

# Minutes of Waverton Precinct Meeting

## Held on Tuesday 5 July 2022

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm at

Uniting Church Hall

Chair: IG

Minutes: KA

Attendance:10

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting

### Apologies

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### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

Amendment to the minutes of the June meeting had been proposed and discussed prior to the meeting , and were agreed in concept by the Chair, as follows:

In item 5 add:

“The comment was also made that it is inappropriate for Transport NSW to be preparing a separate Masterplan for these parcels of land. First, because they are already part of the Waverton Peninsula public lands for which there is an existing Masterplan. Second, because the Council is the appropriate planning authority to include these lands in that Peninsula Masterplan – not Transport NSW , which is neither a planning nor a public reserve lands management authority.”

In item 6 replace the existing text with the following text:

“The group met in May with the Mayor as the new Chair. The group agreed at the meeting that Council should press the NSW Government to transfer land and maritime titles across as soon as possible, as was resolved last year by Council. The Council would then negotiate the usual occupational agreement with Transport for NSW for the lands required for the WHT project. This is seen as essential to save the Woodleys Shed and buildings becoming ‘demolition by neglect’, so that Council can take immediate action to prevent that outcome.

It was noted the Transport has consistently said the contractor who wins the contract for the WHT project will need to nominate which land and facilities they want for the project before any transfer of not required land occurs. The contractor is expected to be appointed in the second half of this year.

However, the Precinct view is that this is a decision about public land which should be made by the public authorities, who should now decide that the Woodleys buildings are not to be part of the WHT project.”

In items 7 replace the existing text with the following text:

“Concern was expressed that the NSW Government is not appearing to honour the political commitments already made to transfer agreed lands to the care and control of Council; and instead is now talking of TforNSW holding the land titles into the future and leasing land to NSC.

Moved BD, seconded KA

‘That Precinct calls upon Council to press the NSW Government to transfer the Berrys Bay lands to the care and control of Council’

Carried “

Moved BD, seconded KR

*“As amended, the Minutes for the June meeting are accepted”*

Carried

## **2. Response from NSC on matters previously raised**

These were read out and discussed.

It was noted the payment mentioned in item 10 is not made from NSC sourced funds.

## **3. Existing business**

### **a. Rail noise**

BM gave the meeting an update.

While senior executives of Sydney Trains have been involved, the rail noise still an issue and remains unresolved. Transport for NSW has been fined for the excessive noise. Several different actions have been taken including lubricating the line and installing smoother rails, but these the noise abatement measures have not been a permanent fix. The preferred lubricant has still not been trialled.

Consideration is now being given, and quotes obtained, on putting noise barriers in place.

### **b. Floating Dry Dock**

A judgement on this matter is yet to be handed down.

### **c. Waverton Park/Oval/ Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club building may have to be demolished because of asbestos issue. It was considered the site should remain a community resource and further consideration should be given to its redevelopment and future use. It was noted this whole issue probably needs to be discussed again with Council and local views sought as it is an excellent site for a multi use community facility – and could be integrated with an expanded Merretts Playground. In this context the Chair was asked to sound NSC out about

rescheduling the playground upgrade until the question of the site ownership is resolved, as funds may be better allocated to improve all of the site/. It is recognised the playground upgrade is currently scheduled for July/August 2022, subject to the weather.

**d. Berry's Bay land and maritime transfers/ run down wharves and vessels**

A letter has been sent to Maritime from the Precinct regarding dilapidated vessels at the dolphin wharf. We await a response. The Chair will follow up by ringing Maritime.

Others who have written (Union Precinct) have received a reply but not received a satisfactory response. This remains an item of ongoing concern.

**e. Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link projects**

North Sydney Council has written to the State Government requesting a hold be put on these two projects until a further review has been undertaken.

Willoughby Council is seeking the BL project be halted to consider a rail link from Chatswood via the Frenchs Forest and possibly Dee Why be assessed, rather than the road link.

**4. New Business**

**a. Capital Works Program**

North Sydney Council Capital Works Delivery Program was adopted by Council recently. Concern was raised that the community has not had an input to the program. It was considered that Council should be using more modern communication techniques to advise residents directly on these sorts of matters. (rates increases being the other obvious one) .

It was noted that in the past the Capital Works Program had been circulated to Precincts for comment and people from NSC had briefed the meeting.

*Moved KB, seconded JB*

*" That Ward Councillors be invited to a Precinct meeting to talk on the capital works program and discuss what should be the priorities for our area.*

*Carried*

Also discussed was the need to try to find a volunteer(s) as part of Precinct who using more immediate modern communication techniques (like Instagram or Facebook) to keep the community informed and able to be involved in local issues/ campaigns.

**b. DA's**

20 Larkin St – it was noted this has now been approved

22 Tunks St – it was noted amended plans have been submitted

## **5. Other Business**

Green event. A free hands-on sustainability workshop and event is being organised. The flyer is on our noticeboard and interested residents are encouraged to visit [northsydney.nsw.gov.au/subscribe](http://northsydney.nsw.gov.au/subscribe) for more information.

Concern was also expressed about significant tree removed by the Navy along its fence line and ironically the drop off by them on tidying up weed infestations in this same area, which leads to a lot of work by the community volunteers, in this same area.

Meeting closed at 8:53pm precisely.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:30pm. The location will be the Uniting Community in Bay Rd. All residents are welcome.