

# Waverton Precinct Minutes

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

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Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Chair: IB

Minutes: IG

Attendance: 11

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from DA, KA and SA

### 2. Existing Business

#### a) Replies from Council

Precinct had not passed many resolutions lately. Chairman to carry out an audit of the last 3 months minutes to identify those resolutions and issues that should be progressed with Council. The Chair noted that North Sydney have commissioned a review of the Precinct System in late 2018/2019

#### b) Upgrade of computer systems

There have been two meetings with the head of 'Friendlyware' and we are registering domain names and will soon populate a template homepage. With the assistance of the Highline Association we are getting all emails onto a database so we can send out meeting notices, updates on key campaign issues etc. The intent is to have something live by end August. We will also have links to our various campaign websites (for example, the "Save Berry's Bay" campaign) and to local community activities like 'The Hub'.

#### c) Ross Street upgrade

The Chair had nothing new to report on this item. Council to advise latest timetable.

#### d) NSC Public Domain strategy meetings

Precinct members had attended these meetings. Awaiting consultants report to Council.

#### e) Combined precincts meeting with NSC planners

The Chair noted the comments from last meeting that the precincts have been discussing the seeming lack of integration of the various 'high impact projects' in the North Sydney CBD for several months and approached Councillor Zoe Baker to set up a briefing session with relevant NSC staff. That meeting took place in early June and we were impressed by the work underway within NSC, particularly on traffic management, pedestrian access and a possible new Ward St. precinct overhaul into a 'cultural hub' for the NSC area.

The Precinct lodged a submission against the Victoria Cross Over Station Development (OSD) proposed for the Sydney Metro station and our submission was also used by other Precincts as the basis of their own submissions.

Various speakers also addressed the last Council meeting on this DA and as a result the Council decided to ask for a halt to allow more input around what is proposed to be built above the railway station and for NSC staff to modify their draft briefing paper accordingly.

The Precincts on the western side of the CBD have also registered a new Association to facilitate a higher level of discussion about, and more integrated planning within and around, the North Sydney CBD and it has had its first meeting and appointed its Board. The President is IG and the Vice President is MP with the Secretary and the Treasurer coming from the other founding Precinct executives.

The Chair advised that NSC is hosting a “Thank you to the Precincts” on 5 August.

#### f) Floating Dry Dock

A question was asked about the current status of this issue. It was reported that NSC has engaged design experts ‘Architectus’ to prepared advice to it on the proposal, and implicitly for that advice to be made available to the Joint Regional Planning Panel. As far as we know the expectation is still for this DA to be decided in the late August-October period.

### **3. New Business**

#### a) HMAS Waterhen

The Base Commander briefed the meeting on the intention to build a new small wharf to the north of the existing large wharves. This will be much more like a marina- style wharf with 4 fixed piles and a low floating deck. It should be completed late this year.

#### b) Committee for North Sydney

The Chair noted this group has also been formally established and had its first meeting. It will be launched publicly in mid July. The Convenor is JD. It was noted it is likely the remit for this group will also cover the developments in Crows Nest – once again, probably initially focussed on the OSD above the Metro station - not just the CBD of North Sydney.

#### c) NSC procedural changes for Precincts

It was noted NSC has issued new attendance sheets, a standard form for commenting on DAs, a change in the timing for Precincts to comment on DAs, plus new guidance notes around operational funding and MOUs. It was also noted that Waverton will ask this year for the subsidy for administrative expenses from NSC, to cover costs associated with creating and changing over to a new website and the monthly cost associated with the hosting of such sites, which is small.

### **4. Development Applications**

There were several new DAs.

Most seem fairly straightforward, though it was noted that one (DA 190/18) has already been rejected by NSC’s Design Excellence Panel.

An update was given by PY on the status of the contentious DA for 4-6 Mackay St. which goes before the Independent Planning Panel at NSC tomorrow afternoon. Concerned residents were requested to register to speak and to go along.

## **5. Other Business**

There were complaints about the lack of consultation about a clearance operation on the top level of Carradah Park last week and a lack of information on what NSC intends to do next on that site.

Moved KA Seconded SF

“That the Precinct complains to the Council about the lack of any advice to either the immediately adjacent residents or to the Precinct about the recent tree clearing on the top of Carradah Park in Larkin Street; and request advice on what if anything is the plan for replacement vegetation in that area”

Carried

The Bushcare Coordinator suspected the likely plan is to put in grasses as used recently in Balls Head Rd. associated with the new curb and guttering there.

## **6. Next meeting**

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th August.