

Waverton Precinct AGM Minutes

Tuesday 4 December 2018



Meeting Opened: 7.15pm
Chair: IB
Minutes: IG
Attendance: 28

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from SF.

Mayor JG and Councillor ZB were also present as invited guests.

2. Existing Business

The Chair gave a review of the 2018 year, noting major milestones like:

- the official Opening of the Coal Loader Platform, which has subsequently won 5 major Awards including 'Best New Park' in Australia
- the campaign ("Say No to Noakes") against a floating dry dock in Berry's Bay which has resulted in the DA being dismissed by Council
- the cancellation by the State Government of the development rights for a marina redevelopment in Berry's Bay, after a decade of ridiculous DAs, non achievement by the developer of any consensus with Council or the community, and the ongoing neglect of the area and the disintegration of wharves and jetties
- the creation of the 'Committee for North Sydney' to assist Precincts with their efforts to improve the North Sydney city centre in this decade of major rebuilding, with a new rail station to open in 2020

The Deputy Chair reported on major projects in the year, like:

- the creation of a Waverton Precinct website and the conversion over to online communication with attendees
- the status of the Sydney Harbour Highline project
- the public rally about over development held on 10 November and the ongoing campaign which has resulted from that success

The Treasurer reported on the financial position of the Precinct, which remains healthy with only minor expenditure

3. New Business

- a) NSC proposed rate increase

KA spoke to this item, which is currently out for public consultation. He considers that NSC has a 'false base', which is the years before possible Council amalgamations in which they had a massive and deliberate rise expenditure on capital works, compared to normal levels.

Furthermore, the documents say Council relies on income from rates for 50% of their income but their own detailed reports show this figure is more like 38% - that is, the Council already gets most of its income from other than rates. He noted Council will be receiving enormous \$7.11 inflows with all the building work going on in North Sydney and in Crows Nest. He noted Council already meets or better all the financial KPIs set by the Department of Local Government.

“Waverton Precinct opposes any rate increase until Council can clearly explain why such a massive increase is necessary. Precinct requests the GM or the CFO of Council attend a Precinct meeting early in 2019 to explain the modelling and the need. Precinct should advise other Precincts of its opposition to the proposed rate increase and the reasoning behind that stance”

Moved KA
Seconded BD
Carried unanimously

b) Election of Office Bearers for 2019

The returning officer, Base Commander NW took the Chair and conducted the election of office bearers. In each case there was a nominee, a seconder, and confirmation that the person was willing to take on the duties. The results were as follows:

Chair	IG
Deputy Chair	JD
Secretary	vacant
or	
Minutes Secretary	vacant
and	
Correspondence Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	RO
Website Coordinator	SF
DA Evaluator	MP

On behalf of the meeting the new Chair thanked the retiring Chair, IB, for his great effort, leadership, mentoring and achievements over the last 3-year period.

4. Next meeting

The next Precinct meeting is on 5 February 2019 at the Waverton Uniting Church Hall, 75 Bay St. Waverton. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.