

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on Monday 13 November 2017



Chaired by Howard Parry-Husbands with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes

The meeting opened at 6.35 pm

Present

Mayor John Wakefield; Councillor Paula Masselos and 18 others were in attendance based on a headcount.

Apologies

Danielle Ecuyer; Councillor Angela Burrill; Maria Flood and Matthew Gain.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 14 August 2017

There was a response to a motion from the 14 August 2017 meeting:

Motion

Eric Scott's motion:

At a Council meeting, I recollect there was a motion to endorse the LEP and it was done so with the exception of certain geographical areas. I know the word "excised" was used that night. I move that the Executive is asked to obtain a copy of the minutes of the meeting where there was discussion on endorsement of the LEP and make them available to the Precinct.

Response

Would it be possible to have any further details that would assist in locating the minutes he is requesting? I found the motion below from the 5 July 2016 Ops cite, but I don't think it is what Eric is referring to.

Operations Committee – 5 July 2016

Item – OC/5.1/16.07

OC/5.1/16.07 Waverley Operations Committee – 5 July 2016

OC/5.1/16.07 Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Housekeeping Amendment

(A15/0397)

MOTION / DECISION Mover: Cr Kay

Seconder: Cr Burrill

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Planning Proposal to amend the Waverley Local Environment Plan 2012 attached to this report, subject to the following amendment:

(a) Change the last few words of the second bullet point under paragraph (f) 'Amend objectives of B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone' (page 15 of the Council agenda; page 7 of the Revised Planning Proposal) from "transport and traffic generation" to "transport, traffic generation and on-street parking".

2. Forwards the revised Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to draft the legal instrument and finalise the LEP.

3. Officers, in discussion with the NSW Department of Planning, give consideration to the insertion of an item in the glossary defining the meaning of 'desired future character'.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Burrill, Clayton, Cusack, Goltsman, Guttman-Jones, Kay, Masselos, Mouroukas and Wakefield.

Against the Motion: Cr Wy Kanak.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Ilana Cohen and seconded by Paula Gallagher.

Update on focus for new Council

Mayor John Wakefield addressed the meeting and explained that the Lawson Ward is now represented by one each of a Greens; Labor and Liberal Councillor. The Greens and Labor have not formed a coalition, however there is a working relationship between the two parties.

Some issues being addressed by the Council are:

- ✓ Dockless bikes – investigating the use of the Impounding Act to remove bikes that aren't well parked from the streets
- ✓ Residential parking scheme – removing the fee for the first residential parking permit
- ✓ Beach parking – remove the car park fee for residents and investigate seasonal charges for others
- ✓ Street parking – turn off parking meters in Bondi Junction after 6pm to encourage people to park in the commercial areas rather than in residential streets
- ✓ Civic Precinct – the Library will not be demolished for a new Council administration centre
- ✓ The Boot Factory – restore and repurpose The Boot Factory as an innovation hub

- ✓ Bondi Pavilion – a stakeholder panel has been established to help guide the upgrade with regards to the future uses of the building by the community
- ✓ Dumped rubbish – the supervisor behind the garbage trucks is to report dumped rubbish. Instead of leaving rubbish whilst an attempt is made to identify the dumper, it will be cleared immediately.
- ✓ Eastgate free parking – this needs to be investigated as there are complicated legal and financial arrangements in place

Concerns were raised regarding bikes being ridden on the footpath at the bus stop in front of Waverley Bus Depot. People standing at the bus stop are often watching approaching buses to see if it the bus they require and therefore don't see cyclists approaching at speed from the other direction.

Update on developments

There has been no further progress on the Twin Towers development and it is still with the State Government. 98% of developments like this are approved so if you haven't already done so, please write to our representatives in Parliament: Bruce Notley-Smith: coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au and Malcolm Turnbull: Malcolm.Turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au

There is now concern that a large development will go ahead on the site of the Waverley Bus Depot. Preparations for the sale of the Depot appear to be taking place. A number of local bus routes are being operated by buses from neighbouring depots and as well as the new south-eastern tramline that is under construction, other tramlines are proposed including one running along Oxford Street to Bondi Beach. These tramlines when / if constructed will reduce the need for buses to be stored at Waverley Bus Depot.

The residents fighting the Bronte RSL development have had a win, although the developer keeps trying to make amendments to the development.

A planning proposal has been lodged for a very large development on the site of the heritage listed Waverley Telephone Exchange building on the corner of Bronte Road and Birrell Street, Bondi Junction. This 43 metre high development will require a change of use. It will be a very tall and fat building. With this redevelopment in mind, Howard Parry-Husbands proposed a motion:

Motion

Harry Parry-Husbands moved the following motion:

The Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct opposes any development that falls outside the LEP. Any heritage aspects are to be preserved.

