

Clovelly Precinct Committee Meeting

Minutes

When: Monday August 12th, 2024 @ 7.30pm

Where: Clovelly Surf Club

Type of Meeting: Ordinary

Chair: Bill Brennan **Minute Taker:** Lori St John

Local North Ward Councillors:

Christie Hamilton; Kathy Neilson; Raphaela Pandolfini

Agenda

1.Attendees: Bill Brennan, Lori St john, Nick Herd, Tina, Peter Kahn, Horst Bode, Julie Bode, John Duffy Mark Soulos, Aaron Magner, Clare Willington

2.Apologies: Raphaela Pandolfini (Councillor), Martin Venier, Toni Wren, Edwin Osbourne, Kathy Neilson (Councillor)

3. Declarations of Interest.

None declared

4. Minutes of the meeting of July 8th, 2024

41 Alterations to the minutes.

Tina submitted additional documentation on the discussion about the Clovelly Flood Management Study as she felt the significance of the issues outlined at the meeting warranted its inclusion. The following are to be included in the July minutes:

Ray Brownlee, General Manager of Randwick City Council, with Todd Clarke Director of City Services , made the following undertakings with regard to the Clovelly Flood Study:

- At Mr Brownlee's instruction, council's drainage engineers will work out what mitigation works (e.g. increasing pipe sizes, redirecting overland flows below ground, etc.) need to occur in the whole Clovelly catchment area, to reduce the number of properties being tagged. The expectation is that a significant number of properties that are currently earmarked to be tagged, will be untagged. Mitigations works just need to be identified as needing to be done, not actually done, for an affected property to be untagged.
- Following this process, if a property is still tagged, the owner can request a Council engineer to attend the property to "ground truth" the actual situation, to determine whether that property still needs to be tagged or not.
- If the property still needs to be tagged, the engineer will explain why it's been tagged, even after all the mitigation works.
- The property owner then has the option of getting their own engineer to talk with Council's engineers, to discuss why their property should be untagged.

- Mr Clarke added there will also be another Community session, where residents can drop in and discuss with the consultant issues raised with regard to their properties, in addition to the ground-truthing exercise.

Mr Brownlee acknowledged Council should have combined the initial Flood Study modeling with mitigation work – “then there would have been less properties tagged”, “it has been an unfair process”.

- Mr Brownlee stated when the mitigation results come back in October/November 2024, he will then test them himself *“to make sure the drainage engineers have picked up things they needed to pick up.”*
- Final results would be in next year (2025) some time.
- Mr Brownlee further stated that if, after all this, only a small proportion of properties were untagged, Council would re-do the process. *“Because, from experience, I know when Council does its mitigation works, a lot of these tags come off.”* (quoting Mr Brownlee)
- Another resident asked whether a Peer Review report would still be conducted, to verify independently the veracity of the modeling results, after all possible mitigation works are taken into account. Mr Brownlee confirmed that would be the case and would be made available to residents before going to Council.

A resident stated that in the original Flood Study report by BMT, most, if not all properties in the Clovelly area were tagged as “Type C” properties (yellow), and that on page 88 of the initial report, the authors themselves had stated Type C properties should not be tagged because of the significant unreliability of the modeling results. Question was asked as to why these Clovelly Type C properties were tagged in the first place. Mr Brownlee said he would take that on notice. Mr Clarke made an undertaking to look at the original report by BMT.

Receipt and adoption of the minutes

Moved: John Duffy

Seconded: Lori St John

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the minutes:

Nick Herd referred to the statement that the General Manager (GM) made at the July meeting that the Burrows Park Master Plan had been completed by the consultants and was to go to the next meeting of Council on July 23rd. As there was no mention of the project in the meeting minutes he requested that the precinct write to GM seeking clarification of the process for consideration by the Council and interest groups.

Resolution 12092024(1)

That the committee seek an update from the General Manager on the consultation timeframe for the Burrows Park Master Plan.

Moved: Nick Herd

Seconded: Lori St John

Carried

It was agreed to forward the minutes to the general manager and director of city services for their information.

6. Action Sheet Update:

The Action Sheet was tabled for members consideration and issues discussed.

7. Correspondence Incoming and Outgoing

7.1 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers

The Council is seeking feedback from residents about EV chargers. There are currently 4,000 EVs registered in Waverley, Woollahra, and Randwick LGAs. This number is projected to increase to 10,000 EVs in the Eastern Suburbs by 2025, and to more than 35,000 by 2030.

To cater to the demand for more charging, over 250 additional public electric vehicle chargers will be installed across Randwick, Waverley, and Woollahra by the end of 2025. The proposed chargers are a mix of Council-operated chargers and privately operated chargers. They will all be available for public use. The chargers will be funded through the [NSW Local Small Commitments Allocation Grants \(LSCA\)](#), [NSW Government Kerbside Charging Grants](#), and private sector investment.

The meeting felt that as there are currently no EV chargers in Clovelly with the nearest one being in Brook Street it would be valuable to have EV chargers situated locally and that Clovelly Beach was an easily accessible place for residents to go to, to recharge. It was agreed that we clarify the factors considered in the placement and recommend Clovelly Beach as a suitable location if appropriate.

