

Bondi Precinct Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday 2 November 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting opened at 7.07pm

Councillors in attendance: Waverley Mayor, Clr Paula Masselos, Clr Dominic Wy Kanak, Clr Leon Goltsman

Apologies: Clr Michelle Gray, Jacqui Feeney, Gabi Tobias, Alison Leitch, Jack Lowenstein, Matthew Turner, Annie Parnell, Jennifer Arnold

Council Representatives: Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-Ordinator

Convener: Di Robinson

Participants: 14 participants

Welcome/Acknowledgment of Country: Di Robinson

Acceptance of minutes – (from last meeting held on Zoom on 24 August 2022).

Moved: Rex Walsh

Seconded: Tim Read

Carried

Report on business arising – (from 24 August Precinct meeting).

Five motions were passed at the 24 August meeting.

Three motions pertained to Destination Hall Street and resident opposition to it. These motions were forwarded to the relevant Council officers and Councillors following the 24 August Precinct meeting.

Action: Council decided not to proceed with Destination Hall St.

Two motions related to Complying Development Certificates (CDCs).

One motion requested Council prepare and make available a pamphlet about the CDC process and residents' rights within that process.

Action: Council is investigating what information it can provide in what format, as the rules are subject to change. Will report back.

The second motion requested Precinct raise the CDC process with State and Federal Members of Parliament.

Action: This has been actioned.

The convener told the meeting some of the problems residents were experiencing with CDCs, and particularly one case in Francis Street. The convener then thanked Clr Wy Kanak for taking the time to visit sites and following up on CDC breaches. The meeting endorsed the convener's comments.

Another resident then spoke to Destination Hall Street and told the meeting it was important to acknowledge when the voice of residents had not only been listened to but acted upon. The resident said Precinct Committees should thank Council for listening and not proceeding with Destination Hall Street.

The following motion was then proposed:

Motion 1

Bondi Precinct welcomes the Council's decision to discontinue the Destination Hall Street proposal and thanks the Precinct Councillors (Clr Michelle) Gray and (Clr Dominic) Wy Kanak for attending the last meeting and taking note of its [the meeting's] opposition to the proposal.

Moved Tim Read
Seconded: Lee Wright
Carried

The Mayor, Clr Paul Masselos, was also thanked for attending tonight's meeting and for listening to and acting upon residents' opposition to Destination Hall Street.

Complying Development Certificate (CDCs) & Overdevelopment

The meeting then discussed difficulties residents had experienced with CDCs and what happened when there were clear and serious breaches to CDCs.

The discussion highlighted one non-complying CDC in the Bondi Precinct, and the problems neighbours had experienced dealing with the development and obtaining any clarity over who could assist when breaches occurred.

One resident said the process for getting in touch with Council officers was frustrating even when there had been clear breaches to a CDC.

Another resident told the meeting he was still unaware what was happening next door to his home despite months of inquiry.

Clr Masselos said she would take up the matter.

Motion 2

Bondi Precinct resolves to write to the new director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance, outlining residents' concerns over Complying Development Certificates (CDCs), how they operate and what role Council officers can play if they are breached to protect residents from unlawful and non-complying developments.

BP seeks a meeting with the director and Ward Councillors to discuss how to be more effective in dealing with breaches.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: Lee Wright

NB: Clr Masselos suggested residents also write to the NSW Minister for Planning and NSW Minister for Homes (Anthony Roberts) on the problems residents had with CDCs, as planning was a State issue.

Traffic Update

The convener asked The Mayor, Clr Masselos, for an update on the traffic study.

Clr Masselos told the meeting preparations had started for the traffic study. She said the study would now include the area all the way to Blair Street.

Clr Masselos said Council was looking at making O'Brien and Gould Streets 10km shared pedestrian zones, and she had requested officers look at what could be done in Hall Street.

Clr Masselos said the traffic study would be front and centre of what was done.

A resident asked Clr Masselos if the traffic survey could re-legitimise a one-way solution for Hall Street?

Clr Masselos said she doubted it, because of the impact on surrounding streets.

A resident raised Roscoe Street, and the need for some assistance for that area.

Clr Masselos referenced the Council's new strategy document *Our Liveable Places*, in which 15 villages had been identified in Waverley, and what the community wanted.

The following motion was then proposed:

Motion 3

Motion Bondi Precinct resolves to write to the executive manager of Infrastructure, seeking an update on the Local Area Traffic Study and the methodology that will be used in its compilation.

Bondi Precinct restates its interest in being involved in the process from the beginning.

Moved Jennifer Arnold

Seconded: Tim Read

DA Update

Precinct was asked to note a DA in Curlewis Street, Bondi: **DA-442/2022**
Lodged in October, already refused. Expected to be resubmitted.

Overdevelopment/NSW elections

A resident told the meeting that Karen Freyer was contesting the seat of Vaucluse as an Independent candidate at next year's NSW State Election and had concerns about Overdevelopment and Private Certification. The resident told the meeting Karen was keen to make contact with the Precinct, and it was then suggested that all candidates for the seat of Vaucluse be invited to a Precinct meeting early in the year to hear their political views across a range of issues.

Tree Policy

A resident told the meeting that Council had recently conducted a Have Your Say on its [Updated] Tree Policy. The resident said under proposed changes residents with trees over three metres in height on their property would have to apply and pay for Council permission to prune the trees. It currently stands that residents with trees over five metres in height on their property must apply and pay for Council permission to prune trees the trees. The resident told the meeting it was expensive for residents to maintain trees and reducing the height limit at which pruning required council permission (\$85 for permission for one tree, and \$35 for trees thereafter) could act as a disincentive to residents to want trees.

A more collaborative approach was suggested.

Another resident told the meeting that while it was a privilege to have trees, they were expensive to maintain. The resident then detailed the cost of removing extra green waste.

The following motion was then proposed:

Motion 4

Bondi Precinct strongly supports the retention of tree canopy in Bondi and urges Council to support residents who host large trees on their properties which benefit the entire community. This includes by waiving the tree permit application for pruning trees, providing access to Council arborists for advice and assistance in green waste removal.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: Tim Evangelidis

Carried

Sustainability

The meeting was told there was a soft plastic recycle depot through the supermarkets, including one at Bondi.

Arts

Clr Masselos told the meeting Council was close to making an announcement on an interim Artistic Director for the Pavilion.

She said Council had also just approved the issuing of a special bar licence to operate on an 18-month trial. The bar would operate when there are events on in the Pavilion.

Also, the Summer Arts program for the Pavilion and Heads on Festival (launched on 4 November 2022).

Meeting advised Bondi Precinct has its own Facebook page. Lots of information on it about what's going on in the neighbourhood. Bondi Precinct attendees urged to watch out for it.

White Event

The convener told the meeting she had been contacted by residents over concerns that while others had been denied access to the beach for commercial activity, the White Event (Diner en Blanc) had been allowed and the event was already ticketed. Why this event, and not others?

Clr Masselos told the meeting Diner en Blanc was held all over the world. It was for three hours only, and it met the criteria for a high-impact event, with attached conditions regarding sustainability, rubbish and noise. It was also expected a lot of people would picnic (at Diner en Blanc) and then go up and visit local shops and restaurants.

Clr Masselos also told the meeting the event organisers were paying a fee for the use of the space, which in turn helped subsidise free events.

There was then discussion around Council's events policy, the criteria for approving a commercial activity, and whether there would be much financial flow-on to local retailers from Diner en Blanc.

The discussion then shifted to whether Council was establishing a principle in allowing private functions on the beach.

The following motion was then proposed:

Motion 5

BP registers its opposition to Council's decision to authorise Diner en Blanc on Bondi Beach and Bondi Precinct opposes private functions on the public land of Bondi Beach.

Moved: David Burgess

Seconded: Tim Evangelidis

Carried

General Business

1. Clr Masselos told the meeting a Mayoral Minute had been passed at the last Council meeting to support the Uluru Statement of the Heart.
2. Clr Masselos announced she will be attending a round table with School Principals to discuss the establishment of a network of safe walking routes to schools.
3. A resident told the meeting of an issue for residents near the Beach Road Hotel. He said the hotel's bottle shop was now permitted to operate until midnight, so patrons were leaving the hotel, buying a case of beer, and a pizza across the road, and sitting and eating and drinking in the surrounding streets until the early hours.

The resident said the takeaway food venues were staying open beyond their operating hours, regularly until 2 am. The matter was referred to Council.

4. A resident reported an issue with owners cleaning up after their dogs at Bondi Beach and Tamarama Beach, and volleyballers regularly having to clean up dog poo before they can use the beaches. It was requested that Council rangers patrol Tamarama Beach and Bondi Beach regularly to check that dog owners are cleaning up after their dogs and fining them when they're not. The matter was referred to Council.
5. Concerns were raised by a resident about the speed of traffic near the intersection of Francis Street and Wellington Street. Request for consideration of 40kmh zone and pedestrian crossing, so pedestrians can move more safely, particularly enroute to Bondi Primary School, near Bondi Road. The matter was referred on.

Last item

Thanks were given to the Bondi Precinct Executive, Waverley Councillors and Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Mary Shiner, for their work during the year. In turn, Bondi Precinct attendees were thanked for turning up to meetings, and their valuable contribution on a range of issues.

Meeting closed 9pm**Next meeting/s date to be advised**