

**CHARING CROSS PRECINCT MEETING
MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2011
CHARING CROSS HOTEL**

The meeting opened at 7.35 p.m.

- 1. Welcome:** Margaret Hope (Convenor for Meeting)
- 2. Apologies:** Mayor Sally Betts, Cr Mora Main, Monica and Wayne Bell, Litsa Mellos.
- 3. Attendance:** As per attendance sheets (8 participants) including Councillors Tony Kay and Prue Cancian
- 4. Correspondence:** Letter from Dan Joannides Divisional Manager Technical Services regarding a proposal to make Park Parade one –way, south bound. Cr Tony Kay advised that a survey of residents will be done after the new facilities at Waverley Pavilion are operational. This will probably be the middle of next year.
- 5. Minutes Passed:** The Minutes of 18 April 2011 were accepted and passed as an accurate record. Moved by Margaret Hope. Seconded by Danny Caretti. (One correction Apologies list should read Linda **Read** not Ried)

6. MOTIONS PASSED/REQUESTS FOR ACTION FOR THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL:

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7. UPDATED MATTERS

a) CHARINGFIELD DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE

Motion was forwarded to the Divisional Manager, Technical Services. The "NO STOPPING" sign on the northern side of the driveway to No. 282A has been moved to the south and close to the edge of the driveway reducing its effective width making "U" turns more difficult.

(The driveway was checked after the meeting and the action was found to be ineffective in stopping U turning drivers – Mary Shiner please ask Divisional Manager to liaise with Precinct (Margaret Hope) to clearly identify the problem)

b) REQUEST FOR BIKE LANES IN BRONTE ROAD

Motion was forwarded to the Divisional Manager, Technical Services and to the Sustainable Transport Officer. Bronte Rd is on the current Bike Plan as a proposed bike route and marked on Cycling in Waverley and Woollahra as a main

bicycle route on high-traffic streets. This will be considered when Council reviews the Bike Plan.

c) REQUEST FOR WASTE BIN OPPOSITE THE VERONA BAKERY

Waste Services are monitoring the area as part of an investigation as to whether another bin is necessary.

d) REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF FLETCHER'S GULLY

Motion was forwarded to Records and to the Director, Planning & Environmental Services for noting and consideration. Cr Prue Cancian reported that the protection of Fletcher's Gully had been secured at a previous Council meeting.

e) LETTER TO JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL RE ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL DA 140/2011

Paula Poon Director of Panel Secretariat responded to the Charing Cross Precinct letter that they had no say in determination of DA 140 / 2011 going to the Joint Regional Panel. Waverley Council was responsible for following the guidelines for school developments deemed to be of special significance because they passed the \$5 million dollar threshold. Phillip Bull advised that the application with in effect two projects on two separate parts of land was legal. The issue will be followed up with the Member for Coogee Bruce Notley- Smith and the NSW Minister for Planning Brad Hazzard and reported back to the next Precinct Meeting.

8. CHARING CROSS PUBS AND RESIDENTS UPDATE

The Pubs and Residents Subcommittee meet on the same day as the bi monthly Charing Cross Precinct Meeting starting at 6.30 pm at the same venue. Margaret Hope reported that issues discussed at that meeting were as follows:

- Charing Cross Hotel has another Manager – Sam
- Contact numbers for the Hotels in case of disturbance were now printed on the Precinct Flyers.
- The Precinct's sub-committee meeting have been cited as a positive and Charing Cross is considered to have a "model" committee.
- The 7-11 Convenience store in Charing Cross was seeking to increase its trading hours. Various submissions to Council have been made from interested parties.
- Checks were being made to ensure convenience stores and food stores were not open past regular hours encourage heavy drinkers to stay in the area
- There is possibility that the Charing Cross Hotel may undergo some renovations
- The Robin Hood Hotel was reassessing noise from live music on Thursday evenings.

