

DRAFT MINUTES BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING

7 FEBRUARY 2022 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Meeting opened: 7:01pm Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and Apologies

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We seek truth telling and support the Uluru Statement. We are proud to live in a country with the oldest living culture in the world and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

Apologies: None

2. Minutes of previous meeting

No minutes

3. Business Arising

No business arising

4. Footpaths

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL:

It was unanimously agreed to ask the relevant Council staff the following questions:

- Are footpaths inspected and if so how often?
- Who are trip hazards reported to?
- How long does it take Council to fix a trip hazard?
- If Council doesn't do regular inspections of footpaths how are trip hazards identified?

5. Gutters

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL:

It was unanimously agreed to ask the relevant Council staff the following questions:

- How often are gutters cleaned
- How are they cleaned
- Why is soil washed into gutters in the rain left in the gutters? This soil becomes a bank for debris to pile up against and needs to be removed.
- How would council propose to remove this soil?

6. Mowing verges

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL:

It was unanimously agreed to ask the relevant Council staff the following questions:

- How often are verges mowed?
- If they are not being mowed why not?
- How does Council propose to keep streets tidy if they don't mow verges?

Cr Wy Kanak suggested residents request things such as mowing verges to be included as part of the Community Strategic Plan which is still available for comment.

<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/wcsp2022>

7. DA for 26-32 Hall St

After lengthy discussion about this DA, it was decided that Adrian Findlay and Margaret Merten would attend the Council meeting on Tuesday 15 February to speak to the Motions about this DA, including those put forward by Crs Wy Kanak and Gray.

The Agenda for the Council meeting is available on Friday 11 Feb at https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/council_meetings.

8. Excessive development on sandhills

MOTION 1: Bondi Beach Precinct would like to know if Council has done or intends to do any in depth study on the consequences of excessive excavations on sandhills, particularly those with flowing water courses below them?

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

9. Council information on noise

Deferred to next meeting

10. General business

Former Councillor John Wakefield attended the meeting to give an overview of Bondi Beach ongoing projects as follows:

- (1) The re-establishment of Campbell Pde is a long term project that has been ongoing for many years and is still underway. North Bondi and Ben Buckler are in progress.
- (2) The Francis St Campbell Pde intersection still needs to be dealt with from both a traffic calming and more public seating, park enhancement perspective. There is a cost benefit to this upgrade in creating more parking space revenue and attracting more people to the parkland. John advised public space needed to be viewed as public real estate – an upgrade can also be also revenue producing.
- (3) Glen Ayr and Hall St upgrade. His is a dangerous intersection for pedestrians
- (4) South Bondi toilet block – this was supposed to be finished before the Pavilion works were completed to compensate for fewer toilets in the Pavilion and to provide the skateboarders with facilities.
- (5) The Pavilion forecourt needs to be looked at from the point of view of shade structures seating etc.
- (6) The Dolphin Court needs to be looked at as a potential low key amphitheatre
- (7) The Rowe St project which has been in the pipeline for years and is ready to make the area safer needs to be acted on

MOTION 2: Bondi Beach Precinct congratulates all Councillors on their recent election to Waverley Council, and welcomes Cr Gray, our newest Bondi Ward representative.

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

MOTION 3: Given the many significant contributions made to Bondi Ward and Bondi Beach by Councillor John Wakefield during his long term of service to the community, particularly during his latest term as Mayor when he oversaw the Bondi Pavilion restorations, the north Bondi Promenade and pool works and the Notts Ave upgrade among other things, Bondi Beach Precinct requests that Waverley Council consider installing a plaque and/or naming one of these public works to commemorate Cr Wakefield's contribution. For instance, the Notts Ave up-grade could be recognised as Wakefield Plaza.

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

Lenore Kulakauskas Co-Convenor 8 February 2022