

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on Monday 7 May 2018



Chaired by Antoine Corbiau with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes.

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Present

Councillor Paula Masselos; Councillor Elaine Keenan and 45 others were in attendance.

Apologies

Graham Swann; Howard Parry-Husbands and Bruce Notley-Smith

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 5 March 2018

There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Charles Agius and seconded by Danielle Ecuyer.

Bondi Junction Cycleway Project update

Council Officers Dan Joannides; Sharon Cassidy and Adrian Collins gave us an update on the cycleway.

The project is driven by the State Government with most funding provided by the Roads and Maritime Services.

The final concept design was approved by the Traffic Committee in November 2017 and endorsed by Council in December 2017.

The preferred route links Bondi Road to York Road via Bronte Road, Spring Street and Dennison Street.

Work will begin this year and it is expected to be completed in 2020.

The Spring Street option was preferred as it takes cyclists away from Oxford Street Mall.

Outside Waverley Bus Depot, the cycleway will be separate from the pedestrian footpath. There will also be a new bus lane for buses to pull into. The front of the bus depot will be set back from Oxford Street resulting in the loss of parking spaces for five buses. This will be addressed by

extending the depot eastwards into the grassland on St James Road (which is owned by Transport for NSW). A higher fence and landscaping will be constructed in St James Road which will be cut off from Oxford street. There will be an improved streetscape and play upgrade in St James Road and the bus stop will be slightly relocated east, nearer St James Road.

There are concerns that cars will have difficulty exiting from Mill Hill Road as they would have to cross over the cycleway in order to view approaching vehicle traffic on Oxford Street. Cyclists would have right of way over cars. Residents would like the same road treatment as proposed for the northern end of Ruthven Street where cars can wait between the cycleway and Oxford Street for a break in the traffic.

A DA will be submitted for Waverley Bus Depot by August 2018, it will be expanded in mid 2019 and completed in early 2020.

The cycleway project is called "Find Your Path" and updates will be posted on the web: <http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondijunctioncycleway/> There will be two community information events to showcase the project.

Annual General Meeting - election of Committee members for 2018-2019

Nominations were called for the following committee positions, all nominees were elected unopposed:

Convener 1: Tom Wheelwright nominated **Troy S. Filson**, seconded by Chris Matthews.

Convener 2: Danielle Ecuyer nominated **Howard Parry-Husbands**, seconded by Frank Cahill.

Secretary 1: Frank Cahill nominated **Stephen B. Cohen**, seconded by Ilana Cohen.

Secretary 2: Danielle Ecuyer nominated **Chris Matthews**, seconded by Lisa Greenwell.

Traffic Rep: None.

DA Rep 1: Frank Cahill nominated **Greg Phillips**, seconded by Ilana Cohen.

DA Rep 2: Danielle Ecuyer nominated **Chris Matthews**, seconded by Maria Flood.

Licencing Rep: Antoine Corbiau nominated **Danielle Ecuyer**, seconded by Lisa Greenwell.

Community Safety: Marcella McAdam nominated **Maria Flood**, seconded by Lisa Greenwell.

Heritage Rep: Maria Flood nominated **Antoine Corbiau**, seconded by Lisa Greenwell.

General 1: Marcella McAdam nominated **Georgia Koutsandrea**, seconded by Maria Flood.

General 2: Stephen B. Cohen nominated **Ilana Cohen**, seconded by Danielle Ecuyer.

Changing the name of parts of Bondi Junction

In a similar manner to that of Queens Park being renamed in honour of a local park, it is proposed that parts of Bondi Junction in the Mill Hill Conservation Area be renamed Mill Hill.

Motion 1

Danielle Ecuyer moved the following motion:

That the official suburb name of the area that includes most of the western heritage residential section of BONDJUNCTION to be renamed MILL HILL, retaining the postcode 2022. Mill Hill is the current locality name for the western part of this area, but it is proposed to extend the suburb eastwards as many similar residences of historical interest can be found there. The proposed area of Mill Hill would be bounded by Oxford Street (and would include the historic terraces on the Western end); York Road, Birrell Street & Bronte Road. The suburb of Mill Hill would not include the commercial area bounded by Oxford Street, Denison Street, Ebley Street & Newland Street).

The motion was seconded by Diana Aird.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Update on developments

From Howard Parry-Husbands: This is the big one – I would like to get the entire community to recognise the scale of developments and directly write to the state MPs and ministers to ask for any outstanding DAs or plans to be refused.

