

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 2 March 2021



WAVERTON

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The second meeting of the year was held at the Uniting Church Hall with correspondence laid out for viewing, gloves and hand sanitizer available in accordance with COVID rules. Further, QR Code check-in was available, as provided by the Uniting Church.

Meeting opened: 7.40pm
Chair: IG
Minutes: SF
Attendance: 12

1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being held under COVID rules with a QR Code available for checkin.

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies included KA, JD, PK and DA.

2. Correspondence and Minutes of Last Meeting

The correspondence having been made available for viewing prior to and during the meeting:

Moved VY

Seconded AG

“The Minutes and correspondence be accepted”

Vote: In favour 12 / Against 0. Carried

3 North Sydney Council replies

The replies are summarised below:

Noakes and Floating Dry Dock

There is currently no active proposal to install the dry dock in Berrys Bay

Council replied to last meeting’s request for information regarding discussions with Noakes, that they are unable to supply same. The feeling of the meeting was that the discussions should be considered to be in the public interest and the outcomes should be released.

NSC said that Noakes is required to comply with existing DAs and other regulations which pertain. Residents are requested to advise of any observed breaches.

Regarding the jetty, it was noted that negotiations continue.

In relation to the sheds DA, Precinct’s comments were noted.

Speed Limit in Waverton Village

NSC advised that implementation is subject to TfNSW zone funding.

Moved HB, Seconded BD

“That Precinct request that the next Traffic Committee seeks concurrence for the proposal and for TfNSW to authorise funding for implementation.”

Vote: In favour 12 / Against 0. Carried

4. Reports from Committees

WWRNAG:

Trials of the Slovenian lubrication system are pending, but with an approved budget for implementation next year. The trial is proposed to last 6 months. Trials would include braking tests for trains to check for negative effects of lubrication.

Waverton Peninsula Working Group

It was reported that NSC had voted unanimously in favour of a motion supporting the transfer of lands to the NSC administered trust, and also that the Sydney Heritage Fleet proposal should be supported. To these ends, NSC will engage with State Government.

In relation to the Heritage Fleet, it was noted that residents in 3 Balls Head Road were supportive in principle but wished to see any carpark have a green roof. It was noted that this has been part of Precinct’s policy for any redevelopment in the area. The views of Precinct are to be fed back to NSC, with a request that action should be undertaken urgently with a view to resolving land ownership issues before the area is passed to the WHT contractor for several years.

Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link

It was reported that the Western Harbour Tunnel project has now been formally approved and funded by the State Government.

The Beaches Link EIS has now closed. Precinct made a submission in support of the principles enunciated for the WHT and raised by resident groups further east. It was the feeling of the meeting that even if the WHT is built, the money for the Beaches Link could be better deployed on public transport corridors.

5 General DAs

- DA 11&13/216 Noakes sheds. These have been previously opposed
- DA 19/21 110 – 122 Walker St. A 50 storey building is proposed, further obliterating the CBD
- DA 26/21 37 Carr St: No comment
- DA 61/20 85 Bay Rd This has been approved with conditions
- Developments along Pacific Hwy and on Crows Nest triangle The meeting heard that developments here will further alienate the scale of Crows Nest from the “village” feel beloved of residents.

6 New Items

Treasurer role – Call for nominations

Ron Osborne has unfortunately been forced to relinquish his role due to family commitments. Precinct would appreciate anyone prepared to carry out this role, which is of modest time demand, to please contact us by email to the Chair or Secretary.

Community Activities

It was reported that the Artisan market at the Coal Loader had been very successful.

Navy Matters

The opportunity was taken of the presence of two officers from HMAS Waterhen to address the need for ongoing weed removal from the pocket of bushland within their fenceline. The representatives agreed to look into this.

A second issue raised was the occurrence of nuisance reverberations experienced by residents of Wondakiah, thought to emanate from Waterhen or its resident ships. Navy to investigate this.

Excessive speed and lack of concern for pedestrians by motorcycles speeding away from Waterhen at knockoff was also raised. Again, Navy will stress to its personnel the need for good community behaviour in order for the social licence of the base to be maintained.

7. Other Business

It was noted that one of the big four banks is closing its Crows Nest branch, which is deeply regretted by existing customers. Customers are expected to vote with their feet (and accounts).

8 Date of next meeting April 6 2021

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.