

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH 2023

WELCOME TO MEETING

Julie McAlpin (JM) welcomed Residents to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners: The Bidjigal and Gadigal peoples, of the land on which we meet.

Acknowledgement of the Presence of Cr Ludovico Fabiano (LF) and Cr Angela Burrill (AB)

APOLOGIES

Mayor Cr Paula Masellos
Deputy Mayor Cr Elaine Keenan
Cr Tony Kay
NH (received later)
KM (received later)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING - Held on February 8th 2023

Cr Angela Burrill (AB) noted that her apologies had not been recorded for the last meeting and that an amendment to the should be made to include her apologies.

Minutes of Feb 19th Accepted by the Meeting subject to the above change.

Moved by MM

Seconded by SB

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion relating to Anti-Social Behaviour –

- 1. Council asked to follow up PUDO coordinated with UBER to ensure UBER drivers are directed to the PUDO***

Response from Council

The current PUDO Bays continue to operate. While the PUDO signs were installed mid-late last year, Google Maps (that Uber uses for navigation) only accepted the location late last year. As per Google's requirements, this is the order this needed to occur. The Strategic Transport Manager said he will call Uber and also the Hotel to ensure this area is used.

Please note, other car share services such as Didi and Ola have broadly been unwilling to engage with PUDO and also use different navigation platforms (typically much cheaper versions who don't have any facility to engage with us either. Further updates will come.

Cr Burrill believes Transport NSW needs to update their feed to Google to help solve this problem.

There was discussion about “Snap Send Solve” (SSS) the Phone App that can be used to send information about daily issues. **Snap Send Solve** is a platform that Council and residents to identify and solve local issues for the benefit of the Community. Simply snap a photo of the problem, send a report in 30-seconds using the app and the issue is sent directly to Council.

LJ talked about unregulated eBike industry. Cr Burrill suggested to use SSS App if there are problems with bikes. Council approved the use of Ebikes in the area

There was discussion of Bike speed limits on Footpaths.

Motions in relation to the Robin Hood and Charing Cross Hotels

- 2. Explore the feasibility of CCH and RRH introducing, (on a trial basis) a shared security service to patrol Carrington Road (TBC)**
- 3. Reinstate CCH and RRH contact details on CCP Meeting Flyers (This has been done)**
- 4. Request ESLAC (police) to increase a patrol presence (as a deterrent) on weekends and Friday nights.**
- 5. Precinct will discuss with the Police at the Meeting on Thursday 16 Feb and ask the Hotels to consider. (DC and SB attended meeting)**

SB commented about attending **Police Safety Precinct Meeting with DC on Feb 16th**. Met the new Police Commander Jodi Radmore. Discussed anti-social behaviour emanating from Robin Hood and Charing Cross Hotels. Commander promised to respond to the disturbances. SB followed up by phone this week after no response and spoke to Sgt Bolt who followed up with an email and CCd Precinct ensuring they would monitor the Pubs.

11pm-3am Thursday to Sundays the disturbances continue with Ubers / Taxis dropping off in all directions on the road, fights and noise continues with pub patrons urinating on neighbouring properties, leaving bottles and cans and generally disturbing sleeping neighbours.

Charing Cross Hotel have amplified music on Fri-Sat nights and do not close doors on the Street. Pub said that they had to keep doors open because of heat.

Still waiting on new Police Commander to encourage a shared security service between hotels on Carrington Road because of lack of security in that area. SB wants Police to encourage Ubers/ Taxi's to stop at PUDO adjacent to Legion Club

Suggestion to contact “Liquor Accord”. However it was mentioned that it no longer existed
Action: Can Council talk to Police about re activating Liquor Accord

JM was contacted by journalist from Wentworth Courier re this issue. SB sent photos and info, but nothing has been followed up as yet

JM says we can only keep vigilant and keep active on this issue. SB suggested approaching Pubs to get them to agree to putting a shared security guard on Carrington road

Other Reports from Police Meeting

DC noted that there are 33% fewer residential break ins than 5 years ago
Domestic Violence cases are up with a big increase
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders is up
Dealing and Trafficking in Cocaine is up 19.7%

Proposed Zone 25

Clarification regarding the proposed Zone 25 – There is confusion about the applicable area and what the result of the survey shows. JL (from Council) is seeking further clarification. ACTION Deferred to the next Precinct Meeting.

Council approved the introduction of resident parking late last year for Langlee Avenue, Seaview Street, and the northern section of Henrietta Street between Birrell Street and Victoria Street, Waverley.

