

Minutes

Penkivil Precinct General Meeting

Held on Monday 3 February 2014 at Waverley Council Chambers
Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street, Bondi Junction

Meeting commenced at 7:33pm

In Attendance:

Precinct Convenor: Mary Doyle (Chair)
Secretary: James Szczepanski
DA Representative: Bob Williamson
Councillors: Deputy Mayor Tony Kay, Bill Mouroukas, Ingrid Strewe

Number of persons in attendance: 18
Number of persons eligible to vote: 15

Apologies:

Mayor Cr Sally Betts, Bob Lydden, Ellen Lydden, Sharon Metsal, Vivian Dixon, Graham Dixon, Keith Bryars.

Moved: Eva Varga, Seconded: Julia Attard

CARRIED

Guest Speaker Dan Joannides – Divisional Manager Technical Services

Presented the new residential parking system (RPS) and its impact on residents.

Amongst the ideas in the review to area 26 were:

- Introduction of wider parking areas,
- Introduction of daily visitor permits,
- Introduction of temporary and carer permits,
- Boats, trailers etc.. are no longer eligible for parking permits,
- Changes to parking conditions on New/Orr Sts.
- Changes to parking on Kenilworth St. will see 33 extra spaces created by changing the parking structure to angle parking on the south side to flood lane and parallel parking on the north side to flood lane,

MINUTES OF MEETING – 25 November

No amendments to minutes of previous meeting were requested.

Adopted as a true record of the meeting of the Penkivil Precinct held on 25th November 2013

Moved: Bob Williamson, Seconded: Eva Varga

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

The trees in Kenilworth St are to be replaced with one of three options:

1. Crepe Myrtle
2. Dwarf flowering gum
3. Kings park special

REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS:

Councillors Tony Kay and Bill Mouroukas reported:

Stephen Street Reserve:

At the December meeting council unanimously supported the following motion submitted by Crs Mouroukas and Kay:

That:

1. Council investigate upgrade, maintenance and addition options of playground equipment and its surrounds within Stephen Street Reserve, Bondi, through community consultation with local families and Child Care Centres.
2. A report comes back to Council to include recommendations on the issues mentioned in the background to this motion, funding, and timing.

BACKGROUND

With at least three Child Care Centres within walking distance, a growing population of children in the local area, and nestled within a high density residential precinct, Stephen Street Reserve has become a popular location for our young residents and their parents.

Council's past investment in the playground facility has returned excellent value to the community, however time and high usage has revealed a need for some improvements.

The current woodchip soft-fall "Organic Surface Matter" has issues of drainage, mould growth and sharp edges from vegetation, and should be replaced with a soft rubberized surface such as that used at Bronte Park and Tamarama Park playgrounds.

The Penkivil Precinct Committee requests that equipment is upgraded to cater for the expanding needs of the community.

Measures should be undertaken to ensure a clean and safe environment for the young users of the playground, including addressing trip and slip hazards from tree roots, fallen leaves, twigs and branches. The schedule for grass mowing should be increased, and there is a need for a park style rubbish bin to be installed close to Bennett Street. An improved fencing solution is required for safety. 'Dogs Not Permitted' signage should be installed close to the playground, as none exists at the present.

Consideration should also be given to installing a bubbler at the existing water tap. In summary, it is important that Council explores an upgrade to the playground and Reserve in what may be a relatively low cost investment for a substantial benefit to the community.

Council Trees Kenilworth Street:

Following the matter being raised at the November Penkivil Precinct meeting Cr Mouroukas Crs Kay & Mouroukas met with the Divisional Manager of Parks and Open Space operations and resident Dominic Sidoti to inspect and discuss a preferred species strategy for Kenilworth Street. As a result of this meeting a report on planting for Kenilworth Street was prepared by Council’s Strategic Tree Planning Officer and has been provided to the convenor for discussion at this meeting.

