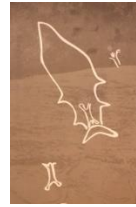


Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 5th March 2019



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Meeting Opened: 7.40pm
Chair: IG
Minutes: IG
Attendance: 18

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from IB and JD.

2. Existing Business

a) Replies from Council

The Chair noted NSC has already provided answers to the items raised last meeting by Waverton Precinct as its 'issues for 2019', but as the answer to many of these is "Noted" and then "Closed for Council" we really have no idea of what this actually means. So, the Chair will follow these up with Council. These items will be reported on individually under 'Existing Business', in future.

It was noted that the Combined Precincts had achieved no common position on the proposed Rates increase and so now the Precinct will have to put its own submission to IPART.

The reply from Council on the park benches in Waterhen Drive was also tabled.

All Correspondence received since the last meeting, including any NSC meeting minutes and Precinct e-News, was tabled and circulated during the meeting.

b) Rates Increase proposal

The Chair will draft a note to IPART based on the points made to the December meeting by KA.

c) Metro OSDs and related development in North Sydney and in Crows Nest

The current focus of this issue has moved to the Crows Nest station and all the consequential other developments being suggested right across the western side of that suburb, more than North Sydney. Partly as a result of the "OVERDEVELOPMENT – we're OVER it!" campaign, a State record number of individual submissions about the Metro development and the rezoning application has been the result, with over 650 submissions received by DoPE by the closing date - and none of these were in support.

A public Rally in Ernest Place took place on 23 February with around 500 attendees. Unfortunately all 3 local State MPs declined to attend, but speakers were there from the Labor Party, the Greens, and the independent candidates in the seats of North Shore and Lane Cove.

A fast emerging issue is also the development proposals for the area now called 'South St Leonards' (across the highway from the hospital and oval and behind the Medical Centre, bounded by the rail line and River Road) and attendees were advised they will probably start to

hear more about this area. All owners have apparently sold up to a single property development company.

d) Waverton Peninsula Committee update

The Council is moving on our suggestion for installing some more benches on the way down to the Coal Loader, and reorienting existing benches in Carradah Park to get better views over the Bay. It was noted again by the meeting that shading, benches and toilets on the Coal Loader platform ("Stage 2" as we have called it) remain a priority and the Precinct needs to lobby NSC for these.

e) Other standing committee updates

IL reported on the current status of the 'Rail Noise' campaign, noting that although Sydney Trains is rolling out a track lubrication system as a result of the studies done last year near Wollstonecraft station, they are giving no priority to the worst section for squealing on the entire network : the track around and between Waverton and Wollstonecraft stations. He noted the committee is also requesting Sydney Trains to install soft pads as they maintain this section of track, to further quieten the noise. He noted the Committee has upgraded its website to enable people to directly contact their local MPs about this campaign (noting that the Member for North Shore has already been supportive of the campaign, generally). It was:

Moved IL

Seconded MP

"That Waverton Precinct give the Rail Noise committee access to the Waverton Precinct Attendees contact list for the committee to be able to contact them directly prior to the State election about supporting their current campaign for lubricators and soft pads to be installed promptly by Sydney Trains to further reduce rail noise"

Carried unanimously

There were no other updates from other standing committees. It was noted the Waverton Bowling Club issue does not seem to have moved in the month and the chair will follow up with the liquidator, NSC, the Hub, and the owners of the land to see what, if anything, is happening.

It was also noted the Precinct strongly supports the Lavender Bay Precinct's campaign to clear Henry Lawson Drive of its last house and the slipway and turn this into public green space. It was noted the State Government has the power to compulsorily resume the site and there are funds to do so in the Sydney Region Development Fund. It should simply get on with that step, asap.

3. New Business

a) Wondakiah marina

PD, chair of the Wondakiah marina strata association, explained to the meeting the problem they have with silt build up at their private marina. NSC has confirmed it is their responsibility to clean this up, have a report by their engineers (which was tabled to the meeting), but for 2 years have said they have no budget to undertake the task.

As a result, the vessels at berths 1 and 2 now cannot exit the marina. It was:

Moved PD

Seconded KA

"That Waverton Precinct supports requests from Wondakiah Marina Strata for urgent dredging works on lot 1 and lot 2 of SP 58231 (located at 18 Gas Works Rd, Wollstonecraft) and seeks advice as to when this task will be completed. Further, Precinct requests NSC build general periodic monitoring and if needed, dredging, of the silt level in this marina into their forward Program of Works"

Carried unanimously

b) NSC decision on public access and speaking rights at Council meetings

The letter from the GM of NSC on this point was tabled and discussed. Attendees thought the limit of '2 for, 2 against' will prove unworkable in practice. The Chair undertook to adopt the practice of checking with other Precincts on intended speakers on items of interest the day before the Council meetings, to try to work within that parameter and not waste peoples' time by turning up and then not being permitted to address the Councillors.

c) Development Applications

There were no DAs.

4. Community Activities

Nothing specific was reported, so attendees were referred to the village notice board.

5. Correspondence

There were no issues, not already dealt with, arising from the Correspondence.

6. Any Other Business

a) 'Meet the Candidates'

The Precinct in the past has arranged a 'meet the candidate' session, usually at the regular Precinct meeting. Unfortunately this has not occurred this time and the consensus was we now could not organize this session in the time left before the election on March 23. As nobody knew of any scheduled public forum, the Chair undertook to contact other Precinct Chairs tomorrow to see if they knew of any scheduled events.

b) Secretary

The Precinct remains without a Secretary and for the second meeting in a row the Chair has to double as the Secretary. This is not a major issue, but it is better if someone is focused on consolidating the correspondence and doing the minutes as the meeting progresses. As a result KA and AG offered to do 2 meetings in the year each and it is known from the last meeting that SF is also willing to do this too. So, AG will act as the Minutes Secretary at the April meeting.

7. Date for Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2 April commencing at 7:30 pm, at the Uniting Community Hall in Bay Rd.