

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING
25th November 2015

Meeting Started: 7.30 pm
Held at: rear 45a Victoria Street, Charing Cross
Co-Convenors: Danny Caretti and Julie McAlpin
Chair: Danny Caretti
Secretary: Mora Main
Exec: Susan Farr - Vision for Charing Cross
Councillor Paula Massellos

1. Present: See attendance list separately
2. Apologies: Cr Tony Kay, Mayor Sally Betts, Cr Bill Mourakas, Cr Angela Burrill, Diedre Shaw
3. Chair's introduction: Welcome to everyone, looking to attract more people to the Precinct - get on Twitter @charingcrosspre (70 people on it) and Facebook (Charing Cross Precinct): invite people to come along - interesting times for CCV to get involved - venue booked for Wednesday nights throughout 2016
4. Minutes: moved MM seconded JMcA - adopted unanimously
5. Matters arising:
 - * Sustainable Transport: 3rd request for speaker from Council to talk about public transport and getting more students walking to school. Officer working with schools already, not available to attend this meeting; CCV precinct will make a 4th request for this officer to attend early next year
 - * Seat requested for new bus stop outside chemist (7 Albion Street) - requested at October meeting received notification that this would be placed, hasn't yet happened. Request Melissa Green (a/precinct liaison officer) to follow up;
 - * Parking: Cathy Davitt won court appeal against parking fine during St Catherine's school holidays: fined because Clovelly public still in session - Cr. Massellos has spoken to Rachel Jenkins, Parking manager, asking for it to go to Traffic Committee to change signs and is offering to speak to Rachel Jenkins and Scott Field to organise a meeting between them and representatives of the precinct. Danny, Julie & Cathy to attend
 - * Student numbers: St Catherine's cap of 930 DA 140/2011 (Condition 5) - Council has been requested to regulate. Over the cap by 70+ students already

Motion: That Danny Caretti and Cathy Davitt write to the General Manager requesting a response to the Precinct Motion regarding student numbers at St Catherine's and request a meeting with him as soon as possible to discuss to the Precinct's motion.
Moved Julie McA seconded Mora Main; adopted unanimously

 - * Police liaison meeting: minutes attached. Note also Cr. Massellos report of stolen handbag at Bronte Beach picnic shelter.
6. St Catherine's Master Plan DA: still no word from DoPE.
7. Street Parking around St Catherine's - easier when year 12s on leave, fewer cars around – St Catherine's term ends 2nd Dec
8. Vision for Charing Cross village: Council has agreed to use Charing Cross Village as a good model (confirmed in letter from John Coutsinadis) - encouraged by our pro-active report, economic initiatives attempting to get council to work holistically (transport, asset, public spaces etc). Parklet to be placed in Charing Cross, similar to Spring Street, in summer (soon) - increases foot traffic and trade in surrounding shops. Can be branded. Planter boxes are a problem for people getting out of cars, particularly disabled, getting out on passenger side, also cigarettes get stubbed out in them particularly outside pub. Preference for hanging baskets. Suggest an event to launch the Parklet - put on Facebook & Twitter. Trial is for 6 months, as Hall Street Bondi where residents have petitioned for extension. Process for deciding location should be fair. Should help to attract pedestrians to the centre. Note need to consult with the Precinct prior to implementation (Precinct lost control of murals and planter boxes), also monitor and evaluate trial. Proposal also discussed regarding village centre at Department of Housing/Council flats building at 176-178 Bronte Road.

Motion: that CCV precinct requests that any new initiative introduced in Charing Cross be consulted with the Precinct prior to implementation, including trial periods, and proper process be followed to monitor and evaluate trials, especially if these are intended to be pilot programmes for other villages in the municipality. Initiatives introduced to the Village may include public art, planter boxes, murals and parklets etc. Further, that the relevant Council committees be informed of this request.

Proposed Janet Boyd seconded Lynne Joslyn; unanimously adopted.

9. Pubs and residents committee: rep of Charing Cross hotel attended, not Robin Hood Hotel which has put in a DA to install a caravan coffee cart in the bottle shop driveway. JMcA has objected. Would be a sub lease to a Private provider. Creep of operating hours, not fair to other businesses, drive through not walking there, more impact on traffic/congestion during peak, more signage, more waste, unsuitable use of space; Robin Hood has removed exterior green tiles apparently trying to source replacements overseas. Charing Cross clientele has changed, going well, accommodation not making money, not part of business model.
10. Amalgamations: impact on Precincts. Paula Massellos: awaiting information about model, arbitrary proposals, concern about a council of size anywhere from 250,000 to 1 million, Deloitte's financial modelling says no savings; issue with boundaries commission, if they can't get it done before 2016 council elections might extend term for another 6 months, talk about councillors being full time. Randwick has precincts so both have them, don't know how many councillors in amalgamated councils. No rationale, not financially stressed until Bondi Junction civic heart starts - feeling this is premature as new civic centre may not be in BJ; Undertaking with unions that Waverley's staff will be employed for 5 years.
Regarding CCV precinct would like to see boundary of the Precinct moved to include western end of Macpherson Street, who have common issues with CCV
11. Charing Cross shop owners - no one in attendance
12. DAs - some concern about 362, 364 and 366 Bronte Road; also Jaycar site to have new Court hearing on 8th Dec
13. GENERAL BUSINESS: people miss the 378 bus and 440 service is not as regular.
Motion: that CCV precinct requests that in any review of the 440 bus route from Rozelle to Bronte Council makes representation to the State Government that the historic 378 route number is restored, at least between Bronte Beach and Bondi Junction as the 378 number has been in use since 1911 and bus service frequency and convenience for Bronte residents has declined. Moved Susan Farr, seconded Mora Main; unanimously passed.
14. Next meeting: Wed 17th February 2016 - chair wishing everyone a wonderful summer break
15. Meeting closed: 9 pm