

Minutes

Penkivil Precinct General Meeting

Held on Monday 7 April 2014 at Waverley Council Chambers
Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street, Bondi Junction

Meeting commenced at 7:32pm

In Attendance:

Precinct Convenor: Mary Doyle (Chair)
Secretary: James Szczepanski
Councillors: Bill Mouroukas

Number of persons in attendance: 17
Number of persons eligible to vote: 13

Apologies:

Mayor Cr Sally Betts, Deputy Mayor Clr Tony Kay, Clr Ingrid Strewe, Vivian Dixon, Graham Dixon, Keith Bryars.

Moved: Eva Varga, Seconded: Sid Young
CARRIED

Motion that February minutes be adopted

Moved: Eva Varga, Seconded: Julia Attard
CARRIED

Matters arising from February minutes:

Question asked: Is the new RPPS going ahead?
Bill Mouroukas understands that it is under review.

Convenors' report

The incumbent convenor, Mary Doyle reported that she has thoroughly enjoyed her term as convenor in tackling issues such as:

- The continuously raised issue of the Wellington St traffic intersection,
- The traffic issues in Park Pde, including the overturned decision to turn Park Pde from 2 way into a One way street,
- Trees in Kenilworth St,
- The entrance to the synagogue, and;
- Having numerous guest speakers for community consultation and benefit

Mary mentioned that she would like to see Penkivil precinct become proactive as opposed to reactive.

Mary expressed her sincere thanks to:

- The Councillors; Tony Kay, Bill Mouroukas and Ingrid Strewe for their tireless efforts,
- Mary Shiner,

- The Penkivil Precinct committee members: James Szczepanski, Bob Williamson and Keith Bryars, and;
- The regular attendees of the precinct meeting.

Annual General Meeting – Election of Precinct Executive Committee

Co Convenor: Mary Doyle

Moved: Eva Varga Seconded: Julia Attard

CARRIED

Co Convenor: James Szczepanski

Moved: Mary Doyle Seconded: Eva Varga

CARRIED

Secretary: Carried over until position filled

Development application rep: Carried over until position filled

Traffic rep: Keith Bryars (interim)

Moved: Mary Doyle Seconded: James Szczepanski

CARRIED

Reports By Councillors

Councillor Mouroukas reported:

Stephen Street Reserve Update:

Parks & Open Space Operations routinely inspect the playground and confirm concerns about tree roots as it's located under a fig tree. They will be cutting back roots and topping up soft fall in the next week or so. This area is on the 6 weekly mowing schedule.

A Bubbler, two bench seats and a rubbish bin have been approved for installation. It is also intended to install a 'Dogs Prohibited within 10m of playground' sign.

A report on playground upgrades generally, timing, funding and issues is expected to be brought back to Council in June.

Public Use of Open Space next to School of Arts:

This matter was previously discussed at Council after a motion moved in May 2009 by Crs Kay and Clayton. Several relatively sophisticated and expensive options were recommended by Council officers, the cheapest being around \$150,000. As none of the options could be financially justified, Council did not proceed. Cr Kay and I have therefore lodged a motion for the April Council meeting that deals with this matter in a much simpler, quicker, and cheaper way. It suggests community consultation be organized through the precinct.

Wellington Street / Bondi Road intersection:

Keith Bryars, Penkivil precinct's traffic rep, although not here tonight, has been active and extremely relevant in regard to traffic matters affecting Penkivil precinct

residents. His input and comments on the Wellington St/Bondi Rd intersection have been exceptional and indispensable. Informally, and resulting from everyone's efforts and submissions, I have news that the RMS is not proceeding with their Left In Left Out proposal - I understand that a letter is imminent from the Minister of Roads. Cr Kay is now pushing the RMS to join with Council to analyse traffic and spatial traffic light data on Bondi Rd and then assess the potential for integrated traffic lights at the Wellington St/Watson St/Bondi Rd intersection.

Council again asks for the return of Denham Street terminating/originating bus services:

Waverley Council understand that the State Transit Authority has a system in place to add buses to its scheduled city bound Bondi Road services from Bondi Beach during peak times if it is found that buses are failing to meet patronage demands. However, feedback from residents and local precincts waiting for buses on Bondi Road to the west of Denham Street indicates that this approach appears not to be working. They state that there are still significant waiting times with many buses from Bondi Beach passing them by completely full, leading to them to consider use of their private car rather than public transport.

Council has been lobbying the State Transit Authority for a scheduled peak time Denham Street bus service to be reintroduced for well over five years. However, the resolution of the March 2014 Council meeting recognised that it would be prudent for Council officers to raise the issue with Transport for NSW, rather than continuing to pursue the State Transit Authority. The recent meeting with Transport for NSW about proposals to improve efficiency of bus services along Bondi Road gave Council an opportunity to raise the Denham Street bus service matter with them for the very first time.

Resulting from the meeting, Council has now been informed that Transport for NSW will be undertaking loading counts along Bondi Road. Once this data is analysed, a further meeting will be organised to discuss possible actions. It is expected that this meeting could take place in May.

