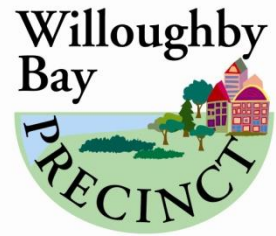


WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD **THURSDAY 12th March 2020** **COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: 16 people attended the meeting
APOLOGIES: 4 were recorded
GUEST SPEAKER: Cr. Jessica Keen - Victoria Ward Councillor

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 13th February 2020 meeting were adopted.

Motion carried: 11 in favour, 5 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- **Council Response to Precinct's February 2020 Minutes**

Grasmere Road / Young Street Intersection - Council at its 24 February 2020 meeting considered the Mayoral Minute: Bring Back the Roundabout and resolved:

1. That Council prepare a report to identify the costs of reinstating the roundabout.
2. That consideration be given to improving pedestrian access in the new design.

Intersection Safety Hazard - Poor Visibility Due to Traffic Island Vegetation

Issues are at the Corner of Park Street and Ernest Street and the corner of Earle Street and Young Street. Council's maintenance team will action as necessary.

Food Waste - Council at its 24 February 2020 meeting considered the Mayoral Minute: Diverting Food Waste from Landfill and resolved: That staff prepare a report that includes information on costs, community interest and smart phone applications.

Hybrid Turf Trial at Primrose Park - recommendations made by the Sport and Recreation Reference Group on 19 August 2019 were adopted by Council at its meeting held 23 September 2019.

Rate Instalment Notices - Council has advised that Precinct's suggestion, of one initial notice having four tear-off slips, is not possible due to legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

- **Minutes of the North Sydney Council Traffic Committee Meeting held on 22 Nov 2019**
- **Agenda and Minutes of the North Sydney Council Meeting held on 24 February 2020**
- **Memorandum 28 February 2020 - Precinct System Review - Commencement Stage 1**

- **Annual Office Bearer Induction Session 24 March 2020**

Scheduled for Tuesday 24 March 2020, but now postponed.

- **Business Proposed to be Transacted at Traffic Committee Meeting on 20 March 2020**

Please refer to Item 2 General Business.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

4 Lloyd Avenue DA Plans (Amended)

6 Shellbank Parade DA Approved

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Guest Speaker Cr. Jessica Keen - Victoria Ward Councillor

- **Special Rate Variation**

Precinct Chair summarised Council's response provided to CPC on 18 February 2020. Council's response confirms that:

1. The residential ad valorem rate was increased by 9.5%.
2. Council's advice that the increase in the business rates was 8.3%, based on reports to Council is not accepted. In the North Sydney Council's IPART – Part A wk2 – Notional General Income, the business rates for 2018/19 were quoted as \$16,918,674. The increase from 2018/19 (\$16,918,674) to 2019/20 (\$17,590,534) is 3.97%, using the comparative information included in Council's IPART submission. Council advised IPART that the increase in the business rates would be 3.97%.
3. Council advised residential rate payers that their rates would go up by 7%, but the SRV application was to increase the average residential rate pool by 7% without making it clear that the ad valorem residential rate would increase by 9.5% and the residential rate pool by 9.1%.
4. Council's advice of the cumulative increases over 3 years confirms the higher rate increases levied on residential rate payers.
5. The excessive increase in the residential ad valorem rate is due to a combination of Council's 60/40 total income split and the number of residential properties on the minimum rate.

MOTION: The response from Council at the CPC of 18 February 2020 confirms Precinct's view that the Residential Ad Valorem rate has increased by 9.5%. However residential rate payers and the Precinct were told that residential rates would go up by 7%. Precinct does not believe were told that the 7% was the average rate increase and that many residential rate payers would have increases of 9.5%. Precinct requests an explanation and asks whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years.

Motion Carried: 15 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

- **Grasmere Road / Young Street Roundabout Reinstatement**

Precinct welcomed Council's decision to reinstate the roundabout. Noting that after Mayoral Minute the decision goes back to Council and Traffic Committee.

- **Precinct System Review**

Council has issued a North Sydney Community Precinct System Discussion Paper and an Amended Code of Conduct – Precinct Office Bearers and Members. Documents are on Public Exhibition from 12 March 2020 to 9 July 2020. PW & LT were provided hard copies for review.

- **Ward System**

A 3 Ward structure applies until Council elections 12 Sept 2020. After elections it is a 2 Ward structure: St Leonards and Cammeraygal Wards. Not all Councillors favoured the proposed structure.

- **Young Street Closure**

Discussion of this trial which some residents opposing the concept as further restricting local traffic movement.

- **Western Harbour Tunnel**

Residents in North Sydney are being impacted by the Western Harbour Tunnel proposal, in particular:

- Alterations to traffic arrangements at Falcon Street, St Leonards Park, Cammeray, High Street and Berry Street.
- Entry to the Harbour Bridge via Ernest Street will be lost and residents will be forced onto Military Road and Falcon Street to access the Harbour Bridge.
- Cammeray Golf Club will lose 30% of its land permanently.
- Part of St Leonards Park will be occupied during the 5 year construction period.
- Exit and entry Points are not in local residents' favour.

A public forum is scheduled for Hutley Hall 4-7pm 26 March.

Deadline for community input is 30 March 2020 on Transport of NSW's website.

Hybrid Turf Trial Results

Report from Sport and Recreation will *be delivered* Monday 16 March 2020.

Precinct requested a copy when available and it was agreed it should also be considered by Environment Reference Group.

Food Waste

Precinct regarded unanimous Mayoral Minute as progress but discussion was on supplementary action also to attack the problem at source, by Council education of households along reduce, reuse, recycle principles.

Edible Garden Trail

Resident reminded all that this is scheduled throughout northern Sydney for 21-22 March

2. Gerard / Macpherson Street Signalisation

Precinct noted the draft motion on the Traffic Committee agenda for 20 March; that should TNSW advise that no variation to warrants can be applied to the proposed Traffic Control Signals at the intersection between Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, that the project be removed as a Standing Item on the North Sydney Traffic Committee.

MOTION: Precinct has been pursuing the signalisation of Gerard / Macpherson Street since 1999 and objects strongly to the possibility that due to a perceived lack of numerical warrants in pedestrian usage, the safety of the residents of North Cremorne will continue to be jeopardised by the non-signalisation of this intersection and Precinct strongly urges Council to maintain it as a Standing Item as a priority for signalisation.

Motion Carried: 13 in favour, 2 abstentions, 1 against

3. Brothers Park Update

RL reported that Monadelphous has finished Phase 2 - a beautiful job.

4. Volunteer Grants 2020 EOI

Precinct Chair submitted the application for a volunteer grant of \$3,680 for garden tools and storage shed to be used by Precinct's volunteer gardening team.

5. Cancellation of April Precinct Meeting

Given unavailability of some of Precinct's Office Bearers together with the threat from Coronavirus, it was agreed that the April Precinct Meeting, be cancelled.

Motion Carried: 15 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against

6. Rat Infestation at Cremorne Plaza

A Precinct member has noticed that there appears to be a rat infestation in the vicinity of Cremorne Plaza.

7. Government Bus Privatisation

Precinct Chair has yet to hear from the Premier regarding Precinct's concerns that #243 Bus service will not be reduced or cut completely.

8. Graffiti Concerns

The Vice Chair has reported that the electrical substation on the corner of Montague Road and Macpherson Street is festooned with graffiti.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May 2020

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