9. CHARING CROSS AGM

Mary Shiner Community Consultation Coordinator thanked the previous Precinct Executive for their work with the Charing Cross Community

All positions were declared vacant

The following were elected to these positions:-

Danny Caretti – Convenor (Nominated by M Hope, Seconded by J Read)

Julie McAlpin – Secretary (Nominated by D Caretti, Seconded by M Hope)

Margaret Hope – DA Representative (Nominated by D Caretti, Seconded by J Read)

Pat Kenny – Traffic Representative (Nominated by Mary O’Malley, Seconded by D Caretti)

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10. VICTORIA STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Mary O’Malley worked closely with Paul Pearce on the matter while he was in office and he had written to the Minister of Roads and the RTA on our behalf.

The RTA responded, saying they did not agree with our proposed scatter crossing but acknowledged that changes needed to be made to the sequencing of the lights and an extra pedestrian crossing needed to be installed from the Charing Cross Hotel to the opposite side of Victoria Road west. It said, however, that Council would be required to go 50/50 with the expense.

Mary O’Malley to liaise with Tony Kay, The Pedestrian Council and the RTA and report back at the next meeting

11. HERITAGE, CONSERVATION AND LOCAL CHARACTER

Margaret Hope discussed a request from Bronte, Bronte Beach and Queen’s Park Precincts to co-sign a letter to Council outlining reasons for concern about the way it has handled heritage and heritage items in recent years. Margaret suggested that CC Precinct send a different kind of letter in view of the fact it had already registered residents’ concerns on a number of occasions. It has transpired in the meantime that the Precinct has the opportunity to congratulate Council on an officer’s report that we consider addresses our concerns.

Motion below as passed (See Motions above)

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12. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

a) ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL, WAVERLEY

Meeting with Mayor Sally Betts, Cr Tony Kay, School Representatives and Residents

On May 18th residents met to discuss the BER approved building at the rear and side of 313 Bronte Road and the softening of the effect this three storey development has on neighbours. The schools representatives agreed to come back with a landscape plan for consideration including the installation of a Green Wall on the large wall facing 313 Bronte Road. A plan was received late on the evening of June 20th for consideration

DA 140/ 2011 St Catherine's School

Submissions closed on this DA on May 13th 2011. 14 Submission has been made. This DA was currently being assessed by Waverley Council Planners. D Caretti's home had been visited and photographed for impacts including loss of view. Phillip Bull of Waverley Council had advised the Precinct Convenor that:-

They have deferred the applications in respect to the following issues:-

1. To allow the submission of amended plans in regard to the Bronte Road Building to address the following:

(a) The loss of ocean views from the living room of the unit of the neighbouring dwelling to the west, with it noted that the current design removes more than 50% of view when standing in the living room;

(b)The bulk of the building as it presents to the street and the need to rely on street planting to screen and reduce the visual appearance of the proposal;

(c) To retain a view corridor through the north-west corner of the site that also minimises the bulk of the proposal to the street;

(d) Visual and acoustic privacy impacts to the western neighbours. In this regard the provision of either fixed obscure glazing or the deletion of side facing windows and doors and the relocation of the main doorway to the Music Room to facing Bronte Road and not the side boundary;

(e) Integration of ESD attributes including rain water tanks for water re-use on site and photovoltaic system.

2. The applicant to address clause 32 of SEPP (Infrastructure) in Terms of compliance with the various School Facilities Standards.

Residents are awaiting advice as to when the DA will go the Waverley Council DCC and to the Joint Regional Planning Panel. The Precinct to lobby the NSW Govt on the apparent loop hole that allows 2 DA's to be combined into one to reach the threshold for the DA to be determined by the JRPP and not the local Councillors of Waverley Council.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Garbage Collection – Leichhardt Lane 5.10am Mondays

School refuse was being collected early on Monday mornings. If Waverley Council was providing this service could an inquiry be made as to whether it can be made at sometime later to ensure less disturbance in the early hours of the morning. Preferably after 6am.

b) 117 Henrietta Street

J Namey reported discussions were being held about the 3rd level of this building and the possible effect of on solar power for the neighbouring buildings

c) COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING

Was not discussed

14. Next Charing Cross Precinct meeting is scheduled for **Monday 15 August 2011**

Meeting closed 9.10 pm