

Combined Precincts Meeting

Thursday, 8 March 2018

3rd Floor Waverley Council Chambers

Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street

6.00 – 9.00 pm

MINUTES

Chair: Andrew Mathers (Bondi Beach).

Councillors in attendance: Crs John Wakefield (Mayor); Paula Masselos; George Copeland

Council Officers in attendance: Jane Worthy (Internal Ombudsman); Mary Shiner (Community Liaison Co-ordinator); Natalie Kirkup (Internal Ombudsman & Governance officer)

Precinct Executives in attendance (with voting rights): Simon Swifte (Queens Park); Ian Barber (Queens Park); Lenore Kulakauskas (Bondi Beach); Marilyn Tanner (Bondi Beach); Alma Douglas (Bronte); Max Setz (Bronte); Grant Beard (Bronte); Andrew Goffe (Bronte Beach); Julie McAlpin (Charing Cross); Peter Quartly (North Bondi); Allan Aaron (Vaucluse/Diamond Bay); Suellen Bassetti (Vaucluse/Diamond Bay); Lawrence Yeung (Vaucluse/Diamond); Lynda Hall (Penkivil); Andrew Mathers (Bondi Beach); Maria Flood (Bondi Junction); Ludovico Fabiano (South Bondi);

Attendees (without voting rights): Suellen Bassetti, Grant Beard, Andrew Mathers

Apologies: Peter Monks (Acting General Manager); John Batts (Bronte Beach); Mora Main (Charing Cross); Mary Doyle (Penkivil); Peter Cohen (Queens Park); Ron Nothman (Dover Heights); Juju Kalek (North Bondi); Virginia Milson (Bronte Beach); Karin Brennan (South Bondi/Watson); James Szczepanski (Penkivil); Dov Frazer (Dover Heights).
Clr Dominic Wy Kanak (Deputy Mayor); Clr Tony Kay; Clr Leon Goltsman; Clr Sally Betts; Clr Angela Burrill.

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No	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting commenced at 6.05 pm.Andrew Mathers welcomed all and attendees were introduced.Apologies noted. <p>Nominated voters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chair reconfirmed that for any Precinct with two or more representatives present, only two could vote. Three attendees without voting rights were present. Grant Beard, Suellen Bassetti, Andrew Mathers.	

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2.	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes (7 December 2017) The minutes were confirmed. Moved: Julie M Seconded: Simon S Carried</p> <p>Matters arising from previous meeting Report on responses from August meeting Andrew M went through the Response report presenting the Council response to each motion from the December meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to the query about picking up green waste, Alma Douglas noted that the policy is good but needs to be on the website and advertised to staff. 	
3.	<p>Election of the Precinct Review Committee (PRC) Mary Shiner commenced by outlining what the PRC is as per the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PRC is a subcommittee (advisory only), of the Combined Precincts Meeting (CPM) that meets on a needs basis. Meetings are held after business hours. The membership of the PRC is 7 with one alternate. A quorum is 5. It is to comprise representatives from different precincts. The period of office for the PRC is 2 years. Issues that the Combined Precincts meeting cannot resolve are referred to the PRC for consideration and reporting back to the next scheduled CPM. Members of the PRC are elected by those eligible to vote at the Combined Precincts meeting. People nominated for election must have agreed to stand. All those nominated must be present or provide a written nomination signed by the both the nominee and nominator. <p>The Returning Officer, Jane Worthy then explained how the election for the PRC will proceed and should the number of nominations exceed the number of positions available on the Committee, voting sheets will be distributed and a locked ballot box used to conduct an election.</p> <p>Jane proceeded to call for nominations from the floor, and assisted by Natalie Kirkup, all nominations were recorded. Because the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions available, no ballot was required and the following people were declared elected to the PRC.</p> <p>Lenore Kulakauskas (Bondi Beach) Alma Douglas (Bronte) Andrew Goffe (Bronte Beach) Julie McAlpin (Charing Cross) Peter Quartly (North Bondi) Lynda Hall (Penkivil) Ludovico Fabiano (South Bondi) Simon Swifte (Alternate Rep) (Queens Park)</p>	