*(*for the information of members the factors determining selection of sites are outlined at the end of these minutes).*

7.2 Clovelly Pool Design.

The members considered the Detailed Design Drawings for the Clovelly Pool. The consensus view of the meeting was that the design addressed the needs both of the general community for easier access and of the groups wishing to use the pool for swimming events.

Resolution 12092024(2)

That the Precinct Committee thank the Council for the opportunity to respond to the design drawings and;

- 1. commend the quality of the design, and**
- 2. express our hope that the works can be completed and the stairs available this summer.**

Moved: Horst Bode

Seconded: Judie Bode

Carried

7.3 Customer Service Charter

[Customer Service Charter \(PDF - 481k \)](#)

Bill circulated the Customer Service Charter to the meeting for information. He had not seen it until recently and commended it to members especially the service timeframes for enquiries and requests.

7.4 Meet the candidates.

Bill asked the meeting if they were interested in organising a Meet the Candidates meeting in preparation for the Randwick Council elections on September 14th. It was agreed that he would explore the practicality of such a meeting.

7.5 Crime prevention

Constable Emma PHELAN - Eastern Beaches Police Area Command Crime Prevention officer has written to the committee asking if we would like to have a presentation on crime prevention. Bill has responded offering dates in September and October but is yet to receive a response.

8. General Business

8.1 Clovelly Beach Community Consultation, Sunday 24th February

This is an extract from the suggestions made through the *Have Your Say* on Clovelly Beach in February for consideration by the committee. It was the most detailed of the submissions.

- ❖ Upgrade the toilet/shower facilities at Clovelly beach for the following reasons:
 1. Within the Women's change room, there is no privacy area for undressing or showering – currently it's very exposed and multi-purposed, being completely open to those waiting to wash their hands or to the long queues of women lining up to use the toilets. It also shares the shower spaces with a baby change table which further crowds things.
 2. It's too small an area for showering/changing/undressing as there is not enough space for more than 3 or 4 people to sit or put their bags down etc.

3. Overall, it feels way too small for the large number of users that Clovelly now attracts, those visiting the beach as well as the coastal walkers and dog park walkers.
4. The bathroom also serves the customers of Sea Salt café.
5. Install cabanas at the back of the beach.
6. Generally, the bathrooms also have a very run-down appearance – they are quite dark (brown bricks and dark floor) and has limited fresh airflow or natural light. Basins and mirrors need upgrading too. (Noted great public toilets at Coogee, Wylies and Avalon Beach).

Resolution 12092024(3)

That Council officers review the comments and proposals relating to the female change rooms at Clovelly Beach and consider what can be done to upgrade both the male and female change rooms.

Moved: Horst Bode

Seconded: Judie Bode

Carried

8.2 Boundary Street Parking review

The Randwick Traffic Committee at its meeting tomorrow will again consider the issue of parking on the north side of Boundary Street between Park Street and Andrew Street following a submission from a local resident and a petition of approximately 100 signatories.

8.2 Street works in Burnie Street

Bill noted the recent work by Council in Burnie Street, upgrading a section of the footpath at the Clovelly Road end and in trimming the trees in the same area. There was a discussion about the Council's tree management policies and procedures. Bill will seek this information from Council.

Resolution 12092024(4)

That Council be commended for the work it had done on the repair of the footpath and the tree trimming in Burnie Street at the Clovelly Road end and seek information on the tree management policies and programme.

Mover: Lori St John

Seconded: Bill Brennan

Carried

Meeting Closed 2015hrs

Next Meeting: Monday 9th September at 730pm at Clovelly Surf Club

Clovelly Bushcare Groups

The schedule for local Bushcare activities for 2024 are below:

Clovelly Bay Bushcare	Opposite 18 Eastbourne Ave, Clovelly	4th Friday of the month	9am	12pm
Gordons Bay Bushcare	Access via the UNSW Cliffbrook Campus, 45 Beach St, Coogee	1st Sunday of the month	9am	12pm

**The next a. Gordon's Bay Bushcare activity will be September 1st &
b. Clovelly Bay Bushcare activity will be Friday September 23rd**

***About the Charging Stations**

How are charging spaces selected?

Some of the following factors are considered when selecting sites:

- Existing parking demand.
- Access to nearby beaches, parks, and shops.
- Proximity of apartment buildings or dwellings without off-street parking.
- Availability of electrical infrastructure (such as suitable wooden power poles), parking spaces, lighting, and footpath space.
- Locations of other public charging stations.

While charging will mainly occur at home or in the workplace, most residents in the Eastern Suburbs live in apartments or houses without off-street parking. Public charging spaces enable residents without off-street parking to charge their vehicles. They also allow visitors and ride-hailing vehicles to charge on the go.

Why are there gaps in the map, and will more chargers be proposed?

You may notice that some areas have fewer proposed chargers than others. We understand the demand for more EV charging stations, and many more chargers are planned for consultation in the coming months. These sites will be added progressively, and the map will be updated accordingly. Please check back on this page for the latest information as it becomes available.