

**Charing Cross Precinct
Pub and Residents Meeting
Minutes
Feb 6 2019
7.00pm**

Pubs and Clubs – no show

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DRAFT Minutes
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7.30 – 9.30pm**

1. Welcome – the convenor welcomed new residents
2. Apologies – Clr Tony Kay, Clr Elaine Kennan, Mora Main, Nigel Harvey
3. Minutes of last meeting

Moved: Danny Caretti
CARRIED

Seconded: Haldis Scott

4. Actions arising (see notes on previous agenda)

Item 8 – Architectural Mapping Project - it was noted that the Convenor had submitted feedback and spoken to Council to ensure that the Charing Cross Conservation Area (CCCA) was included in the mapping project.

Item 9 – Rejuvenating the precinct committee – it was noted that the current precinct structure would remain as is however the proposed changes to the Joint Precinct system, as detailed in Draft 5, would be put to Council.

Item 11 – Request for a representative from Council's Planning department to attend the next CCP meeting – in response to this require a summary of the planning process, provided by Peter Monks, and as detailed in the Minutes of the July 2018 Joint Precinct Meeting was tabled **ACTION:** copy to be upload onto the CCP Facebook page.

It was noted that residents are still confused by the planning process. There were two reports of building non-compliance and issues associated with private certifiers and poor responses from Council Officers (possibility due to lack of resources):- 21 Seaview Street and 45 Watson Street. **ACTION:** Clrs Copeland and Masselos to investigate.

Item 15 – 378 Bus Campaign – the trip to Bega has been confirmed 23rd Feb and it was noted there is a forum schedule for March 14th 6-9 pm to discuss Eastern Suburbs Public Transport. The Bus Union will present their perspective providing

an opportunity to “Have your Say” and a Q&A panel will also be convened.
Tickets available at Eventbrite

5. **St Caths CCC** - Danny provided an overview of the role of the St Caths CCC and a history of the development plans. It was noted that the current plans are on hold due to cost blow outs. It was also noted that:-
 - a. Local residents are petitioning for restricted parking in the area – the decision will be made by Council; areas impacted around the school include, Macpherson Street and up Leichardt street.
 - b. There are still safety concerns in relation the planned relocation of the pedestrian crossing and risks arising from pedestrians’ crossing at the roundabout. The matter is yet to be resolved.
 - c. The St Caths CCC has not meet for several months now.
6. **Pubs and Clubs** – it was noted that representatives from both hotels did not attend the meeting and RH is negating its duties and is in breach of its DA consent as prescribed by the Land and Environment Court’s decision. **ACTION:** Julie to contact Dan at RH. Also Charing Cross Hotel
7. **Charing Cross Square** – Danny explained the proposal and the meeting discussed the said justification for the planned 7 storeys and the financial viability of the proposal. The meeting discussed, in detail, the State Government’s planning process and Council’s notes as recorded in the minutes of the July 2018 Combined Precinct Meeting. The Planning Proposal for the site is with Council and a determination is yet to be made. It was agreed that the laws are very difficult to understand and there is a strong perception that they are skewed towards developers’ interests. The Planning Proposal for the site is with Council and a determination is yet to be made.
8. **Community Safety Committee Report** – no report as the committee has not yet met in 2019.
9. **DA Report** – there were no other DA’s discussed other than those mentioned under Item 4 Matters Arising (see above) D Caretti as the Precinct DA rep is still not receiving notifications of DA’s from Council
10. **Waverley Bowling Club Proposal** – The Club’s President Pat Fitzsimons provided background information noting that the Bowling Club had entered into an MoU, in good spirit, with the Easts Group setting out an agreement to manage the clubs activities and the championship size greens in perpetuity for members and the public; an \$800K (approx.) debt was ‘bought’ by Easts Group in return for the club and the site. Easts Group was expected to manage the club however there is a strong view that the Easts Group failed and did not invest in the club nor uphold the spirit of the MOU. The Club’s major aim now is to keep bowling club viable and suitable for competitions. This means keeping at least two championship sized greens and club facilitates for both the Ladies and Men’s Club. Rick Roper (Waverley Bowling Club Vice President) discussed the MOU and attempts to negotiate with the Easts Group. Some feel Easts Group has a legal case to answer

because it breached the MoU, its responsibilities and reneged on its commitments. There is very strong community support to retain the club and the three greens noting other Waverley precincts have rejected the Easts Group's proposal.

MOTION

"That the residents strongly object to the current proposal, put forward by Easts Group, because it is a totally inappropriate due to the excessive height, density, intensity of land use and will lead to unacceptable congestion and dangerous traffic."

MOVED: Martin Both
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECONDED: Bernadette Hayes

MOTION

"That the residents support keeping **at least two** championship sized greens and support a new build to house the bowling club and its facilities. The residents support a development that retains recreational use of the land, is community focused and within the LEP".

MOVED: PAT Fitzsimons
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECONDED - Peter Aston

MOTION

"That Waverley Council extend the deadline for submissions by two weeks".

This request is in response to problems with the Council's website; people were unable to access the planning proposal documents, for the first two weeks after the public notification of the DA (possibly due to an upgrade of the Councils server?)

MOVED: Bernadette Hayes
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECONDED: Norma Holmes

Other Comments:

- Council may not extend the deadline but will accept submissions beyond the deadline. **ACTION:** to be confirmed.
- Residents want more transparency to better understand developers' claims of community benefit because it is difficult to assess claims (made by developers) as they appear to manufacture "business losses" to justify building over the heights prescribed in the LEP
- Residents expressed concerns in relation to the planning laws eg when zoning laws are changed and public open/ green and recreational space is lost
- It was noted that the only heritage item on the Waverly Bowling Club site is the sandstone wall and it will be retained
- "Save Waverley Bowlo" has set up A Go fund me campaign as reported by Bernadette Hayes

11. **Waverley Action Group (WAG)** – a non-political group has been established to garner community support and engage residents and other local stakeholders to support sustainability, liveability, heritage and sensible development in Waverley. The group is incorporated, has set up a Facebook page and will hold a General Meeting shortly. WAG will seek to raise funds to support its agenda and will release more information shortly. Those interested in finding out more are encouraged to email Julie McAlpin and visit the facebook page.

12. **Next Meeting** – Wed 17April