

Clovelly Precinct Committee

Meeting

When: Monday 15th May @ 7.00pm

Where: Via Zoom

Type of Meeting: Ordinary **Chair:** Bill Brennan **Minute Taker:** Lori St John

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.

On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today."

Local North Ward Councillors:

Christie Hamilton; Kathy Neilson; Raphaela Pandolfini

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Agenda

1. Attendees: Bill Brennan, Lori St John, Michael McKeon, Raphaela Pandolfini (Councillor), Kathy Neilson (Councillor), William Scott,, Michael Lane, Misha Pavelkova, Edwin Osbourne

2. Apologies: Jenny Adamson, Mark Adamson, Martin Venier, Patricia Chillicot, Karen Lenau

Minutes of the meeting of February 13th 2023

Moved: Lori St John Seconded: William Scott

Carried

4. Matters arising

4.1 Election of secretary. Bill Brennan called for nominations for the position of secretary of the committee. As there were none it was held over to the June meeting.

4.2 Burrows Park proposal.

The committee is awaiting a response from Council on the following motion:

Resolution: 13032023(1)

That the chairman requests a meeting between the Director of City Planning, the lead design consultant for the Burrows Park project and the Clovelly Precinct Committee and Friends of Burrows Park as soon as practical after the appointment of the lead consultant.

Moved: Martin Venier

Seconded: Lori St John

Carried

4.3 Randwick Flood Catchment Study (RFCS)

The chairman sought an update on progress of the study. He had received representation from a resident who said she represented 200 residents, expressing great concern about the following aspect of the plan:

1. The inability to get feedback from councillors and council on the plan;
2. The underlying premise of the plan that flooding will occur;
3. The methodological flaws in the plan;

4. The implications for residents of having their residences being “tagged”
5. The pecuniary interest of Council in the outcome to the plan;

These perspectives were at odds with the feedback previously received from both councillors Neilson and Pandolfini (councillor Hamilton does not attend Clovelly Precinct meetings) about the effectiveness of the committee.

Councillors Neilson and Pandolfini stated that the committee overseeing the plan had undertaken its work in a rigorous, cooperative & transparent manner.

The General Manger has decided that before Council considers the plan, to withdraw the study and subject it to peer review to align it to the Waverly plan.

Bill pointed out that as there has been disquiet it would be valuable to have a face to face meeting with interested local residents and the relevant council officers after the peer review and before Council considers that peer reviewed report.

Resolution 15052023(1)

That the Clovelly Precinct Committee seek a face to face meeting with interested local residents and the relevant council officers after the peer review, and before Council considers the peer review report.

Moved: Annette Ribbons

Seconded: Michael McKeon

Carried

4.4 Resolutions from previous meetings:

Resolution 06122021(3): That a face to face meeting be arranged with an appropriate Council officer to discuss disability access to Clovelly Beach

We are awaiting a response

Resolution 06122021(3): The precinct requests council to reconsider elevating the seating area next to the Clovelly Beach pool, within 30 metres of the pool, to enable better access by people with disabilities.

Bill will provide a more detailed submission to council

Clovelly Pool steps: Email received about progress on Clovelly pool steps. Council agreed, but no timeframe.

We are awaiting a response

Tree planting and birdlife in the precinct – Bill to invite a council officer to the next meeting to talk about the tree planting strategy and greening of Clovelly and how we can assist.

Resolution 13032023(6) That a Council officer be invited to the meeting on Tuesday April 11th to talk about the greening Randwick strategy

Moved: Lori St John

Seconded: Edwin Osbourne

Carried

6.. Treasurer's Report

The balance is \$3,607.22

7.Report from North Ward councillors

1. **Raphaella Pandolfini** reported that 300 responses have been received to date on the Burrows Park project;
2. The [Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2023-24](#) and [Draft Fees and Charges](#) are on public exhibition from 1 May to 5pm, 5 June 2023 (extended).
3. **Kathy Neilson** reported on upcoming events – Heffron Centre Open Weekend, Randwick Arts Society Exhibition, Chemical Cleanout, Coogee Corroboree 26/5
4. Both councillors gave an update on the Randwick Flood Catchment Study (See 4.3 ABOVE)

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Response to DA129/2023

The committee received a report from Michael and Misha Pavelkova on the DA 129 at 13 Gordon Avenue. They outlined what they saw as an unacceptable imposition on an aesthetically unacceptable wall at the back of the property that would be a blot on the visual landscape of Gordons Bay and potentially provide a precedent for the widespread overdevelopment of this important part of the Bondi to Maroubra coastal scenic walk.

