

Kensington West Kingsford Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date	3 February 2025
Time	7 – 8.45pm
Location	Kensington Park Community Centre
Facilitator	Lauren Sideris (Chair) and Dilip Lobo (Secretary)
Note taker	Dilip Lobo
Attendees	19 people attended
Apologies	Margareta Keal, Judith Coulton, Meredith Tanne, Councillors Hay and Luxford
Finance	None (no income / expenditure to note)
Correspondence	Agenda and Resolution tracking sent out prior to meeting

Agenda items	
<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	
Introduction/s	Chair welcomed Cr's,
Declarations of interest	None declared
Review and confirm minutes of previous minutes	Confirmed
Business arising from previous minutes:	None
Update on previous resolution/s	None - correspondence sent before meeting
<u>(6) COUNCIL UPDATES</u>	
	Councillor Veitch updated us on antisemitism attacks, International Women's Day and Mardi Gras activities, No new information on town centre updates Questions and discussions were held on tree damage from recent storms, storm water/ flood mitigation, site on Strachan and Anzac Parade, Council rates increase, NIDA development. It was suggested that Rod Willey develop a petition on flood mitigation plans to send to Council and bring to the next meeting. Add rates increases to the agenda once IPART announces the rate peg Councillor Veitch to follow up • Tree checks

	Flood and storm water drainage funding application from Sydney Water
<u>LATM PRESENTATION</u>	Tony Lehmann - Manager Integrated Transport presented the LATM study and solutions to be implemented. Questions and comments Beverley discussed the latest thinking for access to Lenthall from Virginia St, McDougall St and Milroy Avenue. The idea was to close these off but this seems to be too difficult to implement and traffic has reduced since the closure of the car dealers in Zetland. Sandra asked about changing the roundabout at Todman/Kensington to traffic lights. Council is looking at the impact of moving to traffic signals. David discussed widening the left hand turn from Todman onto Southern Cross Drive. Tony stated that councils don't operate traffic signals but suggested David make a submission to be sent to Dept of Transport. John discussed turning Tunstall and Eastern into one-way streets. Stella commented against John's idea of turning Tunstall and Eastern Avenues into 1 way streets due to the very detrimental impact it would have elsewhere, particularly Goodrich Avenue. Plus, that this idea just moves the problem to other streets and that needs to be considered. Stella asked question of raised footpath on Mooramie Tony Chan asked whether treatment of safety caused by the cycleway has been specifically excluded from the LATM study. If not, why have safety concerns been ignored? Tony Lehmann stated that the Council hasn't gone through the safety impact throughout the study area but looked at an overall approach. The 40kmh will come in once enough speed restrictive devices are in place. Tony Chan asked why there are no speed restricting devices on Doncaster. Tony Lehmann suggested making a submission to Council Rod raised student parking on Leonard Avenue and surrounding areas. Shuttle bus was suggested but this was tried before with low take up.
UNSW Noise Pollution	There has been a lot of mechanical background noise coming from UNSW- that can be heard across a decent portion of east Kensington between Kensington Park and Roma Avenue. It is not always; it varies day to day and at different times of the day. It sounds like a ventilation system and seems to be coming from the Tyree Energy Technologies building. A few people have also experienced this. Motion -The Precinct to approach UNSW to request their engineer consultants to investigate and address the noise pollution from their ventilation system? Proposed by Lauren, seconded by David- Carried Unanimously
Houston Rd/ Strachan St Zebra Crossing	Marianne Williams tabled a petition to have a zebra crossing installed at Houston and Strachan Sts on the South side going towards Kingsford. The Precinct accepted the petition Resolution (03022025(1)- The Precinct table the petition to council to install a zebra crossing at Houston Rd and Strachan Sts and request the Council to action the petition (Petition attached to the minutes) Proposed by Marianne, seconded by Lauren- Carried unanimously
Kingsford Town Centre Development	Council has not responded to Resolution 05082024(1) and is therefore resubmitted Resolution 03022025(2)

	That the Council respond to the following questions regarding Kingsford Town Centre Development: 1. Where, how many and what proportion of approved/ proposed development in the town centres is family housing? 2. How has current struggling public transport been considered for increased population? 3 What is the public benefit offset for the Crown land development next to NIDA proposed for commercial gain? 4. How much and what proportion of Kingsford/Kensington town centre new development, developer contributions is spent on Kingsford/Kensington town centres? 5. What is Council's plan and timeline for revitalising the Kingsford/ Kensington town centres? 6. Inform the Precinct on the percentage of Calendar year 2024 Kingsford/Kensington new development contributions has been spent on the Kingsford/ Kensington Town Centres in 2024? 7. Provide the Precinct with an update and progression of the Rainbow st site Proposed by Stella, seconded by Lauren - Carried unanimously
Development site on Anzac Parade/ Strachan St	The corner building was declared a "Contributory" building with the facade to be preserved. However, the entire site has now been demolished. Resolution 03022025(3) In relation to the Anzac Parade/ Strachan St development site can the Council inform the KWK Precinct 1. What were the reasons for the complete demolition of the "contributory" building? 2. What was the process to make the determination including the decision process and authority 3. Having set a precedent at this site, what guarantee will the Council provide the other "contributory" buildings will not face the same outcome Proposed by Stella, seconded by Lauren - Carried unanimously
Police presentation	Lauren will organise a presentation at the next meeting
Rainbow St site	No further update but it was suggested to look at Willoughby Council development
Call for agenda items for the next meeting	Standing item now – the town centre agenda item.
	Meeting closed at 8.45 pm