New General Manager Appointed:

Arthur Kyron, the Chief Executive (CE) for Town of Victoria Park Council in Perth, Western Australia, will join Waverley this month.

Arthur was a stand-out candidate for the position, which attracted interest from more than 50 business and local government professionals both interstate and overseas.

His credentials are exceptional, with almost 15 years’ experience in local government including two general manager positions, and 20 years’ experience in community services.

Arthur has implemented a range of significant projects for the Council in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement and organisational change.

King Street Tree Roots, Kerb & Gutter upgrades and Road Re-sheeting:

Following discussion at the November Penkivil Precinct meeting Crs Kay & Mouroukas met with the Divisional Manager of Parks and Open Space operations to inspect impacts of tree root growth. A Conference call was also conducted with the Divisional Manager of Technical Services as the issues would involve these two divisions of Council. It has been agreed that maintenance and upgrade works in King Street will be scheduled to be carried out during the second half of this year.

Issues for comment:

As per website:

Draft Community Tenancy Policy Submission
deadline 5 Feb 2014

Green Links Submission deadline 7 Feb
2014

Draft Public Art Policy Submission
deadline 14 Feb 2014

Councillor Ingrid Strewe Reported:

Visitor parking permits.

Council is making visitor parking permits available for RPPS areas

Off leash trial.

Council has proceeded with a trial of a dog off leash area in Bronte Park in the vicinity of the playground and bush care. Increased ranger patrols have been implemented and approximately 40 signs explaining to residents where and when they can run their dogs have been placed around the park.

West Oxford Street design charette.

Council agreed at its December meeting to begin a planning process for the west Oxford Street area including the Mill Hill conservation zone after an approach by a developer

RSL.

The proponent for redevelopment of the RSL site in Bronte Macpherson St applied to the Minister for a rezoning - an up zoning. The Minister sent the proposal to the Planning Assessment Commission.

Trees

There have been complaints about the way Energy Australia contractors have cut some of the municipalities heritage trees. Council officers have spoken to them and they will be more careful.

Street and park tree plantings occur in winter if residents have any requests they should get them in now.

Request for footpath repairs on the corner of Watson and Bondi Road undertaken, this has been patched for the moment, the fruit market runs a forklift along here daily.

TRAFFIC REPORT

A survey was conducted by the RMS for a Left In Left Out arrangement in Wellington St. The overall feedback did not support the suggestion. The RMS's concern is that too many sets of traffic lights along Bondi Rd will delay traffic.

Issue raised that the timings for the pedestrian crossing in Ocean St is too quick.

DA REPORT

No DA report tabled.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ISSUE: Reports of vandalism to 'go get' cars – Question was raised: Will council provide any additional security to at least deter vandalism to property such as cars? (For example CCTV cameras).

Tony Kay answered that CCTV was not a sufficient enough deterrent, Ingrid Strewé suggested that an educational campaign about share cars should be enacted which will perhaps alleviate the vandalism against them.

ISSUE: Graffiti posters on electricity boxes.

If you see any posters going up onto electricity boxes/ power poles etc.. please contact the senior council ranger on 0414 884 393. (Tony Kay)

Motion to Council: – Can council beautify the open space next to Waverley Art Centre on Bondi Rd., perhaps with plant life and equipment such as tables, benches and rubbish bins.

Moved: Julia Attard, Seconded: Eva Varga.

CARRIED.

- **Meeting Closed** at 9.35 pm

Summary of Motion and Resolutions

Motion Number	Motion	Proposers	Resolution	Action
1	Apologies be accepted	Moved: Eva Varga Seconded: Julia Attard	Carried	N/A
2	Minutes of the previous meeting be received and adopted.	Moved: Bob Williamson Seconded: Eva Varga	Carried	N/A
3	Matters arising from previous minutes.	Refer to Minutes	Refer to Minutes	N/A
4	Council to review space next to Waverley art centre.	Moved: Julia Attard Seconded: Eva Varga	Carried	Council to report back to Precinct.