Waverley Council Homeless Persons Protocol:

A resident contacted me in March to report that the picnic shelter where the top netball court is in Waverley Park is being occupied by a homeless person. Concern raised related to a public health matter. As a result SDR 222799 was generated. In line with Council's Protocol for Homeless People the rangers have attended the site and spoke to the gentleman. He was offered help but declined and he was reminded of the need to maintain the area in a clean manner. There was no concern about public health at the time of the inspection.

Copies of Waverley Council's Homeless Persons Protocol have been provided to the Penkivil Precinct Convenor. The objectives of the protocol are:

- To ensure the rights of homeless people are respected by Council and the broader community
- To improve the co-ordination of welfare support and service provision to homeless people
- To ensure homeless people have access to information and support and to relevant protective and referral services

- To ensure the safety of homeless people, staff, community, local residents and visitors
- To protect the rights of all members of the general community to enjoy public amenity

Residents can contact Council Rangers on 0414 884 393 or 0414 884 391

Waverley Park Amenities Building:

This amenities building is noted in the Waverley Park Plan of Management. It will house male, female and disabled toilets. A contractor has been engaged and works are expected to be completed by June 2014

“Dads Read” Program to support early literacy:

At the February meeting Council unanimously supported my motion which will introduce the Dads Read early literacy program to Waverley Library and ours will be the first library in NSW to do so – Dads Read Aims to:

- raise awareness of the important role fathers play in their child's development
- encourage fathers to read to their children and promote the value of reading
- provide fathers with the tools to give them the confidence to read with their children
- promote reading as a family
- promote early literacy and family literacy
- connect children, young people & families with writers & other industry professionals in a practical environment to achieve these outcomes
- link fathers and families to literacy information through public library resources

Library staff preparations to launch the program are well advanced and a commencement date for the 6 month trial will be announced soon.

Global Table:

Global Table is coming to Oxford Street Mall Sunday 4th May – Up to 8,000 people are expected to share a meal at a 25 metre communal table. Food from 12 countries will be served. Stall holders will dress in national costumes. A stage will feature song and dance from around the world. There will be an activities area to amuse children of all ages.

Issues for comment:

As per website: West Oxford Street Precinct Plan - Submission deadline 11 April 2014

Development applications report

No report tabled.

Traffic Report

No traffic report was tabled, however there was some talk from a member of the Bondi Chamber of commerce – Max Siano, expressing discontent at the proposed route of light rail in Waverley, claiming that if the proposed structure was to go ahead, businesses on Bondi Rd and surrounds would close due to lack of customer parking options.

General Business

Question: Would Waverley council consider making all of Woodstock St residential parking on both sides?

Answer: In order for this to be considered over 50% of residents must sign and submit a petition to that effect.

Question: Could residents request having lined angle parking in Woodstock street considered by council?

Answer: If lined parking is put in, with the current RMS guideline parking width, Woodstock St would lose parks.

It was mentioned that Waverley council be made aware that there are increasing numbers of larger size vehicles in the angle parking of Woodstock St. This is hazardous to smaller cars trying to exit the parks as visibility is zero until you reach the middle of the street.

A report was raised that the fine nettles which are falling from the trees next to the footpath on Bondi rd between Ben Eden St and Old South Head Road are making the surface slippery.

Motion: The precinct is concerned by the hazard posed by the pine needles falling from the trees planted next to the footpath in Bondi Rd between Ben Eden St and Old South Head Road, making the surface slippery, leaving the potential open for a fall.

Moved: Tess Stamell Seconded: Eva Varga
CARRIED

Motion: The precinct is concerned about the proposed development DA 287/2013 (21-23 Ocean St) and its impact on the community, with particular attention to parking, the over development of the site and the resulting rubbish in Ocean st.

Moved: Rachel Klein Seconded: James Szczepanski
CARRIED

It was mentioned that the DA application for 40-50 Penkivil st contains height more than allowable than the maximum. Bill Mouroukas replied saying that 11 submissions have been received and the application has been deferred to the WDAP.

On the issue of Dog Walkers in Waverley park, **Motion:** Can the council park ranger please monitor the professional dog walking in the off leash area in Waverley park at around 4pm?

Moved: Eva Varga Seconded: Julia Attard.
CARRIED

Meeting Closed at 9.46pm.

Summary of Motion and Resolutions

Motion Number	Motion	Proposers	Resolution	Action
1	Apologies be accepted	Eva Varga Julia Attard	Carried	N/A
2	Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted	Eva Varga Julia Attard	Carried	N/A
3	Matters arising from previous minutes	Refer to minutes	Refer to Minutes	N/A
4	Precinct concerned by falling pine needles on Bondi Rd.	Tess Stamell Eva Varga	Carried	Council to report back to precinct
5	Precinct concerned about DA 287/2013	Rachel Klein James Szczepanski	Carried	Council to report back to precinct
6	Can council park rangers monitor professional dog walking in Waverley park?	Eva Varga Julia Attard	Carried	Council to report back to precinct.