

Charing Cross Village Precinct 11th April 2018

**HOTELS AND RESIDENTS MEETING:**

Meeting Started 7 pm

attendees: Kate Marshall, Nigel Harvey, Peter Alston, Brad

Chair: Julie McAlpin

Secy: Mora Main

Apologies: Danny Caretti

**Robin Hood report (Brad)**

Looking for a new chef, ANZAC day big, finished by sundown (5.30) Beer gustation, Hunter Valley Wine and cheese tasting;

New Security people working out well, consistency with Charing Cross (same company); guards consider Charing Cross less strict

Progress on redevelopment plan: nothing to report - Julie has asked Dan Whitten (owner) whether or not he is going to reveal plans. Says he is still talking to Council leaning towards a mix of retail and residential. Tamworth not taking up much of his time now; Brad would prefer a big beer garden, sit in the sunset, say 200 seats, would be the only beer garden in E suburbs facing the sunset; has made beer garden dog friendly, asked by cat lovers too!

If it happens, a beer garden would be at 1st floor level, not taking any views. Trying to make the pub more part of the community; don't want shadows over beer gardens - any towers would create community hostility; note experience with towers near Cock n'Bull - residents moving into towers complained about pub behaviour.

Brad wants to have a hub upstairs maybe office space - used to have restaurant upstairs  
Wants to serve comfort food, good value.

Julie: Best steak is Sonia at the Legion Club

Cock n'Bull impact: Robin Hood policy of no bad behaviour is known, Irish customers will probably relocate - big, semi-permanent backpacker clientele. Some will go to Tea Gardens, moving away from Eastern suburbs generally as they get priced out.

Safe area, better for everyone if Charo has a late night crowd, Hemmes at Coogee,  
Lock out laws did affect the Robin Hood - profits are down; growth still outdoing CPI; young families moving into the area - still want to be accessible to the beach. Still have older folk.

Bottle Bank: not yet operating. 3 beneficiaries, right to collect not put out to tender. Messy.

Peter Alston: Legion Club met with Dan - Club hasn't changed its position, will remain open and independent. Interested in looking at Robin Hood's plans but that's it. Financially sound, showing profit each year; function room operates as a Gym. Generating income.

95 Carrington Road dress up party - barred. Precinct undertakes to write to Real Estate manager; 2-11 pm event with shouting and yelling. Even some young kids have said it is unsafe. 2 doors up moved out; tenants in 94 above Better have moved out - high rotation of Irish.

**ACTION:** Precinct to write to Real Estate Manager.

Hotels residents and clubs meeting closed 7.38 pm

**PRECINCT MEETING**

Meeting Started 7.40 pm

Present: Crs Marjorie O'Neill, Paula Massellos, Angela Burrill, George Copeland, Elaine Keenan

Chair / Convenor: Julie McAlpin

Secretary (Minutes): Mora Main

Apologies: Danny Caretti, Steve Brajak

Attendance: See attendance list\

1. Minutes of meeting of February 2018: moved Robyn Brown seconded Julie McAlpin; Adopted.
2. Matters Arising from minutes of previous meeting:
  - a) proposed funeral parlour. update from Council (George Bramis) forwarded by Elaine - Council may be recommending refusal. Understand traffic study being prepared. Given number of objections will go to DAP controversial developments with more than 10 objections go to DAP - officers make recommendations to it. No apparent contact with Walter Carter. Beth (planning officer) concerned about Parlour conducting its own traffic report, nature of data could be difficult to assess. Competition in the market They own the building. In absence of traffic management report, could be a deemed refusal. Slow progress may be related to Council DA backlog.

**Motion 1:** that this precinct opposes the DA proposal at 249 Bronte Road for a funeral parlour on the grounds of increasing traffic congestion, access to parking, safety concerns, it is a heavily car generating development, there are no positive impacts on adjoining small businesses, inconsistent with normal trading hours and concerns that unofficial use of the laneway for parking could result in reduced accessibility for residents.