Residents were letterboxed dropped notifying them of this Survey on 14 February 2023. Zone 25 is for Resident Parking - questionnaire was to set up Resident Preferred Parking

Sam McGuinness. – Manager Sustainability and Resilience – Waverley Council

Sam McGuinness was asked to come and talk about the Wildlife Corridor at the War Memorial Hospital at the next Precinct Meeting.

Unfortunately, Sam McGuinness is unavailable for the next meeting on 19 April 2023. Please advise of another date you would like Sam to attend.

ACTION: Convenor to follow up

Demolition of Building at War Memorial Hospital

Cr Ludovico Fabiano to follow up on what is happening in relation to the demolition.

Suggestion to write to National Trust. JM pointed out that a few submissions were made through Council to the National Trust as well as by other local Precincts It is important to remember that the DA is being managed by the State Govt not the Waverley Council because of the size of development.

Council's Director of Planning noted that prior to reporting the matter to Council for finalisation, staff are seeking to confirm building height within our 3D model. On the grounds that Uniting have not responded to previous requests to supply this information, staff will prepare their own model. Upon completion of this work, the matter will be presented to Council for a final decision / adoption in May.

Regarding a future development application, staff expect Uniting to submit a State Significant Development Application with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment by mid-year. As part of this process, Council would be consulted on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) prior to the application progressing. Upon the issuing the SEARs, Uniting would have up to two years to submit an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for assessment.

It was confirmed that you need a DA approval to demolish a building. You can get a separate DA to demolish followed by a DA for a new development.

Tobacconist

48-250 Bronte Road now a tobacconist – Signage is fluorescent yellow, and residents were wondering why they are allowed to use such bright colours Are there any signage controls in Charing Cross?

Action: MM to follow up with Council.

Council's Director of Planning has advised that the Waverley DCP includes controls for advertising and signage generally. In the context of a heritage item or conservation area, proposed signage would be assessed against the relevant requirements of the LEP and DCP. As development would likely occur as State Significant Development, approved plans or conditions of development consent would be issued by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. Council's role would be limited to compliance.

ACTION: It was suggested that a complaint be made to Compliance as the question was not answered specifically. Is the Tobacconist compliant?

Speeding on Carrington Road

SB suggested that a 50 Speed sign be placed near the Charing Cross intersection to slow down traffic especially at night.

Action: Council to approach state Govt for Signage.

Manager of Traffic and Transport advised that the default urban speed limit is 50 km/hr. 50 km/hr signs were installed on certain roads when the default urban speed limit was 60 km/hr. They are no longer required. As such, Council will not be installing new 50 km/hr signs.

Cr AB pointed out that the road is not a Council controlled Road and it would be best to approach Transport NSW

- Suggestion of "Keep Clear" sign near John Street
- Suggestion of Refuge in Carrington Road – Judges Lane
- Darley Rd / Carrington Rd traffic lights phasing changed when bicycle path was created. Cr AB lobbied to have it restored back

Suggestion by JM: ACTION Residents put a paper together requesting various changes to Carrington Road to present at the next meeting. Then contact Marjorie O'Neill (Member for Coogee) to lobby Transport NSW who controls this road to consider these proposed changes.

Bicycle Racks

Request to install bike holding loops near the Robin Hood Hotel.

Council's Assets team will review this location for the suitability of installation of bike hoops and will advise the outcome and timing for installation as appropriate.

ST CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

DC reported: -

- Committee was introduced to the new Headmistress Judith Poole Interim Headmistress for 2 years while they sort out issues relating to the HM position
- Wants to maintain good relationship with neighbours
- The Waverley Council Representative did not turn up to CCC meeting. There has not been a representative from Council for a long period of time and residents on the Committee need support
- JM and DC have been on Committee for 5 years
- Looking for other Residents to be on the Committee.
- Residents must scrutinize traffic and parking statistics. Need people who can hold the school to account especially in relation to the conditions of consent for the development
- Traffic Survey is currently happening. It measures traffic in school holidays and also during school term. School Traffic info will be collected during the second week of Term 2. Travel Surveys will also go out to staff and students
- 1050 students presently. 790 Students in High School
- 48 Boarders. Their capacity is 61
- 160 Staff Members
- Using School Prefects to help Juniors get out of cars in Leichhardt Street
- Issue with drop offs at the corner of Albion and Macpherson Streets
Cars are not moving down the line and dropping students off near the top entrance to the school on Macpherson Street. So the roundabout is congested. There has been an issue with defacing of Parking Street Signs
- Paper Bark Trees have not been replaced as yet
- Next Meeting in July to look at the new OTMP

