

Minutes

Bronte Precinct Meeting Monday 04.09.23

Commenced 7.00pm (via Zoom)

Attendees

Alma Douglas - Chair	Grant Beard
Alex Ellis	Charlie Hunter
Clinton Reilly	Bill Chambers
Cr Ludovico Fabiano	Ivan Power
Cr Tony Kay	Michael Frankel
Karen Frankel	Jason Perica
Cathy Gill	Marce
Emma Wilson	

1. **Alma welcomes everyone, Apologies** – Michael Donnan.
2. **Minutes Accepted from last meeting.** Moved Grant, Seconded Alma.
3. **Update on Bronte and Tamarama Surf Club Upgrades**

Tamarama: There has only just been a new builder take over after the previous one went into administration. No real new information on the kiosk consultation other than it will be done in 2 stages. First stage will be to consult the adjacent residents. Second stage to consult with the wider community.

Bronte: It seems there was an information evening at the Surf Club last week but the precinct group were not notified of it. We are also questioning how normal local residents would have been aware and were they? There was no mail drop and nothing through council. Alma went to investigate at the Service Centre on Spring St. Significant projects were historically displayed there in both plan form and model form. Nothing present at Council and the customer service staff were not even aware of the community impacting project. This really is unacceptable in a post covid world, especially given the DA rejection and controversy of the first plans. This second submission is completely different and a different Architect. General consensus is lack of information available and it seems cagey. Why is it such a closed book? DA-455/2022 for reference.

Questions asked about where the funding is coming from. There are several figures discussed about the amounts the Council is putting forward, the Surf Club, the State Government and Federal.

4. **Waverley College DA Update**

Alma hands over resident Ivan Power.

- Ivan gives an update, although there doesn't seem to be a lot of movement, it is the intention to keep it on people's radar. Recently there was a lot of 'jungle clearing' in the 'jungle' area. Undergrowth, weeds and some pruning.
- There was also a Geotech analysis. Looking at the slope and fall of the land.
- The Waverley College Campus Team rep said they have no formal plans for the space and that the previous plans were not practical.
- They plan to consult their neighbours with plans in the future, however it doesn't seem this is far reaching enough as Brown St and Palmerston Ave residents are also impacted greatly. It seems a missed opportunity, a broader consultation was and is needed.
- Waverley College is considering Brown St as an emergency access, however this does not stop foot traffic using this entrance/exit and thus creates a new 'pick up' point for parents in cars. This will contribute to traffic volume and potentially affect safety. There is a section of Brown St and Palmerston Ave that is a blind corner, and cars often take it at pace. If they intend to make this blind corner 'safer', car spaces will naturally have to be forgone and again negatively impacting residents. Note that Palmerston Ave dwellings are majorly flats with no off-street car spaces. Karen Frankel shares the safety concern in Brown St and subsequent traffic flow.
- Michael asks if Bronte Precinct could send a request to Waverley College requesting we be kept up to date with any changes or progress with the plans.
- Cr Kay asks how substantial the pruning was as there is only an outstanding unapproved Tree Pruning request from 2022 and nothing recent (TPO-131/2022). Were Coral trees pruned?

General Business

- **Stormwater and Sewerage Leak/Discharge** in Bronte Gully and Park. Alex gives update following a call to Sydney Water. Original Case number for Sydney Water is WO89484710, rep over the phone reported roots in the line being the cause of the major sewerage spill. This was also followed by a mandatory 7 days exclusion zone around the incident given the unhygienic severity. This is not the first time Bronte Precinct has reported Sewerage Leaking in Bronte Gully to Sydney Water, we are pushing for a permanent fix instead of all these minor clean up fixes.
- Sydney Water rep Kurt states that on 17/08 a new job was also raised in the system to investigate the line, manhole to manhole, with cameras. He states there is an inspection program Sydney Water keep to. This is interesting as if there were roots in the line you would think they would have been previously detected and dealt with during an inspection. When asked about the frequency of these inspections - monthly and bi-monthly was the answer. New job number is WO89491291.

Note – The following day (Tuesday 5.09.23 8.27am), Alex sighted contractors Veolia in Bronte Gully adjacent to the leak site, they deal in Wastewater management and Solutions, a good sign. The employee from Veolia stated they were cleaning the line. Image in appendix.

- **EV Update:** Flyer circulated has information but no proposed locations. Counsellors are also not being told where the proposed locations will be. Residents of Palmerston Avenue have had communication a proposed location is their street. It would seem many are in favour of the concept but this street is very narrow, very difficult to park in, and at capacity in terms of space so they are opposed to this location choice. It is also a low lying street and flood zone. It would remove at least two current parking spaces.
- Cathy (resident) can see both sides, however given the width of close by Dickson St, proposes that would be a better suited location, all agree, for safety reasons also.
- Once installed the information of users, frequency of use etc will be gathered and assessed to make further informed decisions on locations. It is also expected these will be the disappointingly slower version chargers, 4-5 hours.
- **Street Scap Maintenance.** Grant provides background on a request for footpath renewal in between two sections of already renewed footpath in Mirimar Avenue.

Motion:

Bronte Precinct asks Council when in the 2023–24 financial year the remaining sections of footpath on the south-eastern side of Mirimar Avenue are scheduled for replacement, as previously advised by Mr Ioannides.

Moved: Grant Beard

Seconded: Alma

Carried.

Background is given for the previous request made to Council for permanent Traffic Control staff to be present in Mirimar Ave, Thompson St and Ashley St during the Sculptures by the Sea period. Cr Kay mentions there is a council meeting zoom coming up with the Traffic Committee so this should be mentioned in the minutes and Cr Kay will address.

Action—Grant will check whether the item is included in the agenda for the September Traffic Committee. If not, he will discuss with Cr Kay.

Additionally, let it be recorded in the minutes that the precinct received a letter from a resident commending staff members at council for great service regarding the DA process and assisting that resident in his enquiries.

Police Report – Grant kindly attended the Police Community Meeting last month. There was nothing alarming to report. Last Summer was relatively quiet in terms of crime, the Police suggested however that now covid is over, it may give rise to a busier summer. The two pubs in Charing Cross have experienced a decent degree of anti-social behaviour lately as reported by their residents and police.

- A few noteworthy points – Cars can use the bike lanes for 50m before they are due to make a turn.
- Shared paths, the bikes must give way to pedestrians.
- Electric bikes must have pedals to be considered a 'bike', otherwise it's a vehicle technically.

- Online/text scams are always an issue on the agenda

Last point for the evening – Alma recently discovered the Council Service Centre no longer accepts cash for the payment of rates. She was then charged a further \$17 in credit card fees to pay electronically. Cash is legal tender and there is no longer a covid risk with handling cash, she would like this reversed and cash accepted. We have many older residents who would like to pay cash. Alma to bring this up at Combined Precincts Meeting also.

Alma- Thank you to all attending.

Meeting closed 8.23pm.

Appendix

