

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

The meeting of the Bronte Beach Precinct was held on Wednesday October 19th.2022 at the Lugar Brae Church Hall for the first time since the start of Covid.

It was opened by Virginia Milson at 7.35pm.

Apologies: Councillor Burrill, Julie Green. Andrew Goffe, Davina Owens and John Batts.

Number present 26

There were no Councillors present.

The August Minutes were proposed by Michael Hudson and seconded by David Shrimpton.
Passed unanimously

Special Guests Sharon Cassidy, Director of Assets & Operations & Ben Kusto Executive Manager Open Space & Recreation Operations Waverley Council attended the meeting to explain and answer questions on the Tree Management Policy.

The meeting was advised that removal of trees on public land will involve the notification of nearby residents. The vandalism of trees is being reconsidered in terms of actions taken by Council but can involve soil testing for poison. Also, it is proposed to reduce the tree canopy size from 5metre to 3metres for pruning or removal plans requiring Council notification. The meeting was advised that there are 51 significant trees listed in the Municipality and their selection is based on cultural, aesthetic, age and botanic value in selecting a tree for listing.

Sharon and Ben were thanked for attending the meeting.

14 St Thomas St. Land & Environment Court Hearing.

The meeting was given a report by one of the affected residents over the conduct of the Hearing. It was noted that a considerable amount of illegal work had been undertaken. Council had issued a stop work order which was ignored. The applicant produced amended plans for the car stacker at the Hearing which the Council did not accept as the affected residents had no opportunity to sight and interrogate the plans. The applicant was advised that these plans would have to be resubmitted to Council under a new DA.

Draft DCP

The meeting was advised that Council had produced a DCP for Interwar Buildings. In identifying these buildings which are multiunit there were 600 buildings across the Municipality considered from which 10 styles were noted. These included Old English, Bungalow and Functionalist. And there were a number of these in our area including in St.Thomas St.at 14,16 and Macpherson St.'s Pomona which has recently been restored as part of a DA.

40km.Speed limit -this is a State Government initiative to reduce speed, for the safety of both bike riders and pedestrians. One area is to be the MacPherson St. shopping strip where roadworks are due to begin soon.

General Business

A resident addressed the meeting regarding the plan by St. Catherine's School to increase its student numbers.

MOTION

Background

St.Catherine's school is aiming to increase its enrolments by 200 students this year and next with local residents expressing concern over excessive traffic generated and inadequate parking available for its existing students and staff already without bringing more students into the school. There was also concern that the school has not followed the traffic management requirements as it is, with the riding to school by bike having been terminated along with the proposed carpooling. Neither have been followed hence they have ceased operation.

MOTION 1

BBP requests that WC opposes any move by St. Catherine's to increase the number of pupils due to amenity impacts.

Proposed by Ute Geissler seconded Susan Hely

Passed unanimously

MOTION 2

Bronte Beach Precinct requests that Waverley Council undertakes a Traffic Management compliance audit of St.Catherine's School's traffic management.

Proposed by Ute Geissler seconded Quentin Goldsmith

Passed unanimously

MOTION 3

Background : BBP has been concerned about the number of recent tree pruning and removals in this area believing greater control by Council could help to reduce tree removals and excessive pruning. This is in line with other Council policies.

BBP supports changes to the WC Tree Management Plan in the DCP recognising a tree requiring inspection for pruning or removal being reduced from 5 metres to 3metres.

Proposer David Shrimpton seconder Greg Vaughan

Passed with one vote against.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm