# WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY 8th October 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

14 people attended the meeting

**APOLOGIES:** 3 were recorded

ATTENDANCE:

#### **COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES**

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 10th September 2020 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 10 in favour, 4 abstentions, 0 against

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Council Response to Precinct's September 2020 Minutes

**DA 176/20 40 Ellalong Road Cremorne** – Precinct Committee's separate DA submission has been received by the Council's Senior Assessment Officer.

**Grasmere Road / Young Street Intersection** – Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that a report was referred to the Council meeting on 22 June 2020 in response to the Mayoral Minute. Council subsequently resolved: 'That this matter be deferred to a Councillor Briefing which will include a representative from the RMS and Council's Engineering and Property Division, to discuss design specifications and limitations at the intersection.' A briefing is being arranged with external parties.

MOTION: Precinct enquires as to the situation in regard to the Councillor Briefing. Has it been held and if so what was the outcome? If not, Precinct requests that a Precinct representative be in attendance at the Councillor Briefing on site which may include consideration of reinstatement of the roundabout at the intersection.

Motion Carried: 13 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

**Primrose Park Tennis Courts** – Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects has advised that the project has been scoped but no budget has been assigned in the current Delivery Program. Council will continue to explore grant opportunities to fund this project. A related Mayoral Minute was included on the Council meeting agenda for 28 September 2020.

**Community Housing Project – New Generation Boarding House –** Precinct comments noted by Council's A/Director Community and Library Services. The project was included on the Council meeting agenda for 28 September 2020 and was approved by Council.

Precinct commends Council on its decision.

**Disclosure Scheme of Private Interests of Councillors and Senior Staff –** Council's Manager Governance & Committee Services has advised that Council is not aware of any audit processes. However the IPC has been checking Council websites to ensure compliance with their Guidelines.

Precinct queries whether the reference to IPC in the response is correct.

- Agenda of the North Sydney Council Meeting to be held on 28 September 2020
- Memorandum of 17 September 2020 Exhibition of draft North Sydney Local
  Infrastructure Contributions Plan on exhibition from 15 September to 3 November 2020.
- **Bushcare Newsletter Spring 2020 –** features an article on Habitat Trees by the Vice Chair also Member Environment Reference Group.
- Parking Restrictions for Waste Collections feedback closes 27 October 2020

Council's Waste Management team has raised concerns that garbage trucks are experiencing difficulties accessing some locations due to vehicles being parked in the street. As a result, Council has proposed parking restrictions on waste collection days in the following streets: Bariston Avenue, Davidson Parade and Ellalong Road.

MOTION: Precinct supports the purpose of the restrictions and defers to the waste contractors with regard to the adequacy of that restriction period.

Motion Carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

**Gerard Street / Macpherson Street Signalisation** 

MOTION: Precinct notes Council is to report on measures to enhance pedestrian safety at the site and requests that such report be expedited before the November Council meeting.

Motion Carried: 13 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

10	Richmond Avenue	DA Plans
15	Richmond Avenue	DA Plans
8	Fernhurst Avenue	DA Plans
10	Shellbank Parade	DA Plans

40 Brightmore Street DA 224/19 Applicant discontinued the appeal for demolition of existing flat building and construction of new residential flat building

#### **BROTHERS PARK**

### **Gardening Storage Shed Proposal**

The Chair provided Precinct with a presentation of the gardening storage shed proposal for Brothers Park. The proposal received unanimous support at the meeting. The proposal would be discussed with an adjoining resident prior to submission to Council.

#### **Park Clutter**

A resident had written to the Chair raising concerns as to the increasing visual clutter in the Park and this concern was echoed by Precinct Vice Chair. The resident was pleased that the proposed gardening storage shed would be located in the gully and not be visible from either Fifth Avenue or the footpath alongside the Park. The resident also had an issue with the location of the red lidded garbage bin and requested Council trim the bottlebrush near the monument.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

## 1. Disrepair of Prospect Avenue Road Surface

A Prospect Avenue resident wishes to lodge a complaint with Council about the dangerous condition of the Prospect Avenue road surface. The resident has requested Precinct *to pose* to Council the question as to when the road will be resurfaced.

#### 2. Recycling issues.

Precinct is reminded that recycling bins (yellow lidded bins) cannot be interchanged with green bins (for green waste) because any recycling material remaining in the bin can contaminate the green waste. It is noted that URM will accept green waste bundled up with string.

With regard to waste, Precinct commends measures in the Federal Budget to ban of the export of paper, plastic, tyres and glass on the basis that 'our waste is our responsibility'. Precinct also notes budget allocation of \$ 250 million funds to support onshore recycling industry, which support harks back to a Precinct motion seeking same which Council put to LGNSW Conference 2019, although their was discussion of the adequacy of the funds amount given the objective sought.

#### 3. Vote of thanks to the Brothers Park gardening group

There was a vote of thanks for the gardening bee team that carried out gardening work in Brothers Park and Fifth Avenue this morning.

#### 4. DA System / PCA/CDC System

In view of ongoing reports of adverse matters raised by neighbours of the 74 Macpherson St site, Precinct observes a dichotomy between the Council DA System and the PCA/CDC System as to extent of notification of developments and available access to plans. Residents are finding the latter system unsatisfactory in these regards and in permitting resident input generally and asks if Council is able to canvass this issue at LGNSW Conference this month, or otherwise with NSW government.

MOTION: Precinct notes the two parallel development systems, being DA and PCA/CDC, and the apparent dichotomies between these systems as to prior notifications and access to plans, and asks that Council consider taking all appropriate and possible measures to align the latter system with the former.

Motion Carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

#### 5. Rangers Commended – complaint Bariston Avenue persistent dog barking

Rangers attended very promptly to a complaint as to barking dogs Bariston Avenue and spoke to resident owners and with some mitigation effect to date.

## 6. Access to Library

A Precinct resident has complained that she was allowed only 2 hours access to the Stanton Library before being excluded and Precinct asks that Library rules on this apparently unsatisfactory situation be clarified.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 12 November 2020

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