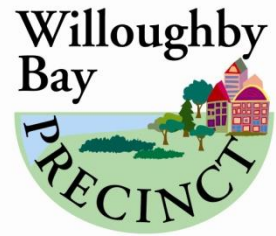


# **WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**

**PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM**



## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD** **THURSDAY 13th February 2020** **COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 30 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 6 were recorded  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** Cr. Jilly Gibson Mayor of North Sydney  
**INVITEES:** Kristy Head (Monadelphous) NSOOS  
Craig Oliver (Monadelphous) Project Manager NSOOS

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 12th December 2019 meeting were adopted

*Motion carried: 12 in favour, 18 abstentions, 0 against*

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items arising from the Minutes

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- **Council Response to Precinct's December 2019 Minutes**

**Grasmere Road Young Street Intersection** – Council's formal response was that Council has no plans to reinstate the roundabout and as such cannot provide detailed costings. (*Refer item 1 General Business Item 1 for Precinct discussion & motion.*)

**Emptying of Bins** - refer to Council's updated response to related action from November 2019.

#### **Ward Boundaries (Mayoral Letter of 11 December 2019) - UPDATE (22 January 2020)**

Council resolved at its meeting of 20 January 2020 that Council:

1. Adopt the North/South two (2) Ward boundary proposal as exhibited.
2. Confirm that the Wards be named St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal (South).

#### **Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes (22 Nov 2019)**

Comments noted.

**Footpaths Covered in Leaf Litter** – Council advised area was cleaned on or before 29 January 2020.

#### **Gerard Street/Macpherson Street Pedestrian Crossing Count**

A Precinct member had written on 20 January 2020 to Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, advising that one reason why the pedestrian crossing count was low was because pedestrians were crossing at the Middle Harbour School crossing to avoid the dangerous crossing at Gerard Street/Macpherson Street. Another member indicated that thus the area is thus served by this crossing and one at Bennelong and Gerard, and that project support is not unanimous. However, the Mayor will continue to lobby for signalisation on behalf Precinct. The Mayor has invited Precinct members to attend the Traffic Committee meetings and state their concerns.

- **North Sydney Council Extraordinary Meeting Agenda (20 January 2020)**
- **Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda & Papers (7 February 2020)**
- **Notice Public Domain Upgrade Cremorne Garden Plaza to Macpherson St**
- **Government Bus Privatisation – Premiers Reply (10 January 2020)**

**MOTION: Precinct requests the Chair to write back to the Premier asking for a specific answer to Precinct’s concerns that the #243 Bus will not be reduced or cut completely.**

***Motion Carried: 26 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against***

- **Volunteer Grants 2020 EOI**

Chair declared a conflict of interest.

Precinct on 6 February 2020 submitted an EOI to Trent Zimmerman for a volunteer grant of \$3,680 for garden tools and storage shed to be used by Precinct’s volunteer gardening team.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

110 Macpherson Street	DA Plans
35 Ellalong Road	DA Plans
10 Shellbank Parade	DA Approved
31 Richmond Avenue	DA Approved
68 Ellalong Road	DA Approved

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Guest Speaker Cr. Jilly Gibson - Mayor of North Sydney**

**Ward Boundaries**

In January 2020, Council resolved for 2 Wards (North Ward - St Leonards and South Ward – Cammeraygal) to take effect from the September Council Election.

170 submissions were received during public consultation.

Council’s argument for North / South Wards was best because it allows for the extra growth which is earmarked for St Leonards and Crows Nest and is close as possible to equal population numbers.

**Grasmere Road / Young Street Intersection**

A number of Precinct members raised concerns about the safety of the intersection. Discussion on this agenda-recurring matter occupied much of Mayor-Precinct discussion time.

**MOTION: Precinct calls on the Mayor to put a Mayoral Minute to Council to reinstate the roundabout.**

***Motion Carried: 23 in favour, 4 abstentions, 1 against***

## **Intersection Safety Hazard – Poor Visibility Due to Traffic Island Vegetation**

Precinct is concerned over the lack of visibility and the hazard this causes drivers on the corner of Park Street and Ernest Street adjoining the tennis courts. A similar problem exists on the corner of Earle Street and Young Street.

**Precinct requests the Mayor to ask Council’s gardening team to trim these plants please.**

## **Food Waste**

The Mayor will present a Mayoral Minute to Council this month where residents can opt into a food waste service which will collect food waste for composting, as it comprises a large part of red bin waste. A resident raised concern that withdrawal of overseas markets for our recycle waste was causing diversion of some to landfill, although government funding for local projects will hopefully mitigate this in due course.

## **2. Brothers Memorial Park -Monadelphous Update**

Monadelphous Kristy Head and Craig Oliver, Project Manager, Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (NSOOS) briefed Precinct on the project status. Repairs to the tunnel, from Quakers Hat Bay to Brightmore Reserve, started in July 2017 and is expected to finish by the end of 2021. The shipping container at WH Brothers Memorial Park is for ventilation purposes to ensure constant air flow for the workers in the tunnel.

Kristy explained that with an extreme weather event and high flows of water in the tunnel, as Sydney has recently experienced, work has to be temporarily suspended and this allows the Monadelphous team to help Precinct with regard to landscaping and upgrade of the park.

**Precinct thanked Monadelphous for all the fantastic assistance they have provided to Council and Precinct for work at the park.**

## **3. Special Rate Variation**

No response from Council as yet.

## **4. Hybrid Turf Trial at Primrose Park**

A resident expressed concern at apparent lack of prior public consultation on this turf trial.

**Precinct will be monitoring and asks Council for a report on the outcome of the turf trial prior to any extension or further implementation**

## **5. Brothers Park Update**

A resident advises that Ramin from Bushcare in Council has advised that even with all the hot weather, 99% of the new plantings have survived.

## **6. Rate Instalment Notices**

A Precinct member has suggested that instead of rate instalment reminder notices being mailed out each quarter, the one initial notice simply have four tear-off slips.

**Precinct suggests this may possibly save Council a 6 or 7 figure sum annually, and asks Council to consider review and implementation**

## 7. Change in Precinct Meeting starting times

A Precinct member referred to the practice of an earlier starting time at some other Precincts; perhaps 6.30pm or 7pm. However a show of hands indicated 7.30pm suited most members.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 12th March 2020

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