

Minutes
Bondi Heights Precinct Committee General Meeting

Monday 5th December 2022

The Queens Park Room, Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street & Bondi Road.

Attendance numbers: 9 with 7 eligible to vote.

Noted attendance at commencement:

Convenor:

Bill Mouroukas

Council Officer:

Corinna Pierce

Waverley Ward Councillor attendance:

Cr Fabiano Present – Full Meeting.

Cr Murray Absent

Cr Kay Present – Full Meeting.

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7:05 pm

MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –

- COVID-19 Government Safety Requirements
- Fire exits and washroom facilities.
- Reminder for all present to sign the Attendance Sheet.
- Any guest (out of precinct) attendees were asked to declare their presence for the record.
- No printed material to be distributed at the meeting without approval from the chair.
- Convenor's eMail Group: convenorbill@gmail.com

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Lynda Hall, Lachlan Beaton, Sarah Vorcheimer, Shelia Lazarus.

PRESENTATION TO PRECINCT:

NEW WAVERLEY LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION:

Corinna Pierce Manager, Library and Learning Futures at Waverley Council reported to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

CANCELLATION OF 10th OCTOBER 2022 MEETING:

The meeting scheduled for 10th October 2022 was cancelled due to failure by the security firm to provide public access. This was not the fault of Council or any member of Council staff.

The Convenor acknowledges the patience of Crs Kay and Fabiano and of the residents who waited on the steps of Council Chambers until 7:30 pm when the meeting was declared cancelled.

WAVERLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

No Council Report to the precinct was provided for this meeting.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting was tabled, and copies distributed to meeting attendees.

MOTION [202212M1] ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES –

“THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE 2022, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.”

Mover, Julia Varga. Seconded, Eva Varga.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC:

WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE met on 25th August 2022,

Item TC/C.02/22.08 57 and 59 Ocean Street, Bondi - 'P Motor Bikes Only' Parking Zone

COUNCIL OFFICER'S PROPOSAL:

That Council installs a 'P Motor Bikes Only' parking zone between the driveways of 57 and 59 Ocean Street, Bondi.

WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE met on 29th September and 27th October 2022,

No Traffic matters relating to BHP were noted on the agenda for this meeting.

WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE met on 24th November 2022,

Item TC/V.06/22.11 43-45 Penkivil Street, Bondi - 'P Motor Bikes Only' Zone

COUNCIL OFFICER'S PROPOSAL:

That Council installs a 3.5 metre 'P Motor Bikes Only' zone between the driveways of 43-45 Penkivil Street, Bondi.

Item TC/V.07/22.11 37 Waverley Crescent, Bondi Junction - Mobility Parking Space

COUNCIL OFFICER'S PROPOSAL:

That Council installs a 6-metre mobility parking space in front of 37 Waverley Crescent, Bondi Junction.

Item TC/CV.02/22.11 St Patrick's Catholic Church, Bondi - Wedding and Funeral Parking Changes

COUNCIL OFFICER'S PROPOSAL:

That Council changes the 12 metres 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted' restriction on the western side of Wellington Street, Bondi, north of Bondi Road outside St Patrick's Catholic Church, to 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted, 9 am–2 pm Mon–Sat' and 'P15 Min, 2 pm–6 pm Mon–Sat.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Lynda Hall reported by eMail that no significant issues to report from new notices received up to 5th December 2022.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202212Q1] DA-104/2018 –

“COULD COUNCIL PLEASE ADVISE THE PRECINCT OF WHAT PROPERTIES WERE NOTIFIED IN REGARD TO THIS DA AND OF THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION?”

Attendees who live close to 59 Ocean Street reported that they had not been notified of this DA.

TREE POLICY:

Concern raised over Council's proposed changes to the tree policy. The draft changes impose new, extremely difficult conditions on residents if they want to prune any trees, by requiring the pruning to be approved by Council if the tree is greater than 3m (currently 5m) in either height or canopy spread.

Local councils such as Woollahra and Randwick have controls roughly aligned to Waverley's existing WDCP 5m tree pruning thresholds so the proposed controls (if endorsed by Council) will mean that Waverley's residents will have to endure the most draconian controls of all councils in the local area.

CONVENOR'S NOTE

Both draft Tree Management Policy and draft Waverley Development Control Plan (incl. proposed tree removal and pruning controls) were to be considered at the Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday 6th December 2022. At the time of writing, minutes of the meeting had not been published.