The motion was seconded by Roz Elwing.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Update on other issues / other business

Water pipes are being replaced around Bondi Junction. The contractors left their equipment in St James Park, however this was quickly moved when a photograph of children climbing on some machinery was sent to them. The water pipes are narrower than the existing pipes and in various locations, the new pipes are being laid inside the existing pipes. There is concern that the water main may not cope with increased demand for water when all the new developments are populated.

Daily visitor parking permits are available for residents to purchase for \$21 for a bundle of 10.

Advertising posters that are taped onto street poles usually promote musical performances and other groups who generally can't afford to advertise via other channels. It has been noted that recently a local burger restaurant has been placing posters on poles around our area and this sort of advertising for should not be tolerated.

A question was raised regarding the requirement for green buildings. It appears that this is up to the developers.

If you see water gushing out of the ground, you should report it to Sydney Water or Council.

"STOP Privatisation" is an organisation trying to save our bus depots and are organising blockades of Government bus depots on 4, 11 and 18 December 2017 from 8am till 9am.

Traffic is gridlocked in Bondi Junction on Saturdays and has been getting worse as more developments are completed in the Eastern Suburbs.

Paula Gallagher gives Council a tick for removing rubbish quickly once it is reported.

In Porter Street Bondi Junction some people have been fined by Council for not parking parallel to the curb, even though in some situations this is impossible due to the large trees growing on the street. Residents could apply to have a diagonal parking scheme implemented so they will not get booked, but there must be sufficient room for traffic to pass.

Another "Walk for respect" will be held in March or April 2018.

Councillor Paula Masselos outlined two Council motions:

Waverley Innovation and Knowledge Hub motion:

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Waverley Innovation and Knowledge Hub Steering Group Charter*
- 2. Agrees to seek nominations from community members and industry experts to join the Waverley Innovation and Knowledge Hub Steering Group noting that nominees will be appointed following a separate report to Council as soon as practicable.*
- 3. supports the primary objectives of the Waverley Innovation and Knowledge Hub Project as:*

1. *Adaptive reuse of the heritage listed Boot Factory suitable for an innovation hub*
2. *Establishing an innovation and knowledge hub at the Boot Factory and Waverley Library*
3. *Involvement of the local community in decision making processes*
4. *Building partnerships and supporting local creative, professional, science and technology industries*
5. *Establish a place function around the Boot Factory and Waverley Library in accordance with place making principles.*

Membership:

- *1 x community representative (Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct),*
- *5 x expert practitioners with relevant expertise in Heritage Conservation, Adaptive reuse, library futures, maker spaces, futurists, innovation spaces or other relevant expertise*
- *3 ward councillors*
- *staff*

The Steering Group will be informed by regular community focused and technical reports.

Considerations:

1. *Preparation and adoption of a project brief, project plan, community engagement and preliminary budgets*
2. *investigation into the range of maker spaces / innovation hub options and requirements*
3. *Analysis of community needs and target groups in the context of place making*
4. *Building on existing programs and aligning the development of the new library strategic plan to include an emphasis on innovation hubs*
5. *Additional technology and facilities required*
6. *Scoping of potential relevant sources of State and Federal Funding*
7. *Investigation into sectoral engagement and partnerships*
8. *The conditions, opportunities and constraints of the Boot Factory and Library as Innovation Hubs*
9. *Undertaking necessary investigations into existing assets*
10. *Investigations into the possibility of gaining state heritage listing for the Boot Factory*
11. *Approval processes, costs and regulations*
12. *Design options.*

Would love to do something like this too!

<https://www.tensile.com.au/vertical-parks-the-parks-of-the-future/>

<https://amollective.com/portfolio/mfo-park-burckhardt-partner-and-raderschall/>

Urgency motion – Paula Masselos

That:

1. Council writes to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to:
 - a. Affirm Waverley Council's support for public transport
 - b. Request that the 378 Bronte to Railway Square Bus route be urgently reinstated in order to:
 - i. Provide bus commuters presently using the 440 a direct bus route into the city without having to change at Bondi Junction, which is what will occur with the introduction of the 379 bus service
 - ii. Ensure that bus commuters do not have more travel time added to their commute because there is no longer a direct route to the city
2. Council writes to the Department of Transport urgently requesting that an education campaign be immediately instituted to inform current users of the 440 bus route about the changes to the 440 bus route and introduction of the 379 bus route which are due to commence on 26th November.

Background

The 440 bus service is part of the Region 6 which is being privatised.

As a result, the 440 will run to and from Rozelle to Bondi Junction and cease to run to and from Bronte Beach after 25th November. Instead, a new bus route will be introduced on 26th November, the 379, which will run from Bronte to North Bondi. There will no longer be a direct route for bus commuters from Bronte to the City which is a route that has been well used over the years.

At present, information is sparse which is creating confusion, anxiety and rumours about what exactly will be occurring on 26th November. Waverley residents using this direct route to the city are complaining about the potential reduction on service, the extra time having to change at Bondi Junction will add to their commute, as well as voicing concerns about the erosion of our public bus services.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on 5 March 2018