

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on Monday 2 May 2022



Chaired by Ilana Cohen with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes. The meeting opened at 6.36 pm

Present

Mayor Paula Masselos, Councillor Angela Burrill and 9 others.

Apologies

Councillor Elaine Keenan

Acknowledgement of Indigenous heritage

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the Sydney coast.

We acknowledge all elders past and present and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people living, working or visiting Waverley.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last normal meeting on 25 August 2021

Mayor Paula Masselos is seeking more information on the DA for expansion of the boarding house at 5 Grafton Street Bondi Junction. It is currently two levels and the proposal is to add an extra three stories and a lift at the back.

Minutes taken as read.

Councillor's updates

Mayor Paula Masselos

Waverley Council is revitalising the Council Chambers building in Bondi to better serve the community. The internal refurbishment will create a civic hub with community meeting spaces and a customer service function. This is likely to happen towards the end of 2022. Council staff will work at other locations including Whitton Lane, The Mill Hill Centre and The Boot Factory.

The NSW Upper House has established an inquiry into the privatisation of bus services. A number of services have been cancelled and bus stops rationalised. It has been confirmed by Transport for NSW that there are fewer buses operating from Waverley Bus Depot.

The Bondi Pavilion upgrade is almost complete and it is expected to be handed back to Council by June 2022.

The Boot Factory should be open in October 2022.

New furniture is being installed in Oxford Street Mall and a proper redesign is being considered in the long term.

Councillor Angela Burrill

Councillor Angela Burrill recently moved a motion to have Google maps direct bike couriers away from Oxford Street Mall.

Bronka Arcade has the appearance of a third world country and there is capacity for high-rise on the site. The arcade is not going to be turned into a plaza.

A food organics & garden organics (FOGO) waste collection service is being investigated for green waste.

Council has repaired the pipes under Sid Einfeld Drive Bondi Junction.

Council is working on a number of flood mitigation strategies in areas affected by the relentless rain we've been experiencing and many potholes in roads are being filled in during and after the rain. It is easy to register a pothole via Snap Send Solve. Not all roads are Council roads.

Annual General Meeting - election of Committee members for 2019-2020

Nominations were called for the following committee positions and all nominees were elected unopposed:

Convener: Roslyn Elwing nominated **Ilana Cohen**, seconded by Lorraine Brooks.

Secretary: Ilana Cohen nominated **Stephen B. Cohen**, seconded by Paula Gallagher.

DA Rep: Deferred to next meeting.

Licencing Rep: Deferred to next meeting.

Community Safety: Deferred to next meeting.

Heritage Rep: Deferred to next meeting.

General 1: Deferred to next meeting.

General 2: Deferred to next meeting.

DA updates

194 Oxford Street (The Twin Towers)

There have been negotiations for more underground parking.

55 Grafton Street

This development has been delayed due to COVID-19 and a general lack of demand.

292-302 Oxford Street

The footpath in front of this building (opposite Denison Street) is still in a poor and unsafe state. Council is chasing the developer to fill in an illegal basement carpark that extends under the footpath. Once this is filled in, the footpath can be rectified.

Other business

Some pedestrian crossings are losing their markings. If you come across any of these it is best to report them using Snap Send Solve.

Grosvenor Street between Oxford Street and Grafton Street is reserved for Buses and taxis only. It has been observed that Uber drivers are also using this road despite signs informing them that only buses and taxis can use this road. It may be a good idea to paint the road surface to alert drivers that this road is not for general traffic.

There is a proposed development at 51 Landaff Street which is a narrow lot. The proposal is for two houses with stacked car parking. The development is completely out of character with the street and can be considered an overdevelopment.

Would Waverley Council consider turning off street lights after midnight to reduce light pollution? This is unlikely to be approved by the police as it would be a safety issue.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 24 August 2022.