

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 2nd April 2019



WAVERTON

2060

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm
Chair: IG
Minutes: SF
Attendance: 10 plus 1 guest

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from PK, DA and RW.

2. Floating Dry Dock DA

This business was brought forward to allow a presentation by KS who was speaking on behalf of the 'Say No To Noakes' action group.

DA 57/19 has been lodged with a comment closure date of April 23.

Issues raised included:

- **Noise:** Despite the new DA including elevated side walls and end noise curtains, concern was expressed that the work would still be noisy, and because it is offshore, would be a nuisance to more people than onshore work.
- **Spray painting:** Concern was raised regarding the escape of paints and solvents when there is some breeze.
- **Visual:** The FDD is now bulkier and the noise curtains will add to the impression of bulk. It was noted the Heritage issue also looks like a pretty thin argument – that large boats have previously been in the Bay – and should be addressed.
- **Compliance:** It was noted that Noakes has, in the past, had a “relaxed” approach to compliance with regulations regarding the above matters, but has been fined only rarely.
- **On water work:** The existing approval excludes work on floating craft, presumably to prevent noise etc emanating from out in the Bay. The proposal is in contradiction with this approval.

Motion: *“That Precinct update its previous submission to respond to the new DA, addressing all matters not resolved. The submission is to, inter alia, address the need for a compliance strategy to be firmly implemented by the shipyard, which would include having the curtains closed for relevant work, even if it is hot etc.”*

Moved SF; Seconded KA Passed unanimously.

Motion: *“That Precinct allocate \$500 from funds donated for the purposes of the ‘Saving Berrys Bay’ campaign, to facilitate the preparation of photo montages.”*

Moved KA Seconded SF Passed

It was noted we have a large “Save Berrys Bay” banner. KA is to investigate with NSC whether this can be deployed and if so, where. Several attendees also asked KS for placards to put in their own front gardens.

3. Existing Business

- a) Replies from Council

The Chair noted NSC has classed most issues raised by the Precinct as its priorities for 2019 as “Noted; Closed for Council”. On enquiry the Chair was advised that most of the matters were

considered not sufficiently clear or specific to allow Council to make determinations. The Chair offered to prepare specific and clear motions for consideration at the next meeting.

b) Correspondence

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

c) Wondakiah Siltation

Council has advised that RMS is responsible for dredging and is in negotiation with them regarding siltation at the marina. The Chair will facilitate a meeting if this looks likely to be beneficial to getting faster action to get the marina berths cleaned up.

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

No news except that it was considered by those present that it is still not too late for negotiations direct with the companies which win the tenders for over-station development (e.g. Lend Lease at Victoria Cross) to achieve a better outcome for the community.

e) Bowling Club

It was noted the Waverton Bowling Club is closed and that Council has undertaken to carry out maintenance until such time as a new use is found for the site.

4. New Business

a) Sharing of circulation list

The Chair noted that Council had censured Precinct for sharing its circulation list with the Waverton Wollstonecraft Rail Noise Action Group. A reply that this group operates in part under the banner of Waverton Precinct and the matter had been voted upon at a Precinct meeting was not considered by NSC as sufficient reason for sharing the list.

The Council advice was noted and it was agreed that the Chair would contact the local Member in taking action in support of the objectives of WWRNAG.

b) Navy wharf

The XO, Waterhen advised that work will commence soon on a new floating pontoon style marina arm. This will be located virtually in line with the public steps down the northern side of the Base. Works are expected to run from 8 April to May 28. Piling will use vibropile techniques to minimise nuisance noise.

c) Development Applications

DA 1 Turks Avenue: This is apparently a minor modification to an existing approved DA and Precinct will not make an input.

Ross Street traffic calming

Motion: *“Precinct is to request a site meeting with the Council’s Traffic Engineer to discuss concerns regarding traffic speed in the street.”*

Moved RO , Seconded VY Passed

d) **Community Activities**

Nothing specific was reported - apart from upcoming bushwork by student volunteers, so interested attendees were referred to the village notice board.

It was noted more volunteers for the Bushcare work would be welcome.

5. Date for Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

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