Importantly our local council officers can only do their duty: we need the Precinct to recognise that this is a State Government political decision: the original process was to follow the LEP and in cases where this was challenged cases/disputes would be sent to the Land and Environment Court (LEC). Under this Liberal Government, the JRPP (Joint Regional Planning) and since then the Commission for Sydney and its team are used to 'review' large developments and advise the State Government. This avoids scrutiny by the LEC – virtually no significant developments have been deferred to the LEC under this Government.

The 'due process' is a perversion of both the law and our democratic rights (yes... I've just completed a course in environmental law at ANU in case you are wondering...!). There is no public interest in these deliberate distorted, perversions of the law.

This is a list of developments on Oxford Street sent in by Councillor Elaine Keenan - our Greens Councillor:

I just wanted to bring to your attention again the advice from the planning director about the twin towers which I think is outrageous. The planning dept believe that Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA) are "in the public interest" I did say to him at the Tuesday night's Council meeting that I didn't believe a VPA was in the public interest of the West Bondi Junction residents.

What you and everyone else wants is for development to stay within the planning rules. I am vehemently opposed to VPAs they are nothing more than sanctioned bribery.

The twin towers at the end of oxford Street Bondi Junction

This Planning Proposal at 194 Oxford Street is awaiting a decision from the DoPE. Council officers are attempting to negotiate a Planning Agreement to make sure that we can lock in the public spaces identified as part of the PP before any possible gazettal by the Minister.

The Bondi Junction RSL site

This is a DA and the determining authority will be the Sydney Planning Panel (the old JRPP). The assessment of this is well under way with a group of Building and Shaping Waverley officers reviewing the various aspects of the proposal. This site was subject to a 'Pre-DA' advice and regrettably our advice seems to have not resonated with the applicant and their application is substantially over the max LEP height (and with other issues as well). We are in the process of more closely reviewing and finalising our position and will likely then be referring our report to the SPP in a month or so.

552 Oxford Street (North east Cnr Oxford Street and Adelaide Street Bondi Junction)

This is the large site that adjoins the recently completed Vue apartments on the corner of Oxford Street and Syd Einfeld Drive. It was approved by the Sydney Planning Panel contrary to our recommendations

No really happy with the outcome but that's happened before and it will happen again so we move on.

The Grand Hotel (Cock 'n' Bull) site

This was subject to an appeal and after numerous modifications it was ultimately approved by the Court in what we think is an acceptable form which meets the LEP and DCP (win).

Elsewhere in Bondi Junction we have various significant developments either about to start or underway, including:

- the tower at 109 Oxford Street under construction,
- the tower at 59 Oxford Street under construction,
- the tower at 306 Oxford Street under construction,
- the approved tower at 362 Oxford Street is about to start,
- the approved tower at 302 Oxford Street is about to start,
- the smaller 8 storey building at 6 Bronte Road is under construction,
- the 2 x 8 storey buildings in Llandaff Street about to start (1 approved, 1 to be approved next month),

Troy S. Filson sent Bruce Notley-Smith a letter with a number of questions regarding infrastructure, data, number of dwellings, the State Government plan, environmental pollution and guarantees that decisions are independent. There has been no response.

A review of the Development Control Plan (DCP) is necessary to address noise and dust pollution from the large number of developments around Bondi Junction.

Motion 2

Troy S. Filson moved the following motion:

The Precinct will invite Lucy Turnbull, Bruce Notley-Smith, Gabriel Upton and Maria Atkinson to our next meeting to be held on 27 August 2018.

The motion was seconded by Danielle Ecuyer.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Update on traffic / parking

Waverley Council is seeking feedback on six proposed changes to parking fees:

- Removing the fee for the first residential parking permit
- Providing a free beach parking permit for residents
- Turning off all parking meters in Bondi Junction after 6pm
- Turning off all parking metres in Bondi Beach after 7pm
- 15-minute free parking in meter zones
- 15-minutes free “drop in” zones near/in local shopping strips.

There is campaign to bring back the 378 Bronte to Railway Square bus service. A public meeting was held on 28 March 2018.

Transdev have been paid \$20 million to operate an on-demand bus service in various regions around Greater Sydney including a service in the Eastern Suburbs.

Other business

A film night at Bronte Surf Club on 31 May 2018 will feature the Australian documentary “Blue”.

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Monday 27 August 2018