Moved Ilse van de Meent seconded Steve Coleman Unanimously carried

**Motion 2:** that Council increases Ranger patrolling in the lane due to potential safety and dangerous illegal parking and in particular during business hours.

And Council revisits signage in lane to determine adequacy for "no parking" provisions  
Moved Rachel, seconded Julie McAlpin, carried unanimously

Note: Ranger Number 0414884393 or Parking Rangers 0414369801 and 0414369802

3. Charing Cross upgrade report: Emily Scott undertaken to look at it next year. Council grant for heritage study - sheets on individual properties; Waverley futures going to look at character areas, re-analyse
4. Bus depot and 378 bus route: Cr Massellos' meeting with about 60 people, aired their travel stories about getting out of eastern suburbs. Changes necessary at interchange to get to city; safety issues, no direct bus. Strategies put forward, committee formed, to bring back 378.
5. New GM to start 2nd July: Ross McLean. Coming from NZ (Hastings) focus on community, place making, relationships with residents. Unanimously chosen.
6. St Catherine's School CCC report : council refused relocation of bus stop and pedestrian crossing in Macpherson St. DoPE has recommended that school contacts RMS; Council trying to save 4 paperbarks. Communications strategy and boundaries for distribution of flyers etc - school worried about the cost! Boundaries much wider. Plus website. Also discussion around co-ordinating NSW police and rangers. George Bramis recommended school contact police but this is possibly less effective than Paula M's regular meeting with Council's Enforcement officers. Operational Transport Management plan draft released but not endorsed. Won't get their CC until this is endorsed. Construction Traffic Management Plan (separate document) to be put together prior to commencement of construction. Construction company obliged to communicate with residents. Traffic still a huge problem, infringements every day by parents, school seems to be trying harder. No sign of Rangers? Fine blitz didn't have much impact on parent behaviour. Lack of communication with Principal - no appearance at meetings. Would like to see the school's community engagement plan. School

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represented on committee by planner Warwick Smith independent, Andrew exec with the school, independent chair. Residents don't have a sense that recommendations are passed on. Is there an opportunity at a wider local Principal level to discuss? Have tried unsuccessfully in the past to get Council's sustainable transport officer to the precinct.

7. Pubs and residents sub committee: interesting comment from Robin Hood that with closure of Cock n'Bull wondering whether there would be a flow on of Irish drinkers to Charing Cross pubs. Not so far. No update on development at Robin Hood; looking at plans - want to work with them to make sure it doesn't exceed the building height.
8. DA rep not here. List of towers in BJ. Talking to Roberta Ryan about ideas to mobilise the community. Lack of understanding of council's limitations; Council could fund some training or workshops to empower community. Groups formed around specific developments e.g. Telstra and J-car (Strathfield Car Radio) - need to know processes and limitations. Lack of clarification, correspondence and updates.  
**Motion:** That Charing Cross Village precinct recommends Council organises workshops for all interested residents in the LGA in the new planning and approval processes and council's declining role within them. Moved Nigel Harvey seconded Kate Marshall, unanimously carried
9. 27-28 Macpherson Street ("Pomona") : Paula putting up motion asking for independent heritage assessment, looking for IHO. Has to go through before July. Currently affordable housing. Likely to become a backpackers.
10. General Business:
  - Have your say concerning proposed changes to parking; submissions due 23rd April, easy on-line survey.
  - Bronte Cutting cars vs pedestrians;
  - Bronte pool to be closed 4th June; lowering intake valve, mesh, wobbecong shredded - planned 8 weeks closure.
  - Letters from Council advising neighbours of Das are running late - is it Council or Australia Post?**Motion:** that Charing Cross Village precinct requests Council to investigate the reasons for delayed arrival of notification letters in relation to Das as frequently noticed and reported by residents  
Moved Nigel Harvey, seconded Kate Marshall; unanimously carried.
11. Meeting finished 9.10 pm
12. Next meeting 13th June