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4.	<p>Election of the Combined Precincts’ representatives to the Waverley Community Safety Advisory Committee</p> <p>Mary Shiner outlined what the Waverley Community Safety Advisory Committee is as per the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Safety Advisory Committee is a committee of Council • Meetings are held quarterly • Two Combined Precincts’ representatives are to be elected for a two year term. <p>The Returning Officer, Jane Worthy reiterated how the election for the Committee will proceed and should the number of nominations exceed the number of positions available on the Committee, voting sheets will be distributed and a locked ballot box used.</p> <p>Jane proceeded to call for nominations from the floor, and assisted by Natalie Kirkup, all nominations were recorded. Because the number of nominations did exceed the number of positions available, a ballot was required.</p> <p>The following nominations were received and were printed on the ballot paper.</p> <p>Lenore Kulakauskas Max Setz Allan Aaron Lynda Hall Ludovico Fabiano Peter Quartly</p> <p>Each voting delegate was handed a ballot paper with the nominations recorded on it and were instructed by the Returning Officer to number each box from 1-6 according to their preferences. Voting delegates were advised that all boxes had to be numbered for the ballot paper to be considered valid.</p> <p>Once voting was complete, Jane advised that counting of the votes would occur next business day and the outcome of the vote will be emailed to the Combined Precincts. Given it was a preferential voting system, it would take some time to count the votes.</p>	
5.	<p>Precincts’ Strategic Planning Session</p> <p>Mary Shiner introduced this session by recapping on the role of Precincts, how they operate and the collaborative working relationship between Precincts and Council.</p> <p>She outlined that Waverley Precinct Committees had celebrated their 30 year anniversary in 2017 and this process of strategic planning is designed to assist in planning their activities for 2018 and beyond.</p> <p>Mary stressed that this is an opportunity for Precincts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on past activities and processes 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan their activities and set priorities • Develop a Strategic Plan that suits their respective Precinct area, and which reflects the issues the residents of that Precinct want to focus on. <p>The workshops commenced with a discussion on what defines Precincts and Precinct operational issues and then focused on the following three themes and how they relate to Precincts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity and Promotion • Effective Advocacy • Building Community Capacity <p>A template for a Strategic Plan was also discussed and will be made available for use by Precinct Committees.</p> <p>The attendees proceeded to work in small groups for the remainder of the time and reported back to the plenary group on their discussions.</p> <p>Given the group discussions went overtime and the last theme i.e. Building Community Capacity was not discussed, it was agreed that a follow-up meeting be arranged prior to the next scheduled CPM, to continue this strategic planning process.</p>	
6.	<p>Update on Parking Review</p> <p>Council Officers provided a brief update on the Parking Review. Further information/consultation to follow.</p>	
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Allan Aaron raised the issue of Voluntary Planning Agreements in general, and referred to the Isabel Ave example in particular. He wanted the meeting participants to provide direction on how the Combined Precincts group could further raise the issue and possibly develop a parliamentary petition. He advised that this was an issue discussed at his last Precinct meeting and he was asked to raise it at the Combined Precincts' meeting.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the item of Planning and planning processes be put on the next Combined Precincts' agenda with a guest speaker from Council invited to attend.</p>	
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: Thursday, 12 July 2018. Chair: Peter Quartly</p>	
9.	Meeting closed: 9.10 pm.	

Postscript to item 4 of the minutes

The Returning Officer completed the count for the two positions of Combined Precincts' representatives to the Waverley Community Safety Advisory Committee.

The result, after the distribution of preferences, was that Max Setz (Bronte) and Peter Quartly (North Bondi) were declared elected as the Combined Precincts' representatives on the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

An email advising of the election result was sent to the Combined Precincts group on 12 March 2018. The email thanked Lenore Kulakauskas and Peter Quartly for their long standing contribution to the Committee and also congratulated Max Setz on his election and Peter Quartly on his re-election.