Bligh Street be returned to a non-shared zone. Current temporary measures are unsightly, and the road surface should return to a 'normal' black bitumen finish.

d) Miller St Pop-Up - Feedback by 31 March 2022

Milson Precinct advises that the underuse of this pop-up space is indicative of the lack of success. The impact on the traffic, with all buses, cars, trucks having to consequently funnel into one lane in peak hour, is not acceptable. The need for parking outside the banks of NS is also noted, especially the lack of disability parking for older residents.

Milson Precinct urges residents give feedback to NSC by 31 March 2022

e) Library Services Strategy 2022/2027 – exhibit till 31 January 2022

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make a submission.

**f) Community Development Strategy – Stage 1 Preliminary Engagement
Children, youth & Older persons – Feedback by 18 March 2022**

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make a submission.

g) Holtermann Street Park - 3 design options Urban Park with underground carpark - feedback 28 February 2022

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make a submission.

h) Henry Lawson Reserve - McMahon's Point - design released - see Council website

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make a submission.

i) Community Rep for North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) - apply 6 February 2022

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make a submission.

2. Traffic Issues

a) Speed Limit signs: 40 km per hr - Milsons Pt & Kirribilli streets

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that the 40 kph signs be fast tracked and placed on the streets of Kirribilli, as well as 'Keep Clear' signage for the intersection of Broughton at Willoughby St. (similar to that at Crescent Place). To allow traffic to move out from Willoughby when cars are stopped for the new pedestrian crossing at that intersection.

Moved: JC Seconded: EB Voting: For: Unanimous

- b) Traffic Study for Kirribilli needed - include Burton Street pedestrian crossing, RHT into Willoughby Street and Crescent Place from Broughton Street, including pedestrians, buses, trucks, and car movements.**

MOTION: Milson Precinct requests that a full traffic study be carried out, including, bus, truck, car and pedestrian movements, for the impacts of changes to Burton and Bligh Streets, especially with cars making Right Hand Turn into Crescent Place and Willoughby St from Broughton St., holding up traffic, with adjacent parked cars, especially now that schools have returned.

Moved: JC Seconded: EB Voting: For: 14 Against: 2 Abstain: 2

3. Info & Events & Feedback to NSC

- a) New High St. Wharf under construction
- b) Stanton Library: Online Historical talks, register at library. Next talk on Chinese market, gardeners and shopkeepers in North Sydney on 9 February 2022 by Dr. Ian Hoskins
- c) Twilight Food Markets Fridays 4.30-8.30pm in Civic Park till 25 March 2022
- d) Sunset Cinemas till 26 March 2022 - gates open at 6.30pm
- e) E-Waste centre, Artarmon, re-opened
- f) Walking Strategy - feedback by 27 February 2022

Milson Precinct suggests that any residents interested make their submission.

4. DA's currently advertised

- a) DA 380/21 – RSYS - 33 Peel St - new launching pontoon**

CB from RSYS, spoke about the DA, to replace two existing pontoons, one for tender pontoon, second for refuelling pontoon which are 25% larger, due to new technology, and install an additional pontoon to allow increased safety and disabled access (and for older sailors) to have level access to their boats, instead of via a ladder, once the craft has been lifted down to the water by the hoist. All works are within their leased areas from Maritim.

PJ (neighbour) objected, stating that the area is 65% larger than existing structures, with an additional 200 sq.m of harbour foreshore proposed to be covered by concrete – this is too ambitious, impacting on the aesthetics of the foreshore.

AJ (neighbour) applauded the excellent existing facilities as the envy of other clubs; and objected to the impact of these additional pontoons on the foreshore, which may also impact upon nearby fairy

penguin colony. To avoid increased creaking noise of these larger pontoons in rough weather, the use of rollers is considered better than the synthetic methods used

MOTION: Milson Precinct does not support the DA in its current form; requests a more modest development, with more justification of any proposed changes.

Moved: PJ Seconded: AJ

Voting: For: 9 Against: 2 (CB & PB) Abstain: 6. (TW, EW, TB, EH, HB, AR)

b) DA 24/22, 1 Bradly Ave, - replace fixed jetty with 2 finger pontoons

Discussion by JP & BJ (the applicant) about the proposal - dredging was of concern to precinct members - it was explained, that similar has been carried out 10 years ago, as additional silting occurs at the head of the bay, from the storm water channel, and there are minimum depths by maritime; survey of the seabed to be done, to restore it to same depth as 10 years ago; less silting during last 4 years since pollution sump installed at beginning of stormwater drain at Hipwood & Bradly Ave.; Reducing the number of boats due to wider berths need to be provided, as power boats are now wider for more stability; there will be no boats longer than currently within their leased area; there will be no encroachment into the bay; no bigger boats than the John Oxley.

Milson Precinct thanks applicant for the information

5. General Business:

Matters to be held over until next (Annual General) meeting:

- **Loreto – Update:** Crane & finish of works—plus student Pick-up regime
- **St. Aloysius – Update:** senior school works; further works schedule; pick up regime for Junior School; impact of changes with Burton St closure – traffic flows, pedestrian crossing

6. Trips and Hazards:

Contact NSC directly on 9936 8100. Give details of nearest house number / closest cross street.

7. Milson Historical Snippets:

Clark Road Possibly named after Alderman Edward M. Clark, Major of North Sydney 1892-93 & 1918-19. He was also Mayor of St.Leonards in 1885. On early subdivision plans this road is sometimes called GOVERNMENT ROAD.

SPECIAL NOTE: NEXT MEETING the AGM 7.30 pm Thursday 3 March 2022

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