

Milson Precinct Minutes of Meeting 2 June 2022
Church by the Bridge – 7.30 pm

Chair
JC

Attendance: (15). JC, HB, AR, PR, GG, DB, SC, MR, AR, MB, TB, RB, MB, NA, EB

Guest Speaker: (1) Larissa Penn

Apologies: (6). JN, TD, AB, FH, VB, TB

Acknowledgment of Country

Minutes of 5th May, 2022 meeting:

Motion: Milson Precinct adopts the amended minutes of the meeting 5th May, 2022.

Amendment: (ix). **Jacaranda Festival:** Item 5. The short section of McDougall Street from Hipwood Street to Clark Road, should be half closed on the uphill section, with a barricade and signage stating “Local Residents Only” so as to allow access by residents and property owners to access their off street parking in this short section of McDougall Street while allowing other local residents to park in this area too. This will still allow tourists to use the centre of the road, for elevated photo opportunities with blooms in the background.

Moved By: TB

Seconded By: DB

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Unanimous		

NSC Responses to May Minutes SOA – Summary of Actions – outlined

North Sydney Council to note the amended May minutes item one where there was **NO MOTION** to merge.

1. Migrating to Online Banking

Discussion: JN (treasurer) has suggested that MP migrate from ‘in person only banking’ to online banking.

Motion: MP move from physical, in-person, banking only, to on-line banking; authorising the treasurer and the chair to put that in to motion, with either Westpac or another institution with appropriate governance in place.

Moved By: JC

Seconded By: DB

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**2. Guest Speaker Larissa Penn –
Presentation on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects**

- Should have Public transport centred planning, but WHT & BL has built-in car reliance.
- Build more road capacity- more car reliance. Doesn't fix congestion.
- Not listening to community feedback and concerns, several thousands submissions of objection, plus petition of 11,000.
- Strong community concern- Lung Foundation, Asthma Australia, schools etc.
- Concerns: dredging of Sydney Harbour (SH) (testified that's one of the most contaminated sites in the harbour 'severe risk to SH dredging in that area).
- Metro would not use this same system of tubes as WHT - due to concerns.
- Well designed road tolled tunnels should create negligible impact to the surrounding air quality- this is not the case.
- PM2.5 the particulates that get manages- NS gets the highest increase in result of this project.
- Truck traffic in LGA - 10k per day.
- Cammeray Park- decimated. Reclaimed land, has been filled. When turf was laid at kids playing field, contaminated. No site inspection even when there was a risk assessment. Community groups pushed for proper process.
- Air quality monitors are only due to community activity and movement.
- The penguins at Manly are feared will go deaf from the development.
- Long term impacts are not know
- Cost benefits analysis is unknown. Expected cost is \$20 Billion
- Ben Boyd Road will become a rat run
- 15% reduction Military Road (MR) - 10% reduction MR (based on assumption that MR traffic is going to be at the same level)- questionable claims. Data doesn't support this - MR will stay same level of traffic.
- Two entries points for the tunnels, being at Artarmon and Berry Street.
- TfNSW see WF as a North-South traffic mode, and does not appreciate all the East West traffic movements of the local communities, which will be impacted by the tunnels.
- To solve congestion issues in Northern beaches - means public transport is needed.
- Loss of 3.5k trees, 48 endangered or threatened species, 20 significant Aboriginal sites, plus complete loss of 2 ha of green open space at Cammeray golf Course.
- Project in three stages: WFU (contract let), WHT, BL – no contracts yet.
- Traffic analysis was from 2011, 2016, so already out of date data.
- Local ability to move around will be limited.

WFU – Air quality monitoring drop-in information sessions to be held at Coal Loader on 16 & 17 June 2022.

Motion: Milson Precinct thanks LP for her community work and for coming to share her expertise with us tonight, especially on WHT&BL, WFU as well as the impacts on NS LGA including for Kirribilli residents.

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3. Draft Amendment DCP for Ward St. Precinct

Discussion: The character of an area is not just the built and natural environments, but the feel also. TB (apology) requested that MP

Motion: MP requests more information about how NSC will navigate the Ward Street Upgrade and the Western Harbour Tunnel project on Berry Street. MP requests that NSC review the character statements throughout areas of the LGA, to protect the areas from developers.

Moved By: JC

Seconded By: GG

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4. Community Strategic Plan – submissions by 8.6.22

The plan identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for its future, and details strategies for achieving them. Council prepares the plan in partnership with local residents, students, businesses, educational institutions, non-government organisations and government agencies. Council is the key driver of the plan, but its implementation is the shared responsibility of all community stakeholders. While many of the 'strategies' relate directly to Council activities, some can only be achieved with help from other stakeholders.

DISCUSSION: Encourage everyone to make a submission by 8.6.22 about the things that are important to them – be it parks, the built environment, trees, the village atmosphere.

TB asked that I mention the importance of Area Character Statements for protecting our areas & important for all areas of LGA Ward St, Kirribilli, Neutral Bay etc. they have not been updated or reviewed in many years or decades. This needs to be done, to ensure that the good 'bits' of our areas and the 'feel' of our areas are maintained.

MOTION: Milson Precinct to make the following submission:

Our Strategic Directions - Council should ensure historic items, conservation areas, villages and first peoples sites, are preserved. Also that built and natural environment are in keeping with the locale, with increased quantity and quality of accessible housing for all abilities, as well as increased social and affordable housing for all diverse groups within our community, to be able to be housed within their community.

OUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT:

1.2 Environmentally sustainable community - Council should ensure the capturing of water prior to it reaching the harbour, like at Cammeray Golf Course and Forsyth Park water retention & storage.

