

Minutes of meeting of the Rose Bay Precinct held at the Waverley Council Chambers on Monday, 4 April 2016:

Chairperson: Bruce Woolf

Attendees: 9 residents attended incl. Committee members; Sanday and Woolf

Councillors: Cr. Miriam Guttman-Jones

Apologies: Mayor Betts

Minutes: The previous Precinct meeting on 2 November 2015 was cancelled due to the fact that no residents turned up for the meeting.
Chairman Woolf advised that the Minutes for the previous meeting held on 6 July 2015 be read instead.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Following is the extract from the 6 July 2015 meeting:

5. General Business

5.1 Upper Liverpool St (from the cul-de-sac to Hardy St).

- The aim is to improve the landscape and local environment.....

Waverley Council response: Cr Goltsman advised the meeting a new 'One Way' sign is to be installed to ensure traffic entering the divided street (from Hardy St) know exactly which side of the divided wall/street they need to go to progress safely. The rusty, tired old fence on top of the divided concrete wall is to be replaced and the stairs leading down to the lower part of Liverpool St are to be fixed.

Chairman Woolf advised the meeting that the project to improve the landscape and local environment in Upper Liverpool St had been completed satisfactorily as per the proposed plan, with one exception. Contrary to the agreed plan, Bruce advised the meeting that during the course of the improvement works fifteen (15) parking spaces had been removed.

Resolution was agreed and passed by meeting to request Waverley Traffic Committee to re-install the fifteen (15) parking spaces. (Copy of that Resolution is attached to these Minutes).

Agenda:

1. Traffic and Parking Issues

1.1 Residents Arlene Basger and Helen Einstein addressed the meeting on their concerns regarding the overdevelopment of Owen Street, with more and more new larger dwellings being built. Older style single dwelling homes/buildings were being replaced by units and /or dual occupancy. The increased number of new housing is creating traffic problems in Owen St with more and more cars now using the street. Owen St is a narrow street and does not allow two-way traffic easily, cars have to pull over towards the kerb (where possible) to allow oncoming cars to pass.

1.2 Residents raised the issue of OSH Rd shrinking to one lane past Penkevil St, with the kerbside lane becoming a 'Bus only lane'. Given the increasing volume of traffic that now travels west on OSH Rd., this seems a waste of available road. Years ago when the RMS decided to allocate the kerbside lane to 'Bus only', general car traffic wasn't as large as it today. Now with the increased & increasing volume of traffic on OSH Rd maybe a review of the use of the 'Bus only' lane and its effectiveness would be timely

Resolution: The meeting requested that Director of Planning, Peter Monks be invited to the next Rose Bay Precinct meeting. Residents would like Mr. Monks to address the meeting 'On the Big Picture for Waverley', where is the overarching plan for Waverley when it comes to planning for the number of residents, parking,

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Traffic and Parking Issues (cont.)

Resolution: The meeting requested that Director of Planning, Peter Monks be invited to the next Rose Bay Precinct meeting. Residents would like Mr. Monks to address the meeting 'On the Big Picture for Waverley', where is the overarching plan for Waverley when it comes to planning for the number of residents, parking, unit development and traffic. Residents feel that 'enough is enough'; there is a sense that Waverley is 'full' when it comes to people, cars and units. What is the Council's planning response to the residents' concerns on these issues?

2. Development Applications

2.1 Residents living near #427 Old South Head Road addressed the meeting on the proposed DA for 427 Old South Head Road, (near cnr. Owen St). Presently #427 is a single two storey building, however, the DA indicates that the owners are proposing to add seven (7) additional bedrooms and a swimming pool.

Residents have raised concerns that the premises presently are possibly being used as a backpacker business and that the DA, should it go ahead as detailed, will only increase the building's use as a backpacker premises. Residents highlighted the number and turnover of people using the premises; there appears to be more and more young people using the premises particularly at night time.

Resolution:

The Rose Bay Precinct meeting resolved to advise Council that residents raised concerns that the premises at #427 Old South Head Road, Rose Bay are possibly being used as a backpacker business and requests the Council to investigate.

2.2 Other DA's

For the meeting Bruce read out the list of Development Applications (DAs) registered with the Council that were relevant to Rose Bay Precinct.

1. General Business

3.1 Resident Julia Hatsatouris raised the subject of the proposed redevelopment of the Bondi Pavilion, which had been reported in that week's issue of the Wentworth Courier. Julia felt that there were a number of issues with the proposal, not the least being the potential loss of space for community group activities and the prevention of parking on QE Drive that the RB Precinct should get behind the campaign to object to the proposed plans for the BP redevelopment.

3.2 Resident Sandra Myers wanted to know why the Council was not planting more 'canopy trees' throughout Waverley?

The meeting was closed at 8.35 pm (approx.)