

MINUTES OF BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING
2 JUNE 2013: 10AM to 12 MIDDAY
OCEAN ROOM BONDI BEACH PAVILION

Meeting opened at 10.15am

Chairperson: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. **Welcome:** Bondi Beach Precinct acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We also acknowledge Aboriginal Elders both past and present.

Apologies: Joanne Jakovich, Cr Wakefield , Cr Clayton

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted unanimously propose Lenore Kulakauskas Second Hugh Norton

3. Business arising

A special meeting was called to collate ideas for submission on Bondi Beach Park and Pavilion Plan of Management on 20 May 2013. Submission successfully lodges as a result of this meeting – available to view on www.bondibeachprecinct.com

4. Why get involved in the Precinct?

direct communication with council
feedback from Council assured
build social ties in the community

5. Issues Precinct deals with

DA's impacting on the community
The use of the Beach Park and Pavilion
Input into new Council policies
Traffic & safety issues

6. General Discussion

What are the benefits of Amalgamation?

Concerns:

- people will lose the ability to be heard as a community
- less communication and interaction with councilors
- separation between community and council will increase

Cr Wy Kanak commented that the main reason given for the amalgamation is for financial efficiency however there is no justification for the financial benefit given in the report.

- financial cost of bringing all the councils together
- comment about other states such as Victoria and QLD and countries such as NZ where amalgamation especially in Auckland has lead to a deficit in council funds.
- Loss of access to speak to Mayor and Deputy Major, majority agree this access is valued.

- Loss of local issues being heard.
- Comment made that most of the issues Malcolm Turnbull comes across when door knocking are local government issues.

ACTIONS:

1. LK to organise a meeting with Mayor Betts within the next 2 weeks to advise why she thinks it's a good idea for the 3 councils (Randwick, Woollahra, and Waverley) to amalgamate
2. Encourage residents to call any of the councilors, including the Mayor on any issues, phone numbers available on the council's website.
3. LK to lodge submissions on Amalgamation by the due date 28 June 2013

How to petition Council:

There are still concerns about how the Swiss Grand/ Woolworths/Truck Off campaign was handled by council.

Council has a Petition Policy on the website, with a preferred format. However this is being reviewed to update it in relation to electronic petitioning.

With DA's, councilors are supposed to make their decision on the night of the meeting, particularly as people for and against the DA are given 3 minutes to speak at the meeting.

Rubbish:

Letter received from a resident concerning Surfsh café. There is a concern about the plates at the café not being cleared fast enough.

ACTION: LK to send email through the service desk.

New state law re licensing of small bars:

Sandra Dunn commented that the regulations for new bars opening were;

+nothing should be able to be heard in resident's bedrooms after 2am

+a good acoustic engineer is required to set up music venues to reduce noise

+impact on community must be considered, ie they should not have an unfavourable impact on community.

ACTION: Sandra Dunn will send through documentation to LK to read through and bring up at next meeting. A member from the Chamber of Commerce to be invited to the discussion.

The Waverley Council Place Management division renamed Event and Business Management.

This is a concern as there could be less community consideration and more business consideration by council. The original Bondi Junction and Bondi Forums, which included community representation, have, in line with this restructure, been disabled and a new Forum created which will meet co-chaired by the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce. Representatives of the community have not been invited to attend. It also appears there is an unnecessary focus on retail and therefore not truly representative of all business interests in Waverley.

During the Swiss Grand/ Woolworths/Truck Off campaign, the local Chamber of Commerce refused to get involved in assisting small business. It was thought they should focus on local businesses owned by local people not major corporations and large chain stores.

Beach Road Hotel:

ACTION: LK to contact Council about the situation regarding the Beach Rd Hotel Barrier

DA's

Roys restaurant; next to Bondi FM ext of trading hours, no objections from attendees or written.
Swiss Grand; Maria has looked over new changes to DA and has not flagged anything important, opinion that there must not be anything of concern in the new changes.

Responsible Runners

Justin Bonsey spoke about Responsible Runners local clean up initiative that integrates running and clean up of Bondi Beach. They recently received an award for good stewardship of the land from the Aboriginal council.

Bondi Beach Precinct applauds and supports Responsible Runners.

Meeting closed 12:30pm

Shann Akkersdyk, Secretary
Lenore Kulakauskas, Convenor
Bondi Beach Precinct
29 June 2013