1.3 Clean & Green places: Expand urban tree canopy by planting more native trees for the climate. All DA's should be enforced to underground the power poles closest to the site as a standard condition by North Sydney Planning Panel.

1.4. Advocate on behalf of the community at all levels of government against negative impact on our environment of developments and major infrastructure projects - and council should ensure NS community is compensated for these impacts of major infrastructure, development and projects, by improvements - not losses- of green open space, like the WF being covered by green open space.

OUR BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE:

2.1 NSC should review and change the DCP to ensure that 10% of the “additional uplift” of any development - ie 10% of the apartments of the additional floors approved by NSPP for any development; this housing stock to be ‘given’ to NSC to increase the affordable housing stock to meet the needs of the diversity of the community, for local affordable, social housing and transitional housing for women and children escaping domestic violence.

2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport by providing a local bus from ferry stops up through the steep topography to CBD and transport hubs- this includes connected pedestrian and cycle networks for all abilities.

2.4. The Community would like to see the HarbourLink shared cycleway OR SIMILAR be implemented by TfNSW, while going through the WFU upgrade, along with the WHT & BL Tunnel projects. It is a **NOW** or **NEVER** opportunity to be able to have a safe link for all the other municipality’s cycle routes through NS and down to the SHB. This HarbourLink of 3 km, 3 degree gradient, 5m wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists and all wheeled persons with a disability, from Cammeray down to the harbour bridge, with on/off ramps from Cammeray, Neutral Bay, North Sydney etc. This infrastructure will take out topography of NS for all community members to be able to access the city via the bridge.

OUR INNOVATIVE CITY

3.2 Deliver and support smart innovative services to the community; provide solar panels and battery storage to run and support neighbourhoods.

3.3 NSC should review **all** character statements for all community areas, to ensure that there is protection of local areas against developers.

Advocate for and provide affordable housing; as stated before, ensure that 10% of the additional uplift for developers, is provided as affordable housing; do this by changes to the DCP, to enable the NSPP can make it a ‘condition’ of the development.

OUR SOCIAL VITALITY

4.1. Increase, celebrate etc. via the Disability Inclusion Plan. Reduce housing stress via changes to DCP to gain 10% additional housing from developers uplift.

Tap into and utilities the extensive knowledge and skills within the community through volunteering and engagement opportunities.

4.3. Agree with all statements, but need to include and increase in interpretive signage for history and story on Country.

OUR CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.1 Plan to deliver the aspirations of our community : WHT & BL and WFU - deliver HarbourLink or similar at the time of these projects, or the opportunity will be forever lost.

5.3. & 5.4 Community is engaged in what Council does: NSC needs to revert back to meeting practices, to allow more people to be able to engage with Council. Council services are efficient and easy to access - the NSC website and access needs to be modernised and simplified, committee

meetings, council meetings, and briefings need to live streamed and instantly made available for streaming post meetings.

Moved By: JC

Seconded By: EB

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5. NSC Code of Meeting Practices – submissions by 8.6.22

Motion: Milson precinct to reinforce our motion of May meeting, concerning code of meeting practices, MP wishes to ensure that NSC will NOT limit the number of speakers on any one topic, both for or against; nor limit the number of topics that anyone can address NSC on; as well as having these items discussed just prior to the discussion and voting on that matter during the council meeting.

Moved By: JC

Seconded By: GG

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6. Kirribilli Streetscape Committee

Discussion: Kirribilli Streetscapes Committee has been reinstated by NSC. The first meeting is the 26th of July at the Ros Crichton Pavilion at North Sydney Council at 5:30pm and all residents, students and businesses are welcome. If there is anything that you would like to discuss or add to the agenda, contact Council’s Director Engineering & Property Services at ‘duncan.mitchell@northsydney.nsw.gov.au’.

Motion: Milson Precinct would like the Kirribilli Streetscape committee to review the Kirribilli Character Statements in the near future.

Moved By: JC

Seconded By: DB

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7. General Business

(i) Trips and Hazards

Discussion: EB raised the Telstra pit cover outside the Botanist (corner of Broughton and Willoughby Streets) has been incredibly slippery and falls have occurred.

Motion: MP requests NSC investigate anti slip measures on Telstra pits in our precinct.

Moved By: EB

Seconded By: JC

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8. **Information:**

CBUG Update – Community Bike User Group for SHB North access ramp from Bradfield Park North

Fifteen people chosen from 60 responses as a result of 4,500 mail out. Representatives: 10 local, more female than male, some intermittent cyclists, pedestrian with disability, one commuter cyclist from south, some older and younger people. Met for 4 hours on two Saturday, with site visits, to observe traffic, cyclists, pedestrians, roundabout, park usage etc.

Tried to impress the need for dealing with the linkage between the SHB and other cycleways via HarbourLink or like during the WFU; issues of access to Middlemiss Street is not addressed, nor dealing with the roundabout off the bridge. Was assured that this group was only to finesse this design, for which they had funding.

Expressed the concerns of the community for the narrowing of Alfred St, the movement of the bus stops, impacts of additional pedestrian crossing on Alfred Street and Lavender Street, the conflict points of cyclists and pedestrians etc.

Further investigation into HarbourLink proposal- needing to look at the cycleway network holistically, rather than in bits and pieces.

Suggestion to have TfNSW person come to MP meeting after they make the changes as discussed, on the plans.

Bark in the Park

North Sydney Council is excited to be bringing back the pets day out you all know and love. Bark in the Park is a paw-fect day out for dogs, their owners and all animal lovers!

The grass carpet will be rolled out at St Leonards Park from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Sunday 5th June.

Next Meeting:

7th July

Meeting Closed: 9:40