

# **Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on 14 August 2013**

Chaired by Peter Lynch with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes.

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm.

All current correspondence and notifications are available at the rear of the room.

## **Present**

Mayor Sally Betts; Councillor Angela Burrill; Councillor Andrew Cusack; Councillor Paula Masselos; General Manager Tony Reed; a Council Manager and 9 others present, as per the attendance sheets.

## **Apologies**

Tony Moses and Kerry Moses.

## **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 15 May 2013**

For the position of Convener, Marcella McAdam was nominated by Charles Agius, not Frank Cahill.

Charles Agius stated that at the AGM some people voted in the election even though they weren't entitled to a vote. People in that category included business owners and non-residents.

Tony Reed was the returning officer and said he outlined the rules regarding who can vote and that the election was carried out as specified in the Precinct Handbook. He also stated there is no process for appeal.

The Bondi Beach Precinct Committee raised a concern at the recent Combined Precinct Meeting about the way voting is conducted. The voting procedure is to be referred to the Precinct Review Committee before 13 November 2013. The likely outcome will be a more formalised voting method using voting cards, this will especially be required at the Bondi Junction Precinct.

Both Frank Cahill and Charles Agius disputed 50 residents were present at the AGM as this figure included a number of non-residents. The wording needs to be changed to “and 50 others were present, as per the attendance sheets.”

Peter Lynch proposed a motion to change the wording as above. It was seconded by Charles Agius and carried.

Peter Lynch stated that currently the attendance sheets only show residents. If we want that changed, it would have to go to the Combined Precinct.

### **Response to a motion tabled at the May 2013 meeting by Gil Morris regarding DA 127-2013:**

I move a motion that the Bondi Junction Precinct Committee opposes the development at 45, 47-49 and 53-57 Oxford Street, 2 Mill Hill Road and 9-11 Denison Street Bondi Junction, both for it's bulk and the nature of the development.

**Response:** The motion was forwarded to Records and Divisional Manager, Development Assessment for noting and consideration.

### **Tony Reed, General manager speaking on the Boot Factory**

A series of photos taken today show current works that have been employed to make the building safe.

The external hoardings will shortly be removed, but kept on site till Council approves further work on the building.

The Development Application is currently being independently assessed.

### **Address by Councillors**

It was requested that Councillors should be informed prior to the meeting if they were expected to address the meeting, preferably with an indication as to what residents want them to talk about.

Councillor Angela Burrill spoke about public art and the Complete Streets project. Shortly a

pop-up installation will be set up in Spring Street in order to show residents what Complete Streets is about and how it can improve the area. The large footpath area near the RSL Club will also be grassed and will have seating provided. Feedback will be sought.

Mayor Sally Betts outlined changes to parking charges at Eastgate Shopping Centre. Council is negotiating with the building owners as it will now be necessary to charge for all parking in order to cover costs of cleaning and maintaining the car park without ratepayers subsidising this cost.

There are still plans to redirect bicycles from The Mall onto Spring Street.

The footpath in Spring Street near Bronka Arcade and the floor in the arcade itself is current filthy.

Frank Cahill mentioned to Angela Burrill that Clemenson Park is now looking much better since Council put up a sign indicating it is a no-drinking area. The drinkers have moved on and more people are now using the park. Frank also stated that the park needs to be protected from further overshadowing.

Community safety / Graffiti: Businesses are to be asked to put advertising / murals on their roller-doors to deter graffiti. Murals should also be painted on electricity boxes.

There appears to be a widespread graffiti problem around the Bondi Junction area including laneways. There are currently two and a half people employed by Council to remove graffiti, however they are unable to keep up with the vandals.

Stephen B. Cohen stated that another Council area has successfully dealt with graffiti and this method should be considered by Waverley Council in order to eradicate graffiti in our area. Here are details on how that Council eradicates graffiti from any visible surface (public or private):

*Council provides a Graffiti Removal Service to the residents of the City of Rockdale. The program is funded by the Community Safety Special Rate Levy and is part of Council's Safer City Program.*

*Council staff do regular inspections of the city to identify graffiti. In addition, Council encourages local residents to report any incidents of graffiti vandalism. Reported graffiti is removed within 72 hours and offensive graffiti within 24 hours.*

*To assist Council in its fight against graffiti, please report all graffiti to [www.ausgr.com.au/rockdale](http://www.ausgr.com.au/rockdale) or by calling Council's Customer Service Centre on 9562 1666. Other related information may be obtained via [www.graffiti.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graffiti.nsw.gov.au).*

## General business

George Bramis was expected to attend the meeting to address any concerns with the LEP, however as he was unable to attend, he is willing to have a meeting with any interested party at another time.

Correspondence has been received outlining footpath gardens with guidelines on what plants to use.

## Motions

A motion was submitted by Charles Agius regarding the Bondi Junction Precinct AGM:

I move that the Bondi Junction Precinct -

1. Note that at the AGM held on 15 May 2013, the returning officer failed to comply with the Precinct Policy 2012 and Precinct Operational Guidelines in the following areas
  - 1.1. The returning officer failed to ensure that only those eligible to vote at the AGM participated in the proceedings;
  - 1.2. The returning officer failed to observe the spirit of the policy and guidelines in accepting the nomination of a resident as convenor who has occupied the position for over 10 years when the guidelines suggest that a person who has held office to two continuous years should not nominate for a precinct executive position unless there is no other nominee - and a resident who has regularly attended precinct meetings but had not held office had accepted nomination as convenor;
  - 1.3. The returning officer failed to raise for discussion the option that the two nominees for convenor share the position as required by the guidelines.
2. Requests that Waverley Council ensures that the returning officer appointed to oversee the 2014 Bondi Junction Precinct AGM is fully aware of the applicable precinct policy and guidelines and ensures that they are accurately enforced in the interests of the precinct.

The motion was seconded by Gayle Walker.

Peter Lynch stepped down as convenor so he could find the appropriate sections from the Precinct Handbook.

Stephen B. Cohen assumed the position of Chair.

Peter Lynch read out the eligibility clauses.

Enid Hokin submitted a procedural motion that we do not discuss this any further till all present have access to the procedures and hold this motion over till the next meeting.

Danielle Ecuyer spoke against the procedural motion, stating the Precinct Handbook is available on the web.

The procedural motion was defeated.

The motion was carried.

Peter Lynch assumed the position of Chair.

**The meeting closed at 7.54 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 November 2013**