- Jane Barker Hall on Albion Street will be the next School Development
- CR AB had been approached by a resident of Bronte to be on the Committee
- Centre is used 7 days a week but reserved for the school and some other nominated events
- **Action. Ask Council to confirm the Rep on the St Caths CCC and ask them to contact Roberta Ryan to attend the next meeting in July**

CHARING CROSS STREETScape UPGRADE - UPDATE

- JM spoke to Project Manager
- Still having discussions with the Designer and Architect
- Council will have contract with Construction company before the end of year
- Work will start in 23- 2024 Financial year
- CR Burrill said Council has to do an REF and the Community will have an opportunity to make further submissions regarding the technical points of the plan
- The plan will not go back to Council
- Discussion of where electrical boxes will go. Prefer them to be underground

FLOODING IN HIGH STREET

- Meeting was held last week in High Street with Mayor Engineer and Exec Member of the Charing Cross Precinct Committee
- Water comes from High Lane and Bronte Rd to a low point in High Street. An underground pipe drains the water to Prospect Street through an Easement. Pipe was blocked and was fixed but it didn't stop the flooding.
- It was agreed that the pipe is too narrow the Pits too shallow.
- Can't do much about the Pipe but will make the Pits wider and deepen to allow faster flow of water away from the Street.
- Council would list the upgrade of the Pipe in the Easement for future upgrade
- Also going to look at Entrance of High Street to see if the water could be slowed or stopped into High Street
- **ACTION: Find out from Council when Pits are going to be adjusted. ie Time Frame**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

227-229 Bronte Road "Stamatiko Flats" an application has been received to demolish the Rear section of this building. MM made a submission on behalf of the CC Precinct. Recommended that the façade on Bronte Road be repaired and restored
Robin Hood Hotel Owners who own this land have the site up for sale along with the Robin Hood Hotel

CR AB said the Council had approved 13.5 metres in height, so they could achieve that

Phillip House Aged Care Facility – Court Action vs Waverley Council

This Development has been approved by Council for a Boarding House for Over 55's

This means Waverley will lose and Aged Care Service

The Owners (Summit Care) are challenging the decision in Court in May

They want it to be available for all ages despite the application being for Over 55's

They also want to double the number of occupants able to live in the Studio apartments raised from around 48 to almost 100

They get a higher FSR because it is for over '55s.

Precinct is concerned that it will not be affordable housing, as is proposed, but will be used for younger professionals who will pay higher rents. There needs to be affordable housing available for single elderly people.

The Precinct intends to send representatives to Court to speak on behalf of residents.

OTHER Development Applications

26 Campbell Street

396 Bronte Road

GENERAL BUSINESS

- SB - Query about being able to **Right Turn from Victoria Street into Carrington St**
Will add to Motion for request for Carrington Road changes for Transport NSW for next meeting
- **Bins in Charing Cross**
These businesses are keeping Rubbins Bins on the Street
Franks Deli, QE, Neighbourhood Liquor Shop

ACTION: Follow up thanking Compliance for attention to Bins on Streets and requesting that Compliance follow up with particular attention to the above business who are leaving Bins on the footpath / street for extended periods

- **New Street Lighting in Santa Marina Avenue**

JP expressed concern about the new street lighting in Santa Marina Av. It is affecting her home in the Cul de Sac where she lives. The light is now considerably brighter especially at night. Lighting is so bright it goes all the way to Cables Place
SSS request has been made to Council to put shades on lights. JP has received no response in the past 2 months.

Action: Precinct to Follow up with Council and ask what is being done to lessen the brightness of the lights

- **Application for 17 Day Event at Bondi Beach has been Withdrawn**

International Beach Festival

The Proposal was recommended for Refusal by Council however the applicant withdrew the application at the last minute. Council will relook at its event policy to review large events proposals like this

Draft Operational Plan
Draft Pricing Policy

Cr LF Mentioned a that these plans were to be tabled at Council soon
Cr AB suggested residents look at changes in Prices especially for Parking Permits

Film Screenings in Parks over the Next few Weeks

See your letterbox for Screenings organised by Council and an opportunity to meet Councillors.

- **Housing Advisory Committee**

Council is seeking expressions of interest for expert members and community members for our **Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)**.

Find out more and apply at <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/housing-advisory-committee>.

Expression of interest will be open until 16 May 2023.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday June 9TH 2023

MEETING CLOSED at 8.40pm