The following resolution was proposed:

Resolution 15052023(2)

The Clovelly Precinct Committee provided a response to DA/149/2022 last year, objecting to the proposed development predominately because of its impact on the visual environment of Gordons Bay ,and the precedent it would set for other properties to consider the same visual impact of any redevelopment they may have in mind.

In considering the revised application DA/129/2023 we have again considered the impact on the visual environment of the coastal walkway of Gordons Bay. We note that the modification of the plan includes maintaining a height of 6 metres and is 6 metres from the walkway.

We object to the current revised proposal and urge the Council to again scrutinise this application from:

1. *The adverse visual impact of the wall for the many thousands of people on the Coastal Walk going from Clovelly to Coogee; &*

2. *The precedent it would create for other landowners in the Gordons Bay area and beyond. We note that all DAs over a number of decades have all been required to comply with the Councils height requirements of approximately 1.8 metres for the houses backing onto the Gordons Bay Foreshore Scenic Protection Area.*

Moved: William Scott

Seconded: Annette Ribbons

Carried unanimously

Unresolved issue from May minutes:

On the issue of greening Clovelly there were a number of suggestions members put forward for consideration by Council:

1. Edwin Osbourne suggested the triangular concrete slab on the corner of Donnellan Circuit and Clovelly Road could have some small shrubs planted there; &
2. A small, grassed area at the beginning of Donnellan Circuit could have some local trees.
3. Karen Lehau suggested the area near the intersection of Brandon Street and Arden Street.

Bill said that he would send a brief survey out with the minutes to see if other areas could be identified for potential greening projects.

There being no other business the meet was closed at 8.00pm

Next Meeting June 19th at 7.00pm via Zoom

Action report -May 2023

Resolution 0112021(5): The precinct resolved that Bill forward the amended traffic report as tabled to council, seeking their response. Nigel/Edwin CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Traffic Report

As summer approaches and the traffic to and from Clovelly Beach increases dramatically the Clovelly Precinct Committee is very keen to address problems that are worsened at these times. We have 2 areas that we are keen to see improved and are on our actions list. The first is the reduction of traffic in **Victory Street** and the second is the speed and volume of traffic in **Bruce Street**.

Other issues

Issues related to the intersection of Clovelly Road and Keith Street, Clovelly

1. The number of pedestrians crossing Keith Street at the intersection, going towards the beach who are not observant, particularly of vehicles coming down Clovelly Road that are turning into Keith Street.

Could signage on the road at the corners alerting people to “Look Right and Left before crossing” for example be considered for both sides of the intersection?

2. People crossing Clovelly Road near the intersection particularly after alighting from the bus **Is the safety island further up Clovelly Road sufficient or should another one near the bus stop be considered?**

3. For vehicles turning right from Keith Street, the view to the left of is often obstructed by vans and other large vehicles, just on or past the No Stopping sign in Clovelly Road.

Is it possible to move the sign a further distance from the corner to improve the motorists view of vehicles coming from the beach direction?

Issue at the intersection of Surfside Avenue and Keith Street

1. Vehicles entering Surfside Avenue from Keith Street often cut the corner as do vehicles leaving Surfside Avenue heading north into Keith Street effecting oncoming traffic.

Could markings be placed on the road clearly identifying the centre of the road and the point where north bound traffic should turn?

Traffic Flow in Ritchard Avenue, Pauling Avenue

A number of recent minor accidents in this serpentine avenue that runs between Mount Street and Alison Road highlights its narrowness and limitations of vision of oncoming traffic.

Resolution 06122021(3): The precinct requests council to reconsider elevating the seating area next to the Clovelly Beach pool, within 30 metres of the pool, to enable better access by people with disabilities. Edwin/Bill CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Edwin sought for this motion to be resubmitted. Councillor Neilson will follow it up with Council and Bill will provide a more detailed submission to council.

Resolution 07032022(1): The precinct requests a council officer to attend a meeting to discuss improving the disability access pathway at Clovelly Beach. Petra/Simon
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 13032023(4)

That a face to face meeting be arranged with an appropriate Council officer to discuss disability access to Clovelly Beach

Moved: Matin Venier

Seconded: Maggie Ho

Carried

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Resolution 13032023(5)

That an update on the progress on the Clovelly pool steps be sought from Council

Moved: Matin Venier

Seconded: Maggie Ho

Carried

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