WAVERLEY PARK NOISE:

MOTION [202212M2] WAVERLEY PARK NOISE –

“THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS WAVERLEY COUNCIL PUT IN PLACE CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS THAT WILL PREVENT LOUD NOISE AND MUSIC THAT COULD EMANATE FROM ANY FORMALLY APPROVED ACTIVITY AT THE MARGRET WHITLEM RECREATION CENTRE, ESPECIALLY THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND SURROUNDS WHICH ARE NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE AS A MUSIC VENUE.”

Mover, John Simpson. Seconder, Eva Varga.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND: This motion seeks Council action to prevent the occurrence of events such as that which took place from 7:30pm and into the evening on Friday 18th November 2022, when live music including drums, brass instruments and chanting was disturbing the peace and quiet of residents in the Bondi Road, Park Parade and Flood Street general area. Such activities are considered unacceptable by the Bondi Heights Precinct and should be prohibited.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO THE MEMBER FOR COOGEE, Dr MARJORIE O'NEILL [202212R1] PEDESTRIAN BARRIER FENCE –

“COULD THE MEMBER FOR COOGEE, Dr MARJORIE O'NEILL PLEASE SEEK AN EXPLANATION FROM THE MINISTER, AS TO WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE FENCE ON THE MEDIAN STRIP IN COUNCIL STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF BONDI ROAD?”

Councillors advised that Council Street is a state road and as such this question should be directed to the Member for Coogee:

“I should like the Council to explain the reason for installing a fence in Council Street? I have lived here for 13 years and there has never been a road incident in that area. It seems to me that the Council [State Government] is wasting money on unnecessary items while neglecting the attention that they should be giving to the deplorable state of the roads.

CONVENOR'S NOTE

It should be noted that the placement of the fence is ineffective in deterring unlawful pedestrian crossing of Council Street at Dalley Street where unlawful crossings continue to occur.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202212R2] WAVERLEY PARK DOG CONTROLS ENFORCEMENT–

“COULD COUNCIL RANGERS PLEASE ENFORCE THE LEASHED AREA OF WAVERLEY PARK.”

Resident reports her dog was attacked while on lead by an off-leash dog as she was walking through the park.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202212Q2] PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN PAUL STREET –

“COULD COUNCIL PLEASE ADVISE THE PRECINCT OF WHAT PARKING ENFORCEMENT MEASURES ARE TAKING PLACE IN PAUL STREET SOUTH OF BONDI ROAD?”

Resident believes current measures are ineffective.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202212Q3] ANIMAL BAITING IN OCEAN STREET NEAR BONDI ROAD –

“COULD COUNCIL PLEASE ADVISE THE PRECINCT OF THE STATUS OF ANY INVESTIGATION THAT MAY BE TAKING PLACE OVER REPORED ANIMAL BAITING IN OCEAN STREET BETWEEN BONDI ROAD AND OCEAN LANE?”

GENERAL BUSINESS BY EMAIL TO THE CONVENOR:

Resident eMail:

Please get rid of that awful idol in the Anglesea Community garden - on the seat put there for old people like myself. This garden was set up through the efforts of [NAMES REDACTED BY CONVENOR FOR PRIVACY]. Now idolators are burning burnt offerings to this idol in what is supposed to be a garden that everyone can use - but now we cannot go near the thing as long as the idol is there polluting it for everyone else. [NAME REDACTED BY CONVENOR FOR PRIVACY] is very upset about it. The idol appears to have arrived around June. If people want such idols, they should have them in the privacy of their own homes.

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202212R3] ANGLESEA STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN IDOL –
“OFFICER RESPONSE REQUESTED.”**

Resident eMail:

Is it possible you could raise my concerns and disappointment to Waverley Council that they could not communicate directly with the Residents of Bon Accord Avenue over the Jewish High Holy days and the closure of Bon Accord Avenue over 4 separate days. Yes we were contacted by the Synagogue with all the details but surely Waverley are the one ultimately responsible for this. Very disappointing!!

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202212R4] BON ACCORD AVENUE ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION
PROCESS. –
“OFFICER RESPONSE REQUESTED.”**

MEETINGS IN 2023:

Meetings will be held 7.00 – 9.00pm 3rd floor Waverley Council Chambers or via zoom.

Monday 6 February 2023

Monday 31 July 2023

Monday 3 April 2023 (AGM)

Monday 9 October 2023

Monday 5 June 2023

Monday 4 December 2023

MOTION [202212M3] BHP ZOOM EVENT FOR 6 FEBRUARY 2023 –

**“THAT, THE MEETING OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT WHICH IS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR 7 PM
ON 6 FEBRUARY 2023, BE HELD AS AN ONLINE ZOOM EVENT.”**

Mover, Julia Varga. Seconder, Gwen Zeller.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

MEETING CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm