

Bondi Precinct Meeting Minutes

1 November 2023

Held via Zoom 7pm – 8.35pm

Attendees: 18, including Clr Wy Kanak and Clr Leon Goltsman (Clr Goltsman informed the meeting he would be leaving the meeting at 8pm.)

Apologies: Clr Michelle Gray

Acknowledgement of Country

The convener gave the acknowledgement to country and welcomed elder's past, present and emerging and paid respect to all people living, working, and visiting the Waverley area.

All precinct attendees on the Zoom call were then asked to turn on their video cameras.

The meeting was told here was an apology from Alana Novak, Council's Community Planning Advocate, who was scheduled to attend the night's precinct meeting. The convener told the meeting there were several issues that residents wished to raise around Private Certification and the state of Bondi's residential roads, particularly O'Brien Street.

The meeting was told Ms Novak was now scheduled to attend Bondi Precinct's first meeting of the year in 2024. This will be held on Wednesday 21 February via Zoom.

Confirmation of the minutes from 23 August 2023 meeting

Minutes were tabled for acceptance.

Moved: Zina Kaye

Seconded: Lynne Cossar

Carried

Matters arising from August Meeting

The Convenor went through the Response Report that was prepared by Council. The response report was shared onscreen with the meeting.

Summary of matter's arising:

- Large scale development causing damage to Bondi's residential streets.
- Bondi Precinct had requested a parking review for area 4, including 15-minute free parking in Hall Street.
- Bondi Precinct requested advise about what can be done to mitigate existing and future loads to hydrology infrastructure in Bondi Basin.
- Bondi Precinct to draft letter about flooding and send to relevant officer.

Private Certification

Bondi Precinct has repeatedly asked that all Waverley residents have access to information on private certifications and direction on where residents can turn if there are problems.

The convener told the meeting Ms Novak had sent through information, and this would be uploaded to the council's website so residents had a clearer idea of what their rights were.

A resident then provided an update to the meeting, on his long running case with PC. The resident told the meeting he was greatly unhappy with the situation regarding his property. He said "a number of" emails had been sent to Council since the stop work notice was issued on site. He said there had been no response to those emails in 12 months. He had also been asked by council to "resend" his submission, and relevant emails provided.

Clr Goltsman told the meeting State Government legislation gave Private Certifiers authority in this area. Councils had been left out of it. Clr Goltsman told the meeting if the resident put the request for a response in writing and sent to him, he would make sure the resident received a reply.

The convener thanked Clr Goltsman.

Clr Wy Kanak told the meeting a motion did go to Council in September (12 September 2023) to be taken to the LGNSW 2023 conference.

https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2023/09/CM_20230912_MIN_726.PDF

Clr Wy Kanak said the issue was not settled yet and the council would be pushed to answer the list of 12 or so questions put forward by the resident.

Motion:

Bondi Precinct requests an update from Council's Director of Planning, Sustainability and Compliance, on Bondi Precinct's motion of 15 November 2022.

(Bondi Precinct motion from 2 November 2022). *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.***

Moved: Lee Wright

Seconded: David Burgess

Carried

State of Bondi's roads:

The convener told the meeting the residential roads in Bondi Precinct were in poor condition.

Roads had been dug up by trucks, and large heavy construction vehicles, particularly in O'Brien Street and Sir Thomas Mitchell Road. Many people had concerns about damage to homes and vibrations.

A resident told the meeting some resurfacing had been done in O'Brien Street where the excavation had occurred, and it had helped, but it was only a band aid solution, and it wouldn't be long before the ridges reappeared, and houses were shaking again.

Another resident spoke of the distress that was caused by heavy vehicles, including buses, "thumping" over the ridges on O'Brien Street, and the subsequent house vibrations it caused.

Clr Wy Kanak told the meeting some work had been done on O'Brien Street but final fixing of the trenching of the road surface had to be done at the end of construction. They could do patches, but final work wouldn't get done until final work has been finished.

Another resident said it wasn't just the surface area of the road that was an issue. The problem was the sub strata of the road, which could not sustain the weight of the vehicles going across them.

Motion:

Bondi Precinct requests a meeting with Waverley's General Manager, Emily Scott, to discuss priorities for repairing the poor standard of Bondi's residential streets.

Bondi Precinct also requests a copy of the capital works program and the budgeting for 2024-2025.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: David Burgess

Carried.

Parking

Bondi Precinct had been asking for 15-minute free parking in Hall Street for precinct resident so they could do their shopping without being booked.

Council had responded that 15-minute free parking spots existed in Hall Street.

Residents told the meeting one of the free parking spots was occupied by a parklet.

Motion

Bondi Precinct notes Council's response to its request for Precinct residents to have access to 15-minute free parking in Hall Street.

Bondi Precinct believes the 15-minute free parking spots currently provided are not operating as successfully as they could.

For many months a parklet has operated outside 77/79 Hall Street, a spot designated for 15-minute free parking. BP requests that the parklet be removed so the spot can once again be used for 15-minute free parking.

Moved: Annie Parnell

Seconded: Rex Walsh

Carried

Development Applications Update

The meeting was alerted to a DA in Andrews Avenue off Bondi Road, 5 houses to be demolished to make way for an apartment block.

Also, 22-26 Edward Street, originally slated for affordable housing. An amended DA has been submitted, replacing the affordable housing with four luxury units.

The removal of a large established avocado tree in the laneway between Sir Thomas Mitchell Road and Lamrock Avenue was raised. The tree was removed to make way for underground car parking.

Hydrology

The meeting was presented with a letter drafted by the Precinct, that highlights the need for a basin-wide hydrology report and requests a copy and walk through of the last available report done for all resident's future planning.

Motion:

Bondi Precinct ratifies the letter and sends to the appropriate Council officer.

Moved: Zina Kaye

Seconded: Anne Parnell

Carried

General business

Bondi Bowling Club, which is a significant community club, and a not-for-profit organisation, is looking at a massive rent hike. Concerns were raised about the impact on the community of a loss of such an asset.

Motion:

Bondi Precinct registers its strong opposition and concern over the State Government's 420% rent increase for the Bondi Bowling Club.

We note council's resolution on the issue from the meeting of 17th October and ask to be included in any consultation regarding the plans for support of the Bondi Bowling Club.

We also ask to be updated regarding the outcome of the proposed meeting on this issue between the Waverley Mayor, Paula Masselos, and the NSW Minister for Lands and Property, Stephen Kamper MP.

Moved: David Burgess

Seconded: Mozelle Friedman

Carried

Meeting with the Mayor

The meeting was told the Precinct had requested a meeting with the Mayor, Clr Masselos, over concerns about the Extraordinary Council Meeting in October, and that Clr Wy Kanak, the precinct's elected Ward Councillor, had been demoted in committees as a result of that meeting.

Attendees were wished a Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays, and a safe New Year.

Precinct executive members were thanked for their efforts.

Close of meeting: 8.28pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 21 February 2023 via Zoom

